



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## Notice of Race

Organising Authority: The Royal Torbay Yacht Club

By Invitation of Key Yachting Ltd

**Registration** – 14:00 – 20:00 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Racing** – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Incorporating the J/109 UK National Championships, the J/97 UK National Championships  
and the J/88 National Championships

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# NOTICE OF RACE - 2017 J CUP, INCORPORATING THE J/109, J/88 & J/97 UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## 1.0 ORGANISATION

1.1 The event is organised by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, Torquay, TQ1 2BH.

## 2.0 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 RRS 55 is changed by the addition the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55."

2.3 All boats except for J/70s and J/80s shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 except that no competing yacht will be required to carry a storm trysail for this event. Random safety inspections may be carried out before and after racing to check compliance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. A boat that either refuses an inspection or fails to give every reasonable assistance to an authorised inspector may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

2.4 J/80 and J/70's shall comply with Safety Rules in accordance with the Appendix of Safety Rules forming part of this Notice of Race

2.5 J/97 Class Rule 7.1 is changed to allow 8 crew members including driver.

2.6 All boats shall comply with their UK Class Rules except where they are changed by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions

### 2.7 For IRC Classes

IRC Rules 2017 Parts A, B and C shall apply.

IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the crew number printed on her certificate. There is no weight limit."

For the purposes of IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days and the sails carried shall remain the same and may be used as racing replacements

### 2.8 One Design Classes

One Design Class boats shall comply with the respective class rules, which can be found on [www.keyyachting.com](http://www.keyyachting.com)

## 3.0 ADVERTISING

3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Entries will be accepted using the official entry online for all boats of the J Boats range.

(a) IRC entries must have a valid IRC certificate and submit a copy of their IRC rating certificate to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club race office before racing.

(b) J/70, J/80, J/88, J/97, J/109, J/111 boats will be racing as one-design classes in accordance with their class rules provided there are sufficient entries.

4.2 Entries shall be made via the Official Online Entry and accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. The entry fee shall be £27.50 per metre;

J/133 - £365.75	J/122 - £335.50	J/112E - £305.25	J/111 - £305.25	J/11S - £305.25
J/109 - £299.75	J/105 - £289.30	J/97 - £266.75	J/95 - £261.25	J/92 - £253.00
J/88 - £244.75	J/80 - £220.00	J/70 - £192.50.		

4.3 All boats shall have paid the entry fee, completed the sail and weight declarations where required by class rules and the registration process before racing.

## 5.0 NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS, SAFETY REGULATIONS AND COMMUNICATONS

Boats shall comply with:

5.1 The Tor Bay Harbour Authority byelaws where applicable.

5.2 All boats shall carry onboard a VHF Radio capable of receiving all the usual marine channels, including 6, 8, 12, 14, 65, 72 and 77.

## **6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

6.1	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	14.00 – 20.00	Registration
		20.15	Event Briefing and Reception
	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00	First warning signal Race 1. Races 2-3 to follow ASAP
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	First warning signal Race 4. Races 5-6 to follow ASAP
	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	09.00	First warning signal Race 7. Race 8 to follow ASAP
		19.00	Prize Giving

6.2 A maximum of eight races are scheduled

6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 12.00

6.4 The Race Committee may change or reschedule the above programme for any reason, including preserving the championship status.

## **7.0 MEASUREMENT**

7.1 The Race Committee inspect any boat, equipment, sails and rating certificate before, during or after the regatta

7.2 Rating Certificates shall not be changed after 0930 hours on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct Rating Office errors. Any change of rating from that declared at the time of entry must be notified to the Race Committee by the above date and time.

## **8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be made available on the Royal Torbay Yacht Club website [www.rtyc.org](http://www.rtyc.org) prior to registration. Printed copies will be available at registration.

## **9.0 RACE AREA AND COURSES**

9.1 Racing will take place in Torbay.

9.2 There will be two separate race course areas.

9.3 The courses will be windward / leeward, windward/leeward/triangle, around fixed and/or laid marks and inshore coastal races and will be described in full in the sailing instructions.

## **10.0 PENALTIES**

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed such that the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe). However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while any part of any boat involved in the incident was in the zone (three hull lengths from the mark) the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty (2 tacks and 2 gybes).

## **11.0 PROTESTS**

11.1 The RYA Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

## **12.0 SCORING**

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series, except for the J/109, J/97 and J/88 classes where at least three races must be completed for the event to qualify as a championship.

12.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.4 This changes A2.1

## **13.0 BERTHING**

13.1 Berthing will be available on the Torquay Town Dock from 0900 hrs on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August until 1100 hours Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Competitors must complete the berthing section on the entry form in order to reserve a berth.

13.2 MDL Bertholders who wish to berth on Torquay Marina should make their own reservation direct with MDL Torquay Tel 01803 200210. [www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/mdl-torquay-marina](http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/mdl-torquay-marina)

## **14.0 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

14.2 The above restriction does not apply to the J/70 class which may be recovered to a Versadock or a trailer overnight.

## **15.0 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **16.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

## **17.0 PRIZES**

17.1 Daily prizes will be awarded at the end of racing each day.

17.2 The presentation of the main prizes and trophies will be at the Prize Giving Dinner in the evening on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

## **18.00 MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors automatically grant the Royal Torbay Yacht Club and Key Yachting Ltd without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, the regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the regatta.

## **19.0 RISK STATEMENT**

19.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- g. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- h. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

19.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **20.0 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent

## **21.0 RYA Racing Charter**

Competitors should note that the Royal Torbay Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx)

## **22.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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## **APPENDIX OF SAFETY RULES**

All J/80 and J/70 boats shall comply with the following rules; but if class rules provide a higher safety standard then class rules apply.

### **A Buoyancy**

Boats shall either be self-righting from 60 degrees, or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsized. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.

### **B Fire Extinguisher**

Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.

### **C Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard**

- i. Boats without lifelines, or with lifelines which do not meet ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Cat 5, shall carry personal buoyancy for each crewmember at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40.1. It is recommended that personal buoyancy be worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing.
- ii. Boats with lifelines which meet ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Cat 5 shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crewmember. Boats shall also carry a rescue quito or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or life sling.

### **D First Aid**

Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

### **E Anchor**

Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions. The anchor must not protrude over the bow whilst the boat is racing.

### **F Compass**

Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld is acceptable.

### **G Equipment**

All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.

### **Propulsion**

A means of propulsion, other than the boats sails, is to be provided.

### **J Communication**

Fixed or handheld VHF must be carried at all times.