



**Royal Torbay Yacht Club
Notice of Race
Channel Race 2017
Friday 30th June 2017**

1 Organising Authority

- 1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC).
1.2 RTYC Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Entry Forms and Crew Lists are available from :
Royal Torbay Yacht Club
Beacon Hill
Torquay
TQ1 2BH
Tel 01803 292006
or online from www.rtyc.org.uk/offshore/offshore.htm

2 Rules

- 2.1 The race shall be governed by the rules as defined in:-
The Racing Rules of Sailing.
The Prescriptions of the RYA shall apply.
The Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply.
The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 monohull with Liferaft shall apply.
The IRC Rules Parts A,B,and C shall apply
2.2 However RRS 52 does not apply and the use of automatic pilots whether electronic or otherwise will be allowed.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 All advertising shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code
3.2 Rights to use Names and Likenesses. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

4 Event

- 4.1 The "RTYC Channel Race 2016" is scheduled to start Friday 30th June 2017, 05:55 BST from Torquay to St Peter Port.

5 Classes and Prizes.

- 5.1 The race will be run in 2 classes.
IRC and non rated class.

- 5.1 The organisers can introduce more classes if the numbers warrant and divide IRC to IRC 1 and IRC 2 , the split will be determined after all entries are received. RTYC Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each class.
- IRC Division "A"
 - IRC Division "B" if introduced
 - Unrated Cruisers

6 Eligibility

- 6.1 This race is open to all IRC and Unrated boats complying with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 Monohull with Liferaft, suitable to race offshore.
- 6.2 A completed Entry Form and a completed Crew List together with the appropriate fee shall be returned to Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) and accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) prior to the start of the race.
- 6.3 The non refundable entry fee is £25 payable to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC), however there is no fee if the Owner/ Skipper is a member of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) or the boat is entered in the 2017 Offshore Week (see separate NOR for Offshore Week).
- 6.4 Boats sailing IRC shall submit a valid copy of IRC handicap Certificate to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) prior to the start of the race
- 6.5 Non IRC boats shall obtain and submit an NHC handicap to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) prior to the start of the race.
- 6.6 **For safety reasons boats shall conform at a minimum to ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with liferaft.**

7 Courses

The course is from a start off Torquay Harbour and will run to the Finishing Line a transit of the lighthouse at the entrance of the Victoria Marina St Peter Port.

8 Risk Statement

- 8.1 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." and to Offshore Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."
- 8.2 Royal Torbay Yacht Club accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.
- 8.3 The skipper and crew shall be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the person in charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.
- 8.4 The race committee shall make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.
- 8.5 No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the skipper of the boat has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in the entry form.
- 8.6 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:

- 8.6.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept taking part in the responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 8.6.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- 8.6.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 8.6.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 8.6.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 8.6.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 8.6.7 Vessels setting to sea for offshore and coastal races 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 safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- 8.7 Inspections The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
- 8.8 The attention of the crew is drawn to rule 1.2 Life-saving Equipment and Personal Floatation Devices "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions." See also Offshore Special Regulation 5.2.

SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

For all *Offshore Races*; Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: "Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions "

However, in *Offshore Races* a combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- - Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- - When alone on deck
- - When reefed
- - When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- - When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

9 Insurance

- 9.1 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £3,000,000 and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. No responsibility will be accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club or any other party involved in the organisation of the Race.

10 Scoring System

- 10.1 The event will be scored using RRS Appendix A Low Points
- 10.2 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

11 Communications

- 11.1 The race starts, and communication from the race officer during races will be on VHF Channel 72 at all times. (If there is a need, Channel 77 may be used as a back up.) All yachts should monitor channel 72 at all times as well as channel 16. Information regarding shortened courses or changes will be announced via this means. Acknowledgements may be required and yachts may be required to relay messages to boats out of range.