

# Devoti Zero Class National Championship 2017



16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## Sailing Instructions

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](http://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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance foyer of The Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC).

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the inshore end of Haldon Pier.
- 4.2. Flag L means that a notice to competitors has been posted on that day. This changes Race Signals.
- 4.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes the meaning of flag AP in the Race Signals.
- 4.4. When flag Y is displayed ashore rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble and rule 40.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> June	2 Races back to back	13.55
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	3 Races back to back	10.55
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flags and intended starting order will be D-Zero class flag.

## 7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. The racing areas will be in Torbay.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The courses are included in the Course Appendix.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks will be as described in the Courses Appendices.
- 9.2. Change of course marks will be described in the Course Appendices or, if not available, a vessel displaying International Code "M".

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an outer distance mark which will be a dan buoy displaying an Orange flag. The committee boat will be positioned at the Starboard end of the line.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did not start". This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled at the previous mark before the leading boat has begun the leg that is affected, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When a subsequent new mark(s) is (are) replaced, it (they) will be replaced by the original mark(s).

## **12. SHORTENED COURSE**

- 12.1. Courses may be shortened at any time and for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes rule 32.1.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the last mark designated in the course configuration.
- 13.2. After finishing, boats shall not re-cross the finishing line and shall keep clear of boats still racing.
- 13.3. If a boat has been lapped or, in the opinion of the Race officer, is close to being lapped she may be finished at the end of the lap that she is on whether or not the leading boat has finished and will be awarded a place based on her average lap time or count back from the lapped boats..

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1. The intended duration of each race is 45 minutes.
- 14.2. To expedite the series, and at the Race Committee's discretion, boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat may be finished on the course and given the position equivalent to their place on the water.

## **15. PENALTIES AND EXONERATIONS**

- 15.1. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may after finishing the race concerned, and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 45% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3 (c), except that the minimum penalty is four places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of rule 2 or class rules or for gross misconduct under rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances her penalty is to retire.
- 15.2. When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:
  - 15.2.1. Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or removed the penalty.
  - 15.2.2. The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the race offices at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the official protest room at RTYC; details to be notified on the official notice board.
- 16.4. Rule 61.1(b) is amended so that the listing of a boat on the Protest Schedule shall constitute informing the boat and the time limit is altered accordingly. It shall be the sole responsibility of the competitors to check the official notice boards and to attend any protest hearing together with witnesses.
- 16.5. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.
- 16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - 16.6.1. within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - 16.6.2. no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **17. RYA ARBITRATION**

- 17.1. When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or Race Committee may offer it.
- 17.2. If the parties and a member of the protest or Race Committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that rule 64.1(a) will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.
- 17.3. When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rules 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to the arbitration decision since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.
- 17.4. When redress is offered and accepted by boats at the RYA Arbitration, all parties, the protest committee or Race Committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, all parties may ask for the request to be heard before a protest committee.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1. Scoring shall be in accordance with clause 10 of the Notice of Race.

## **19. SAFETY**

- 19.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify a safety boat as soon as possible before it leaves the Race Area.
- 19.2. A Tally system will operate for all Dinghies launching from the slipway in Torquay Harbour:
  - 19.2.1. The tally board will be located at the top of the slipway in Torquay Harbour.
  - 19.2.2. Competitors shall collect a tally before going afloat.
  - 19.2.3. Competitors shall return their tally to the tally board on returning ashore.
  - 19.2.4. Timing for the release of tallies prior to going afloat will be on the instruction of the course race officer
  - 19.2.5. All tallies shall be returned within 10 minutes of the last boat coming ashore

19.2.6. Competitors who forget to tally out or tally in within the time limit will be liable to a penalty of £5.00 which will be donated to the RNLI.

19.3. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times whilst afloat. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of rules and rules 40 and 27.1

**20. MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

20.1. Measurement checks shall be in accordance with clause 6 of the Notice of Race.

**21. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

21.1. Shall be in accordance with section 12 of the NoR.

**22. PRIZES**

22.1. Prizes and Prize giving shall be in accordance with clause 13 of the Notice of Race.

**23. RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

23.1. The Risk and Responsibility Statement as clause 14 of the Notice of Race shall apply to all competitors.

**24. INSURANCE**

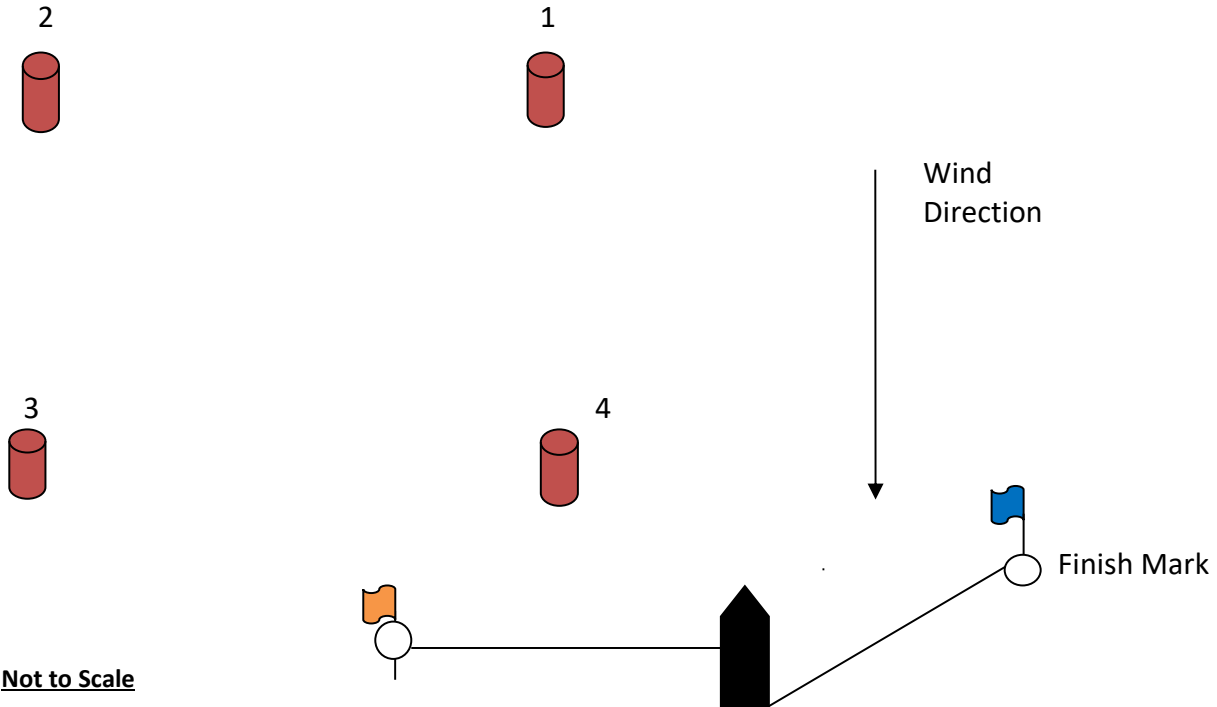
24.1. Each participating boat shall be insured in accordance with clause 16 of the Notice of Race

## Appendices

### Appendix 1 - Courses

#### Course Configuration 'A' – Trapezoid

The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the committee boat.



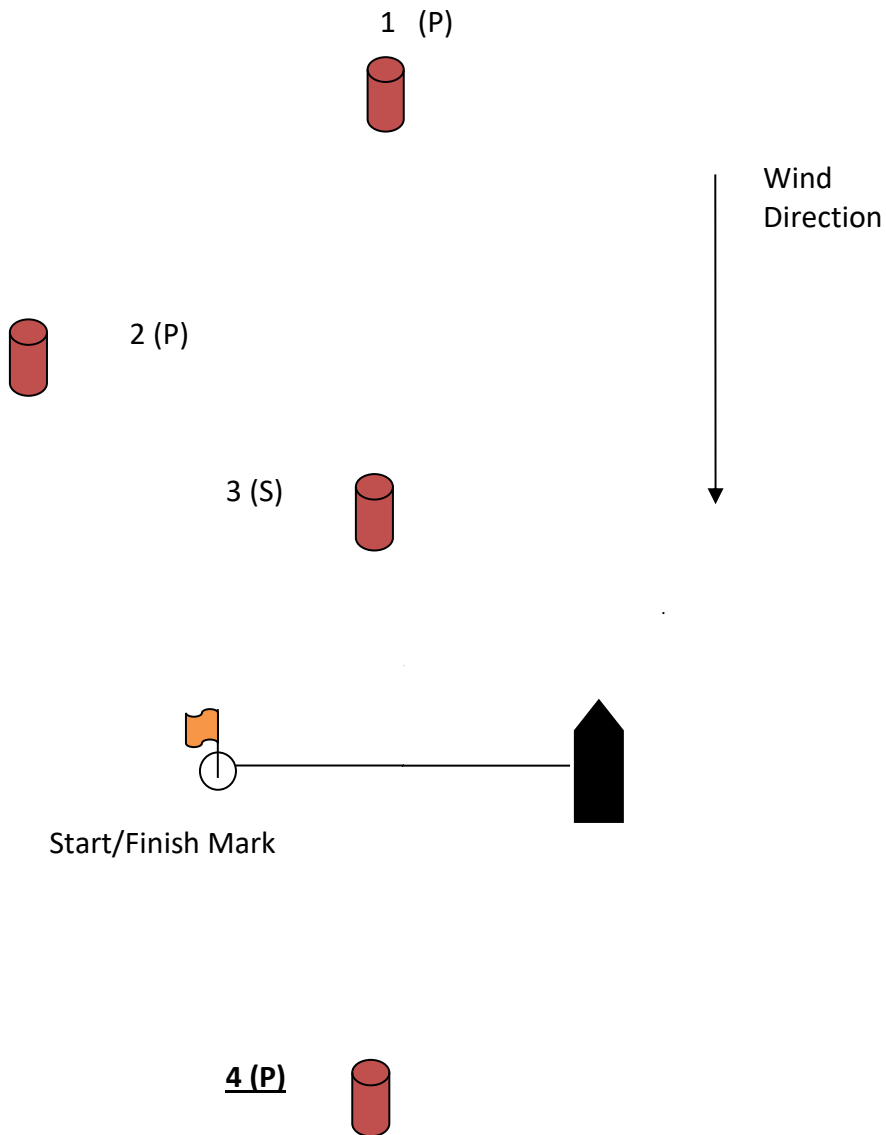
#### 1. Roundings:

Lap	Mark rounding order
1 <sup>st</sup> Lap	Start-1-2-3-4
2 <sup>nd</sup> and Subsequent laps	1-2-3-4
Final lap	1-2-3-4- Finish

2. All Marks to Port
3. All marks, excluding change of course will be orange inflatable buoys. Change of Course marks will be yellow
4. If Shortened course is signalled at a Leeward Mark, boats shall leave that mark to Port and proceed to the Finish line.
5. Finish between committee boat and finish mark

**Course Configuration 'B' – P Course**

The course and number of laps to be sailed by each class will be displayed on a board on the committee boat.



**Not to Scale**

1. The P configuration courses will be described as "P" on the course board.
2. Roundings.

Lap	Mark rounding order
All laps	Start-1 (P)-2(P)-3(S)-4(P)- Through Start/Finish Line

3. All Marks to Port except Mark 3 which is passed to Starboard.
4. All marks, excluding change of course will be orange inflatable buoys. Change of Course marks will be yellow.
5. Finish between committee boat and start/finish mark.