



Royal Torbay Yacht Club

Offshore Series Sunday 8th July – Saturday 14th July 2018

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the RYA will apply
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply.
- 1.4 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Monohulls Category 3 with Liferaft 2018 shall apply.
- 1.5 IRC classes shall comply with IRC Rules 2018 parts A,B, & C but excluding rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4.2
- 1.6 Cruisers shall comply to class rules and applicable rating/handicap system rules
- 1.7 RRS 52 shall not apply and the use of automatic pilots whether electronic or otherwise will be permitted
- 1.8 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will be available for boats that may have broken a rule of Part 2, rule 31 or rule 42. (for information go to <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/hub.aspx> 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 and Rule 63.1
- 1.9 The sailing instructions may also change racing rules

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 2.2 If required these will be provided free of charge by the OA
- 2.3 All advertising shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 This series is open to all IRC and Cruisers complying with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Monohulls Category 3 with Liferaft, suitable to race offshore.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on line entry form at <https://rtyc.org/offshore-2018/> which together with the appropriate fee by Monday 2nd July 2018.
- 3.3 Late entries will only be allowed if special circumstances prevail and at the sole discretion of the RTYC Race Committee.
- 3.4 IRC boats shall submit a valid copy of IRC Certificate to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) prior to the start of the first race.

- 3.5 Cruisers who do not hold an IRC certificate shall apply for a South West Time Correction Number on the club website at <https://rtyc.org/racing-documents/> and submit this number prior to the start of the first race.
- 3.6 The Race Committee may, at their discretion allocate divisions of the above classes depending upon numbers and ratings. These divisions, if introduced will be published no later than midday on Tuesday 3rd July.

4 FEES

The non- refundable entry fee is £140. (RTYC members entered for 2018 club racing £110)

5 EVENT AND SCHEDULE

5.1 RTYC Channel Race 2018

Friday 6th July 2018. Torquay - St Peter Port

The “RTYC Channel Race 2018” to St Peter Port is a stand-alone event with its own prizes and separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

5.2 RTYC Offshore Series 2018

Sunday 8 th July	Race 1	St Peter Port – St Cast
Monday 9 th July	Race 2	St Cast – Granville
Tuesday 10 th July	Lay Day	Granville
Wednesday 11 th July	Race 3	Granville – St Helier
Thursday 12 th July	Race 4	St Helier - Carteret
Friday 13 th July	Race 5	Carteret - St Peter Port
Saturday 14 th July	Race 6	St Peter Port - South Devon Coast

- 5.3 This is intended as an enjoyable, sociable series and destinations and start times of races may change during the event due to weather conditions or other organisational requirements.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://rtyc.org/offshore-2018/> from midday on Sunday 1st July.

7 COURSES

Courses are as described in the Sailing Instructions but may be subject to change by the Race Committee where deemed necessary and appropriate depending on weather and conditions.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 The event will be scored using RRS Appendix A
- 8.2 One Race will constitute a series.
- 8.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores
- 8.4 When from four to six races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.5 A boat that Did Not Compete shall be scored 10 points more than the number of boats that started the race. This changes Rule A4.2.
- 8.6 All corrected times will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting VHF Channels 16, 72 and 77

9.2 All race starts, and communication from the race officer during races will be on VHF Channel 72. (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 using this means. Acknowledgements may be requested and yachts may be required to relay messages to boats out of range.

10 SAFETY

10.1 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices. "Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions"

10.2 In addition in all Offshore Races a combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck in the following circumstances and conditions:-

- Between the hours of Sunset and Sunrise
- When alone on deck
- When sails are reefed
- When the True Wind speed exceeds 25 knots
- When the visibility is less than 1nautical mile

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for IRC and Cruiser Classes. RTYC Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each class.

12 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESS

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and their sponsors 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.

13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any specific risks to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing at the venue

h) For those participating in Offshore and Coastal Races 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 numbers, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly, stowed and is in date and is familiar to the crew

13.2 The fact that the race committee conducts inspection of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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