



Royal Torbay Yacht Club - Club Racing Programme 2018

Notice of Race (Version 4)

The organising authority is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

This Notice of Race covers all Club Racing except the Channel Race, Offshore Week and Torbay Royal Regatta which will be covered by a separate Notice of Race.

1. Rules.

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 including Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found in the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing or on the RYA website following the link below.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply.
- 1.4 The applicable class or/and handicap system rules, including for IRC boats IRC Rules 2018, Parts A, B and C, but excluding rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4.
- 1.5 Torbay Harbour Bye-Laws.

Note: Links to the relevant web sites to read the above Rules are available from the RTYC web site <http://rtyc.org/racing-rule-websites/>

2. Advertising.

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. They shall display such material as instructed

3. Eligibility and Entry.

- 3.1 The race programme is open to all boats of the following classes or handicap divisions.
 - 3.1.1 IRC -Boats holding a valid IRC Certificate and a minimum SSS number of 8. (IRC class).
 - 3.1.2 Cruiser Class- includes **all keel boats who do not have a valid IRC certificate**, a Portsmouth Yardstick Dinghy handicap or are rated as Sportboats.
 - 3.1.3 PY Dinghy handicap class - Dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap Number.
 - 3.1.4 Dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap Number of 1175 to 1249 (Fast) and 1250 and above (Sports), sailed by junior crews who are under the age of 18 on 1st January 2018. (Junior handicap classes).
 - 3.1.5 Sportsboat Handicap Class- For boats with a minimum hull length of 5.0m, an asymmetric rig and a maximum hull length of 10.1m.
 - 3.1.6 SB20 Class- One design class.
- 3.2 The Organising Authority may, at their discretion, allocate divisions of the above classes according to handicap rating and as designated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3 Additional classes may be added by the Organising Authority at their discretion.
- 3.4 A minimum of five entries is required for a Class to receive separate scoring.
- 3.5 Starts may have to be shared with other Classes.
- 3.6 A boat entering the SB20 one design class will be automatically entered into the Sportsboat handicap class. No additional entry fee is required.
- 3.7 Eligible boats may enter by: completing the entry form online - <http://rtyc.org>
- 3.8 An entrant who changes a sail number, boat or hull or substantive change that affect the racing, must notify the Organising Authority in writing by completing a new entry form, and no additional fee will be payable.
- 3.9 Named helms are required to be declared for each Junior Handicap series (see 10.9 – Scoring).
- 3.10 To score series points the helmsmen of the entered boat (except visitors) in at least 75% of the races must be a Full Member of the RTYC.
- 3.11 By entering the 2018 Club Racing programme covered by this Notice of Race, all entrants agree to be placed on the Dutyman Roster. For Juniors, the person signing the parental consent section of the entry form assumes the duty. If the entrant is unable to undertake their duty then they may pass this duty to one of their crew as long as the allocated person is suitably qualified for the role.



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4. Fees

4.1 Entry fees for the full programme of races shall be as follows:-

Junior classes	£40.00
All senior classes	£75.00

4.2 Entry fees for a single race will be £10 (£5 juniors) or single series of races will be £25 (£15 juniors), except that there will be no entry fee for the race for Bill's Goblet, New Years Day Race and The Smugglers Run Races.

4.3 Non Members wishing to race the whole programme will be subject to a 50% surcharge on entry fees described above.

4.4 Entries must be received by the Club no later than 1200 on Friday before a Saturday/Sunday race and 1200 on Wednesday before a Wednesday race.

5. Programme.

5.1 The Club Racing Programme 2018 with dates is available on rtyc.org or in the club yearbook available from the Club

5.2 Races for the Sportsboat, SB20, PY Dinghy handicap class and Junior handicap classes will be on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Races for IRC and Cruisers will be on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. The first warning signal for the programme will be 18.15 on Wednesday, 4th April 2018. The scheduled series will be as follows:-

5.3 All Classes

Spring Wednesday Series	5 races
Early Summer Wednesday Series	5 races
Mid-Summer Wednesday Series	5 races
Late Summer Wednesday Series	6 races

IRC Class

Spring Sunday Series	7 races
S@H Sunday Series	4 races
Summer Sunday Series	7 races
Autumn Sunday Series	8 races
Winter Sunday Series	8 races

Cruiser Class

Spring Sunday Series	7 races
S@H Sunday Series	4 races
Summer Sunday Series	7 races
Autumn Sunday Series	8 races
Winter Sunday Series	8 races

Sportsboat Handicap Class and SB20 One Design Class

Spring Saturday Series	up to	14 races
Summer Saturday Series	up to	14 races
Autumn Saturday Series	up to	14 races
Winter Saturday Series	up to	12 races
Sprints Series	up to	10 races

Junior Handicap Classes and Dinghy Handicap Class

Spring Saturday Series	up to	14 races
Summer Saturday Series	up to	14 races
Autumn Saturday Series	up to	14 races
Winter Saturday Series	up to	12 races
Sprints Series	up to	10 races



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6. Measurement.

- 6.1 A valid measurement or rating certificate shall be held at all times by each boat for the class for which she is entered. A valid copy of IRC rating certificates must be lodged with RTYC prior to racing.
- 6.2 Rating certificates for IRC may be changed during any series of races. Any change of rating from that declared on the entry form must be notified to the Club not less than 24 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the next race of the series for which a change is required.
- 6.3 The Cruiser Class will use the South West Yacht Time Correction System, details on how to apply for this free certificate will be posted on rtyc.org
- 6.4 Handicaps for all classes other than IRC and Cruiser Class will be allocated according to all available published information and may be adjusted at the discretion of the Organising Authority on the basis of observed performance.
- 6.5 A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times whilst racing.

7 Sailing Instructions.

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on rtyc.org and included in the club year book and available from the Club from noon on the 1st March 2018.

8. Courses

- 8.1 Courses will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 Scoring.

- 9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 To constitute a series, a minimum of 2 boats must have entered the Class and at least 66% of the series races must have been contested by any 2 boats.
- 9.3 Rule A4.2 and A9 are changed to provide that a boat that does not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored **number of starters plus four points** more than the number of competitors starting in a race. Any other result will be scored per the Low Point System.
- 9.4 Any boat that enters after a series has commenced will score the number of starters, plus four points for each race in which she did not compete.
- 9.6 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if four or more races have been completed. If six races are completed in any series, the worst two scores are discarded. If 9 races are completed in any series the worst three scores are discarded. If 13 or more races are completed in a series the worst four scores are discarded.
- 9.7 The S@H series has no discard
- 9.8 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.
- 9.9 Any competitor who does not compete in a race(s) to help with the race organisation, of any Club event, will be awarded Series Average Points (SAP), excluding Discards. Those wishing to claim should fill in the form provided online at rtyc.org and hand it in to the Club Office, or notify the race officer who should record this on the result sheet on the day. This should be done on the day, or within seven days of the race.
- 9.10 If more than two races are sailed on one day, the first two races will count towards the series score. During the Sprints Series, the first five races will count towards the series score.
- 9.11 Boats will only be scored for a Junior Handicap Classes series if there is a nominated helm and unless a helm is nominated the boat cannot be considered for a series prize.
- 9.12 An entrant, who changes their boat or hull during the season, and within the same class, may count the old boat scores or hull scores, together with the new boat or hull scores, towards the Class Championship. Individual Series Points are not cumulative.
- 9.13 Any one design class with five or more entries will be scored separately within overall handicap classes.



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10 Personal Buoyancy.

- 10.1 All competitors in PY Dinghy, Sportsboat handicap and SB20 One Design classes and all helms or crews under the age of 18 on 1st January 2018, shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed this changes Rule 27.1, preamble to part 4, Rule 40 and Race Signal Y
- 10.2 All boats or crews in classes other than those in 11.1 shall carry adequate personal buoyancy for each person on board whilst racing.

11 Manual Power – IRC and Cruiser Class.

- 11.1 Rule 52 and ERS B5 do not apply and the use of automatic pilots, whether electronic or otherwise, are allowed.
- 11.2 Boats using stored power for the adjustment or operation of running rigging (e.g. backstays, runners, checkstays, sheets, guys etc.), but excluding the hoisting, reefing or furling of sails, shall declare this to the RTYC sailing committee at time of entry.

12 Safety.

- 12.1 All Sports Boat Handicap, SB20 One Design, IRC and Cruiser class entrants shall comply with the following safety rules.
- 12.1.1 Buoyancy. Boats shall either be self-righting from 90 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.
- 12.1.2 VHF Radio. Boats shall carry either a fixed or portable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 16 and 72.
- 12.1.3 Fire Extinguisher. Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a suitable fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.
- 12.1.4 Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard. Boats shall carry personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with Rule 40.1. It is recommended that personal buoyancy is worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing. Boats shall also carry a rescue quoit, or throw bag, with at least 15m of floating line and, at least, one lifebuoy or life sling.
- 12.1.5 First Aid. Boats shall carry a suitable waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
- 12.1.6 Anchor. Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.
- 12.1.7 Compass. Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld acceptable.
- 12.1.8 Equipment. All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.
- 12.1.9 Propulsion. A means of propulsion, other than the boats sails, is to be provided.
- 12.2 All boats, other than those above, shall comply with Class or Handicap System Safety Rules.
- 12.3 The crew of all dinghies and Sportsboats shall wear clothing and safety equipment (including harnesses) in the manner intended by the manufacturer. Long hair shall be restrained to avoid any risk of entanglement with equipment.

13 Radio Communication.

- 13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14. Rights to use name and likeness

- 14.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the Club Racing Programme



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15 Prizes.

- 15.1 Except where stated in the Sailing Instructions trophies will only be awarded to members of RTYC.
- 15.2 Prizes and trophies will be awarded for each class and series of races, together with special races and Club perpetual award trophies
- 15.3 Class Champion trophies will be awarded to the boat that has the best overall results adding up the points achieved in each series, excluding the winter series.
- 15.4 The Wilkinson-Cox Trophy for the Club "Champion of Champions" will be awarded to a Class Champion based on the following:
 - 15.4.1 A Class Champion who has been awarded the Trophy in the previous two years for their current or any other Class is not eligible to receive the Trophy.
 - 15.4.2 All Club Series, apart from the S@H and Winter Series, are included in this calculation.
 - 15.4.3 Add up the points (*points*) that each of the Class Champions have achieved in races in which they were not DNC.
 - 15.4.4 Add up the number of races (*races*) in which *points* were achieved.
 - 15.4.5 Any Class Champion who has *races* of less than 25 is not eligible to receive the Trophy. The sailing committee may, at a formally convened meeting, decide to remove this restriction for a class or classes in the event of special circumstances.
 - 15.4.6 Find the largest number of *races* (*mraces*) any Class Champion has sailed.
 - 15.4.7 Calculate the average number of boats that sailed in each of the fleet's races throughout the Club racing (*aveboats*).
 - 15.4.8 Find the largest number of *aveboats* in any fleet (*maveboats*).
 - 15.4.9 Perform the following calculation for each Class Champion to create comparable scores
 $Performance = points \times mraces \times maveboats / (races \times aveboats)$.
 - 15.4.10 The Trophy is awarded to the Class Champion with the lowest *Performance* score.

16 Risk Statement

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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 16.1 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;
- 16.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 16.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 16.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 16.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 16.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 16.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;
- 16.8 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.
- 16.9 **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.



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17 Insurance.

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured boat is required to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent

18 Further Information.

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