



# TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA 2020

Saturday 22nd to Sunday 23rd August

Organising Authority – Royal Torbay Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS IRC, CRUISER and SPORTSBOAT CLASSES

These sailing instructions cover the Torbay Royal Regatta 2020 which will be conducted in accordance with HM Government and RYA Guidance relating to the COVID-19 pandemic that are applicable at the time. Crew restrictions and social distancing guidance will apply. Current RYA guidance can be found at [www.rya.org.uk/programmes/Pages/return-to-boating.aspx](http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/Pages/return-to-boating.aspx).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (to the extent they apply) will apply.
- 1.3 Boats with bowsprits that extend and retract shall comply with the following:  
Boats shall be in the process of either a normal, continuous hoist, or flying or dropping the spinnaker at all times when the bowsprit is extended. The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after rounding the leeward mark. A boat may exonerate herself from a breach of this part of this instruction by taking a one-turn penalty as specified in RRS 44.2.
- 1.4 Competitors must comply with Torbay Harbour Bye-laws.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance hall of Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

### 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 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 over Course Flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with not less than 45 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 RRS 40

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates, classes, number of races and times of the first warning signal of the day.

Date	Class	No. of Races	Scheduled time of first Warning Signal
Saturday 22 August	IRC and Cruisers	2	1255
	Sportsboat	3	1305
Sunday 23 August	IRC and Cruisers	2	1055
	Sportsboats	3	1105



5.2 When one or more races are held on the same day the warning signal for the first class to start the succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

5.3 IRC and Cruiser classes will start together for the first scheduled race of each day. The order of starting of subsequent races will depend on when classes complete their previous race.

5.4 On Sunday 23 August no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flags for each class will be: -

IRC and Cruiser Class	Numeral Pennant 1	
Sportsboats	Numeral Pennant 3	

## 7. RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing areas will be in Tor Bay and adjacent coastal waters.

7.2 The expected position of the race committee boat will be broadcast on VHF channel 77.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 The course configuration in the course diagrams show the course that may be selected. The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the race committee boat as either "A", "B" or "C".

8.2 No later than the first warning signal the race committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 The course to be sailed and identification of marks may also be broadcast before the first warning signal is displayed.

## 9. MARKS

9.1 Marks are as described on the course diagrams.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:

10.2 The entirety of the Scallop Nursery Beds forming an imaginary box including the yellow mark buoys (flashing Y 2.5s) approximately 0.5nm south of Thatcher Rock. The obstructions can be passed on any side. The co-ordinates that mark the corners of the beds are approximately:

50° 26.700'N 03° 29.690'W      50° 26.865'N 03° 29.690'W

50° 26.865'N 03° 29.170'W      50° 26.700'N 03° 29.170'W

10.3 A yellow buoy with associated trailing buoys serving as a wave monitor located at approximately 50°26.002'N 003°31.008'W.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a nearby mark or dan buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4 In the event of a General Recall for one or more classes, the class(es) recalled will start in accordance with RRS 29.2 (Sequence of starts maintained).

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

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original laid mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Course changes when using fixed marks will be advised by VHF radio.

## **13. SHORTENED COURSE**

- 13.1 Courses may be shortened at any time and for any reason at the discretion of the race committee. This changes RRS 32.1.

## **14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the race committee boat displaying a blue flag and the last mark designated in the course configuration.
- 14.2 After finishing, boats shall not re-cross the finishing line and shall keep clear of boats still racing.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 If the race committee boat is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **15. TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1 When two or more races are scheduled, boats failing to finish the preceding race with 40 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **16. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office at Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Protest and request for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 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 Royal Torbay Yacht Club; details to be notified on the official notice board.
- 16.4 RRS 61.1(b) is changed 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 Breaches of Sl's 11.2, 14.2, 18.2, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision the previous day.
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 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 RRS 62.2.

## **17. SCORING**

17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3 When four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.4 All corrected times for handicap classes will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place and with 0.5 seconds rounded up.

17.5 The Torbay Admiral's Cup team racing for teams of three boats, one from each class, will be scored for the races sailed with discards, if any applied. A boat may be scored for only one team.

17.6 The Addison Gold Cup for IRC and Cruiser classes will be awarded to the boat that achieves the best result with a predominately female crew in accordance with 15.3 of the NOR by taking all scores from completed races in the series without discard. If a tie is not eliminated by application of Appendix A8 the tie will be broken by taking into consideration the number of boats competing in each class or division. This supplements the provision contained in Appendix A in RRS.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 Safety requirements shall be in accordance with clause 13.1 of the Notice of Race.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.3 **Crew Numbers** – All Skippers and participants should follow the RYA Guidance on sailing and racing with participants from different households during COVID-19 in England and the associated appendices. This document can be found on the Return to Boating page on the RYA website.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/Pages/return-to-boating.aspx>

## **19. MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

## **20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta

## **21. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

21.1 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 in her class.

21.2 The race committee will use VHF marine channel 77 to communicate to competitors. Such communications may include sail numbers of boats recalled OCS, course changes and safety matters. Boats called by the race committee by name or sail number may respond and under such circumstances will not be in breach of sailing instruction 21.1. This changes RRS 41.

21.3 Failure to broadcast by the race committee or to time it accurately or failure to receive a broadcast by the race committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**22. PRIZES**

22.1 Trophies and prizes will be in accordance with clause 15 of the Notice of Race.

**23. RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

23.1 The Risk and Responsibility Statement as clause 20 of the Notice of Race shall apply to all competitors.

**24. INSURANCE**

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured in accordance with clause 21 of the Notice of Race.

## COURSE CONFIGURATION 'A' – Windward/Leeward

The number of laps to be sailed by each class will be displayed on a board on the committee boat and advised on VHF Channel 77.



*Diagram not to scale*

1. All laps comprise marks 1 and 2.
2. All marks to port.
3. Marks 1 and 2 will be Orange inflatable buoys or fixed marks as described below.
4. Finish between committee boat and mark 2.

### COURSE CONFIGURATION 'B' – Bay and Coastal Courses

The sequence of marks to be rounded will be displayed on a board on the committee boat and broadcast on VHF Channel 77 with or before the warning signal for each class. The side on which each mark is to be passed will be signified by a (P) to indicate the mark is to be passed to Port or an (S) to indicate the mark is to be passed to Starboard.

Green	50° 27.29'N	003 ° 31.72'W	White buoy	Green flag
Red	50° 27.18'N	003 ° 31.39'W	Yellow buoy	Red flag
1	50 ° 26.97'N	003 ° 30.71'W	Red buoy	Orange flag
2	50 ° 26.58'N	003 ° 30.83'W	Yellow buoy	Yellow/Black flag
3	50 ° 26.35'N	003 ° 31.44'W	Red buoy	Orange flag
4	50 ° 26.55'N	003 ° 32.17'W	Yellow buoy	Yellow flag
5	50 ° 26.86'N	003 ° 32.44'W	Red buoy	Orange flag
6	50 ° 27.16'N	003 ° 32.21'W	Yellow buoy	Yellow flag
A	Laid mark		White buoy	Orange flag
B	Laid mark		Orange inflatable	
M	50° 26.74'N	003 ° 31.42'W	White buoy	Blue flag
T	50 ° 27.25'N	003 ° 29.74'W	Red buoy	Orange flag
X	50 ° 25.29'N	003 ° 32.82'W	Red buoy	Orange flag
Y	50 ° 27.40'N	003 ° 28.17'W	Orestone Rock	
Z	50 ° 24.42'N	003 ° 31.33'W	BYC pink buoy	Red flag
TS	50° 19.92'N	003° 27.76'W	Teignmouth Sewer Diffuser Buoy	
SC	50° 19.92'N	003 ° 31.89'WS	South Cardinal Mark	Mewstone off Dartmouth

The finishing line will be between the mast on the race committee boat displaying a blue flag and the last mark designated in the course configuration.

Marks shown on attached chart are for information only and not for navigation.

### COURSE CONFIGURATION 'C' – Heavy Weather Course

Marks all as Course Configuration 'B' to be broadcast on Channel 77.

The starting line will be between the mast on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and an adjacent course mark at the port end.

The finishing line will be between the flagpole displaying a blue flag at the inshore end of Haldon Pier and mark 'R' or 'G' as designated in the course configuration. (This changes Standard Sailing Instructions 14.1)

