

# SB20 UK Sprint National Championship

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023



**Royal Torbay Yacht Club**  
**12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC)  
In conjunction with the SB20 Class Association**

The notation (DP) in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation (NP) in a rule of the Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 including the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2. The rules of the SB20 Class Association shall apply.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. (NP) COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the event website SB20 with a copy, where practical, on a notice board located in the entrance all of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- 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. An event competitor's WhatsApp group will be used, providing notifications and Race Committee (RC) communications whilst ashore.
- 3.4. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the inshore end of Haldon Pier.

5.2. When AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 45 minutes in Race Signals.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Registration will be at the Race Office on the ground floor Royal Torbay Yacht Club, from 1230 to 1630 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and from 0900 to 1100 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

6.2 Craning in (South Pier) will be available from 1230 to 1730 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and from 0830 to 1200 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

6.3 There will be a competitor's briefing on Haldon Pier at 11.30 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

6.4 Dates and Number of Races:

Date	No of Races		Time
Thursday 21st September		Registration RTYC	0900 - 1100
		Competitors Briefing	1130
	Up to 6 races	First Warning signal	1355

6.5 It is the intention to run up to 6 Sprint races on Thursday.

6.6 To alert boats that at a race will soon begin, the Orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

#### 7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag will be the SB20 Class Flag or Numeral Pennant 2.

#### 8. RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will take place in Torbay (see NoR Appendix B).

#### 9. THE COURSES

9.1 The course diagrams and configurations are shown in Appendix A.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed and the approximate bearing of the first leg.

9.3 If a course is shortened such that the finish is at the leeward end of the course, then the finish line will be that defined in the finishing section 14. This changes RRS 32.2

#### 10. MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, and 2 will be orange inflatable buoys.

10.2 The change of course mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

10.3 The start mark will be a Race Committee boat with a mast displaying an orange flag or a white danbuoy with an orange flag.

10.4 The finish mark will be a Race Committee boat with a mast displaying a blue flag or a White Danbuoy with a Blue flag.

#### 11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction.

11.2 A yellow buoy with associated trailing buoys serving as a wave monitor located at approximately 050°433N 003°517W

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the Race Committee Boat displaying an orange flag at the Starboard end of the start line and the Port end starting mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The Finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat finishing mark displaying a blue flag at the Port end of the finish line.
- 14.2 (NP) After finishing, boats shall not re-cross the finishing line and shall keep clear of boats still racing.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their position on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats finished in this way will be advised by a race committee or safety boat using flag W with one sound signal and should stop racing and return to the start area.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 There is no race time limit. The target time for the first boat will be 20 minutes
- 16.2 Failure to meet target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day of racing or after all racing is abandoned or postponed for the day.
- 17.2 Breaches NoR 3 and 20 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, this changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 17.3 Hearing request forms are available from the foyer of the club or the club website.
- 17.4 Protest time limit notices will be posted on the event competitors WhatsApp group.
- 17.5 After completing a Protest Form/Application for Redress as legibly as possible, the Protest/Applicant shall
  - 17.5.1 If they wish, cover any personal data such as Email address/phone numbers.
  - 17.5.2 Photo/scan the form (ensuring that it is in focus as much as possible)
  - 17.5.3 Upload the photo/scan to the event competitors WhatsApp group.
- 17.6 Such upload when visible shall be evidence of date/time lodgement of the form.
- 17.7 Notices of hearings will be posted on the event WhatsApp group, including the date/time of the hearing and the place and/or method of hearing.
- 17.8 Hearings may be held in person on Club premises or by Zoom meeting, email or a combination of any of these.
- 17.9 Results of hearings will be posted on the event competitors WhatsApp group.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 Appendix A applies except were changed in 18.4 below.
- 18.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 RRS A2.1 Series Scores is changed to read as follows:
- 18.4 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.5 When four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.
- 18.6 Rule A5.3 applies.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS.**

- 19.1 (DP) All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee before the warning signal on the first race of each day by passing the starboard side of the race committee boat.
- 19.2 (DP) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 RRS 40.1 applies and is changed to apply at all times whilst afloat.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 Substitution or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the written approval of the race committee. Requests shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 See NoR 10

## **22 SUPPLIED BOATS**

Does not apply.

## **23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 23.1 The Race Committee Boat will be identified by a Yellow flag.
- 23.2 The Photography boat will be identified by a white flag with the letter "P" on the flag.
- 23.3 Mark laying boats will be identified by a yellow flag with the letter "M" on the flag
- 23.4 Other official boats will be identified by a plain yellow flag

## **24 SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 24.1 Support teams are not permitted.

## **25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels or brought back to shore and disposed of in the public facilities.

## **26 BERTHING**

- 26.1 See NoR 18

## **27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

See NoR 19.

**28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

See NoR 20.

**29 PRIZES**

29.1 See NoR 24

**30 RISK STATEMENT**

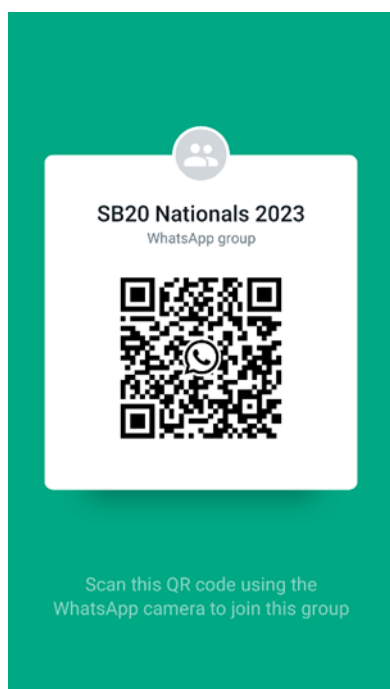
30.1 See NoR 22

**31 INSURANCE**

31.1 See NoR 23.

**Event Website** [SB20 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023](#)

**Event Competitors WhatsApp Group**



## Appendix A - Course Diagrams

<b>WL</b>	<b>Windward – Leeward with reaching finish All marks to Port</b>
<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding order</b>
<b>WL 2</b>	<b>Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 - Finish</b>
<b>WL 3</b>	<b>Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 -Finish</b>
<b>WL 4</b>	<b>Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 - Finish</b>

