

Royal Torbay Yacht Club - Club Racing Programme 2023



NOTICE OF RACE

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

This Notice of Race (NoR) covers the RTYC Club Racing Programme 2023 except the Channel Race, Offshore Week, Torbay Royal Regatta and Torbay Dinghy Regatta for which separate Notices of Race will be published.

The notation (DP) in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by:
 - 1.1.1 the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 including Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions;
 - 1.1.2 the Equipment Rules of Sailing, to the extent that they apply (available at <https://www.sailing.org/documents/equipmentrules/index.php>);
 - 1.1.3 the applicable class and/or handicap system rules, including for IRC boats IRC Rule 2023, Parts A, B and C, but excluding rules 21.1.5(d) and (e), and rule 22.4 [IRC Rule, Notices & Policies - IRC Rating](#)
 - 1.1.4 (DP) Torbay Harbour Byelaws.
[Tor Bay Harbour - Byelaws \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](http://tor-bay-harbour.co.uk)
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the OA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 or on the RYA website at [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](http://rya.org.uk)
- 1.3 RRS 40 Personal Flotation Devices - For all competitors in Sportsboat and PY Dinghy classes, and all helms or crews under the age of 18 on January 1st 2023 in IRC and Cruiser classes, RRS 40.1 applies and is changed to apply at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions (SI's) may also change racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the club website and at the club by March 9th 2023.
- 2.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions and Changes to SI's will be published on the online Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 2.3 Supplementary Sailing Instructions and entry information for Coastal and TADCCS Races will be published on the website of the organising club.

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3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online Official Noticeboard is located at [Club Racing 2023 – Royal Torbay Yacht Club \(rtyc.org\)](https://www.rtyc.org)
- 3.2 (DP) While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not 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.
- 3.3 In accordance with RRS 20.4 (b) the use of VHF radio as an alternative communication is permitted.
- 3.4 A WhatsApp group may also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and Race Committee (RC) communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The club racing programme is open to all boats of the following classes or handicap divisions.
 - 4.1.1 IRC Class (IRC) – Open to any Yacht holding a valid [IRC Certificate](#) that does not meet the requirements of the Sportsboat Class.
 - 4.1.2 Cruiser Class – Open to any World Sailing OSR Cat 4 equipped Yachts holding a current [RYA YTC Certificate](#) that does not meet the requirements of the Sportsboat Class.
 - 4.1.3 Coastal Class (RYA YTC) - World Sailing OSR Cat 4 equipped Yachts.
 - 4.1.4 Sports Boat Handicap Class (Club) - Class for keelboats with a design weight between 100kg to 1600kg, and an asymmetric rig.
 - 4.1.5 SB20 – One Design Class.
 - 4.1.6 PY Dinghy Handicap class - Dinghies with a current Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap Number.
 - 4.1.7 Junior Handicap classes - Dinghies with a current 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 2023.
 - 4.1.8 The OA may, at their discretion, add additional classes and allocate or combine divisions of the above classes. Class starts may be shared.
 - 4.1.9 Any handicap class split will be published on the ONB one week before the start of the series.
- 4.2 Pursuit Start times will be calculated by the OA and published on the club website and displayed on the ONB at least 48 hrs before the start of the race.
- 4.3 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the entry form and making payment online at [Club Racing 2023 – Royal Torbay Yacht Club \(rtyc.org\)](https://www.rtyc.org)
- 4.4 To be considered an entry a boat shall meet all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 A yacht that enters IRC but does not possess a current IRC certificate by the day of the first race in which she intends to sail, shall notify the Race Officer, and may only race in the Cruiser Class (if she holds a current RYA YTC certificate)
- 4.6 A yacht or boat shall not change classes during a series and may only race in one class during a series.

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- 4.7 An entrant who changes a sail number, boat or hull or substantive change to the boat that may affect the racing, must notify the OA in writing by completing a new entry online, no additional fee will be payable.
- 4.7.1 Yachts entering for the Coastal series may enter that as an additional class.
- 4.7.2 An SB20 boat entering the Sportsboat Handicap Class will automatically be entered in the SB20 Class.
- 4.7.3 There is no additional fee applicable to either 4.7.1 or 4.7.2.
- 4.8 **Race Duties** - by entering the 2023 Club Racing programme covered by this NoR, all entrants agree to undertake delegated Race Officer, committee boat or safety boat duties.
- 4.9 **Junior Race Duties** - the person signing the parental consent form assumes the duty obligations.
- 4.10 If the entrant is unable to undertake their designated or agreed duty, they may pass this duty to one of their crew, as long as that person is suitably qualified for the role.
- 4.11 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations as part of the entry process and submit details of the parent(s) acting in loco parentis.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees for the full programme of races shall be as follows:-
- 5.1.1 Junior classes - £45.00
- 5.1.2 All other classes - £85.00
- 5.1.3 Helms under 18 on January 1st 2023 - £45.00
- 5.2 Entry fees for a single race will be - £5.00 (£5.00 Juniors)
- 5.3 Entry fees for a single series of races will be - £20.00 (£20.00 Juniors)
- 5.4 There are no additional entry fee Coastal Races or New Year's Day Race
- 5.5 Entries and payment must be received no later than 12.00 on Friday before a Sunday race and by 12.00 on Wednesday before a Wednesday race.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 To score series points the helm of the entered boat must be a full member of RTYC in at least 75% of the races.
- 6.2 Named helms are required to be declared for each Junior Handicap Class series (see Section 15.8 below – Scoring)
- 6.3 Eligibility for the Crews Race is limited to boats helmed by a crew member who has crewed in not less than 50% of the club races that the boat has sailed at that point in 2023. Also, Crews are not eligible if they have previously helmed in more than 30% of the races that the boat has sailed during 2023.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 (DP) Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 7.2 (DP) Advertising will comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply

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9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The Club Racing Programme 2023 is displayed on the Official Noticeboard on the club website and available at the club.
- 9.2 Racing for IRC, Cruisers and Sportsboats will be on Sunday morning, for PY Dinghies Saturdays /Sundays (see 9.6) and for all classes including Juniors on Wednesday evenings.
- 9.3 Details of Coastal Series races will be in the Racing Programme (see 9.1 above)
- 9.4 Coached Racing for Junior Handicap Classes will take place on Saturdays.
- 9.5 Times of First warning signals will appear in the SI's
- 9.6 Number of races

<i>Class/Day</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>No of Races</i>	<i>Notes</i>
IRC and Cruiser Sunday Series	Early Sunday Series	6	April – May
	Summer Sunday Series	6	June – August
	Autumn Sunday Series	6	September - October
	Winter Sunday Series	8	October – December
	Cruisers at Home (RYA YTC)	5	May - September
Sportsboat and SB20 Sunday Series	Early Sunday Series	16	April – May
	Summer Sunday Series	18	June – August
	Sprints	10	April 2 nd & August 27th
	Autumn Sunday Series	12	September - October
	Winter Sunday Series	16	October - December
PY Dinghy Handicap Saturday and Sunday Series	Early Saturday Series	14	April – May
	Summer Sunday Series	16	June – August
	Autumn Saturday Series	12	September - October
	Winter Sunday Series	16	October - December
IRC, Cruiser, Sportsboats, SB20, PY Dinghy and Junior Wednesday Series	Spring Wednesday Series	8	April – May
	Early Summer Series	8	June - July
	Late Summer Series	7	August – September
	Crews Race	1	May 31st
Squadron 13 Saturday Series	Early Saturday Series	16	April – October
	Autumn Saturday Series	10	
Coastal Class Series	Weekend coastal events	11	April - September
New Year's Day Race 2023 Cruisers and Sportsboats	One off race	1	January 1 st 2024

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 A valid measurement certificate, rating or handicap certificate shall be held at all times by each boat for the class for which she is entered and shall produce it if requested to do so by the OA.
- 10.2 Any changes to IRC Rating or RYA YTC certificates shall be notified to the OA by submitting a new entry not less than 24 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the next race of the series. There is no additional fee.
- 10.3 The RYA Yacht Time Correction System will be used for all boats entering Cruiser Class Series, Coastal Series races and the New Year's Day race 2024. Details on how to apply for this free certificate can be found on the club website.
- 10.4 White Sail declarations for each series shall made to the OA prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the series to which it applies.
- 10.5 Handicaps for all classes, other than IRC and Cruiser classes, will be allocated and/or adjusted at the discretion of the OA with reference to published data.

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- 10.6 (DP) A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 10.7 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NoR.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Manual Power – IRC, Cruise and Coastal Classes. RRS 52 is changed to permit the use of automatic pilots, whether electronic or otherwise.

12 VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place in Torbay and South Devon Coastal waters.

13 THE COURSES

- 13.1 Courses will be described in the Sailing and Supplementary Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply. This changes RRS 44.
- 14.2 For the Sportsboat Handicap and SB20 Classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except where the infringement is against a boat competing in another class.
- 14.3 The Advisory Hearing and Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply RYA Rules Disputes Process. [RYA Rules Disputes Process](#) The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. This changes RRS 63.1.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Rule A5.3 applies.
- 15.2 A minimum of 2 boats must have entered the class and at least 66% of the series races must have been contested by any two boats to constitute a series.
- 15.3 Any boat that enters after a series has commenced will score the number of entries plus 1 point for the races in which she did not compete prior to entry.
- 15.4 RRS A2.1 Series Scores is changed to read as follows:
 - 15.4.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.4.2 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.
 - 15.4.3 When seven to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst two scores.
 - 15.4.4 When ten to twelve races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst three scores.
 - 15.4.5 When thirteen or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst four scores.
- 15.5 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.
- 15.6 Any competitor who does not compete in a race(s) to help with race organisation of any club sailing event, will be awarded series average points (SAP), excluding discards. Average points claim forms are available in the club or

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on the club website. They should be emailed to sailing@rtyc.org, or returned to the club office within 5 days of the race.

- 15.7 Boats will only be scored for Junior Handicap Class series if there is nominated helm.
- 15.8 An entrant, who changes their boat or hull during the season, and within the same class, may count the old boat or hull scores, together with the new boat or hull scores, towards the Class Championship.
- 15.9 Any one design class with five or more entries will be scored separately in addition to their handicap class scoring.
- 15.10 In Coastal Races, scores from events organised by other clubs will only include RTYC entered boats.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 (DP) Support person vessels will not be allowed

17 CHARTERED BOATS - Does not apply.

18 BERTHING - Does not apply.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your National Authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published. RTYC Privacy Policy rtyc.org/privacy.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 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."
- 22.2 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:
 - 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.

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- e) 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.
- 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 venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- h) (For offshore 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 number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and is in date and familiar to the crew.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Unless stated in the Sailing Instructions or any Supplementary Instructions. Prizes and perpetual trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the OA for each class and special races.
- 24.2 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 Jubilee Club Regatta and Winter series.
- 24.3 The **Wilkinson Cox Trophy** for the Club “Champion of Champions” will be awarded to a Class Champion based on the following:
 - 24.3.1 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.
 - 24.3.2 Any Class Champion who has less than 25 races 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 exceptional circumstances.
 - 24.3.3 All Club Series, except the Jubilee Club Regatta and Winter Series are included in this calculation.
 - 24.3.4 The addition of the points (points) that each Class Champion has received in races in which they were not DNC.
 - 24.3.5 The total number of races (races) in which points were achieved.
 - 24.3.6 Find the largest number of races (mraces) any Class Champion has sailed.
 - 24.3.7 Calculate the average number of boats that sailed in each class’s races throughout the club racing programme (aveboats)
 - 24.3.8 Find the largest number of aveboats in any class (maveboats)

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24.3.9 Perform the following calculation for each Class Champion to create comparable scores.

$$\text{Performance} = \text{points} \times \text{mraces} \times \text{maveboats} / (\text{races} \times \text{aveboats})$$

24.3.10 The Trophy is awarded to the Class Champion with the lowest Performance score

24.4 Perpetual trophies will be presented but retained by OA after prizegiving.

25 SAFETY

25.1 **(DP) All IRC, Cruiser and Coastal** series entrants shall comply with their own class, rating and handicap system rules and in addition shall carry the following.

25.1.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 12, 14, 16, 65, 72, 77.

25.1.2 Fire Safety. Boats carrying an engine or fuel shall carry a suitable fire extinguisher and a bucket of 9 litres capacity, attached to a lanyard.

25.1.3 Personal Flotation Devices for each crew member.

25.1.4 Man Overboard. A rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line, and at least one lifebuoy or life sling.

25.1.5 First Aid kit in a waterproof pack with instructions.

25.1.6 Anchor suitable for the size of boat with a minimum of 50m warp.

25.1.7 Compass - either fixed or handheld.

25.1.8 Equipment including fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.

25.1.9 Propulsion – an alternative means to the boats sails is to be provided.

25.2 **(DP) Sportsboat Handicap and SB20** class entrants shall comply with their own class rules and in addition carry the following safety equipment.

25.2.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 12, 14, 16, 65, 72, 77.

25.2.2 Compass – either fixed or handheld

25.2.3 First Aid kit in a waterproof pack with instructions.

25.2.4 Anchor suitable for the size of boat with a minimum of 30m warp.

25.2.5 Propulsion – an alternative means to the boats sails is to be provided.

25.3 **(DP) PY Dinghy, Junior, and Sportsboat** Classes shall also comply with: -

25.3.1 The helm and crew shall wear clothing and safety equipment (including harnesses) in the manner intended by the manufacturer.

25.3.2 Long Hair shall be restrained to avoid any risk of entanglement.

26 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

26.3 Competitors automatically grant to the OA and their sponsors without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion or still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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