



Devoti Zero Class National Championship 2017



16th to 18th June 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH

In conjunction with the Devoti Zero Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*
- 1.2. The class rules of the Devoti Zero Class Association apply
- 1.3. 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
- 1.4. The RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org/uk/go/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. This changes RRS Part 5 section B, Rules 44.1 and 63.1.
- 1.5. Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat, except briefly whilst changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes Rule 27.1, Rule 40 and Part 4 Preamble
- 1.6. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.7. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the Devoti Zero class whose helm is a member of the Devoti Zero Class Association.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form which may be downloaded from the Devoti Zero Class Association website at <https://www.d-zerosailing.org/nationals-2017-entry-form/>. Payment details are included on the entry form.
- 3.3. Competitors who are under 18 before and including the last day of the regatta must have completed a parental declaration section of the entry form.
- 3.4. Entries received after 2nd June 2017 will be subject to a late entry surcharge of £8.50, entries received after 9th June 2017 will be subject to a late entry surcharge of £17.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Standard Entry Fees is £ 85 (including 2 course meal Saturday evening) up to 2nd June 2017.
- 4.2. Entries received after 2nd June 2017 will be subject to a late entry surcharge of £8.50, entries received after 9th June 2017 will be subject to a late entry surcharge of £17.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration will take place in the Race Office on the ground floor Royal Torbay Yacht Club from 17:30 to 19.30 on Thursday 15th June, and 9.00 to 13:00 on Friday 16th June 2017.
- 5.2. Equipment inspection shall be open from 17:00 to 18:30 on Thursday 15th and 9.00 to 11.00 on Friday 16th June. Equipment inspection will take place on Haldon Pier. All boats must be cleared by the Class Association Committee before the start of race one.
- 5.3. There will be a competitor briefing at 12:00 on Friday 16th June and 09:30 on Saturday 23rd on Haldon Pier, adjacent to the slipway.
- 5.4. Racing will take place over three days, Friday 16th to Sunday 18th June 2017.

Date	Races	First Warning Signal
Friday 16 th June	2 Races back to back	13.55
Saturday 17 th June	3 Races back to back	10.55
Sunday 18 th June	3 Races back to back	10.25

- 5.5. At the sole discretion of the Race Committee an additional race may be sailed on any day either in advance or in arrears, in order to complete the programme if weather conditions dictate.
- 5.6. There will be no warning signal will be made after 14.00 on Sunday 18th June

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1. All boats shall have its correct sail number on its sail in accordance with class rules. Any changes to the sail number must be requested in writing and approved by the Race Committee
- 6.2. All boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 before the start of race one.
- 6.3. The Class Association Committee may inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races, to ensure conformity with the Class Rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will available on the Royal Torbay Yacht Club website www.rtyc.org after 11th June 2017. Copies will also be available at registration

8. VENUE

8.1. Racing will take place in Torbay and berthing on Haldon Pier, Torquay Harbour.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The courses will be laid in Torbay. They will be described in full in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- i) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- ii) When five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- iii) When eight races have completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10.2. The Scoring Penalty Rule 44.3 will not apply.

11. BERTHING

11.1. All boats and trailer shall be kept in their designated places on Haldon Pier. Double road trailer may be required to be removed and parked in a secure area at Daddyhole Plain, Daddyhole Road, Torquay.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12.2. The only exception will be if GPS trackers are required to be fitted by the Race Committee, then the transmissions of those trackers to their designated destination is permitted. See 17.2 below.

13. PRIZES

13.1. The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the completion of the last race on Sunday 18th June in the Corinthian Room, Royal Torbay Yacht Club

13.2. Prizes will be awarded for the Championship and the perpetual trophies as posted on the Official Notice Board in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1. 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."

14.2. 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:

- i) 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;
- ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- v) 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;

- vi) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- vii) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

15. INSPECTIONS

15.1. The fact that Race Officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibility of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race

16. INSURANCE

16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

17.1. Competitors automatically grant the Royal Torbay Yacht Club and the Devoti Zero Class Association 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 regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the regatta.

17.2. Competitors automatically grant the Royal Torbay Yacht Club and the Devoti Zero Class Association without payment the right to require competitors (through the Race Committee) to carry (temporarily install) a GPS tracker for the purposes of safety and Race tracking through web based interfaces/system(s) for remote spectators. Any such data may also be used as described in 17.1 above. If used, such devices would be supplied for the duration of the regatta to the competitors.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1. Further event information is available the Royal Torbay Yacht Club at www.rtyc.org or by emailing admin@rtyc.org or the Devoti Zero Class Association <https://www.d-zerosailing.org>

18.2. Social, Class and local information will be found on the Official Notice Board and at Royal Torbay Yacht Club's Web site (www.rtyc.org) and also at the Devoti Zero Class Association <https://www.d-zerosailing.org>

18.3. Harbour information available at www.tor-bay-harbour.co.uk/harbours