



NOBLE
MARINE INSURANCE

RS
400

Noble Marine RS 400 National Championships 2024
18th August to 23rd August 2024
Hosted by Royal Torbay Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

This event will be organised by Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 (DP) Torbay Harbour Byelaws.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at [RS400 Nationals 2024](#) by Saturday August 10th.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located online at [RS400 Nationals 2024](#).
- 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.
- 3.3 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 AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS 400 class.
- 4.2 The helm must be a full, honorary, family, youth or block member of the RS Class Association and the crew must be a full, honorary, family, youth, block member or crew member of the RS Class Association, except where the helm has a valid 'any crew' extension to their membership.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at [RS Class Association event webpage](#).

- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the [RS Class Association websites](#) and should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.6 No entries will be accepted after 3rd August 2024. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the organizing authority and must be made in writing (contact sally@rs-association.com).
- 4.7 The OA may cancel the event, and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8 Subject to 4.9 below, should the organizing authority cancel the event or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.9 Should the OA cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race one any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early entry fee until 31 st May 2024	Standard Fee
RS 400	£290.00	£340.00

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration will take place at the RTYC from 15.00-18.00 on Sunday 18th August 2024 and 09.00-10.30 Monday 19th August 2024.
- 9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 20.00 on Sunday 18th August 2024 at the RTYC.
- 9.3 It is intended to run 10 races over 5 days with up to 4 races in any one day, depending upon prevailing and forecast weather conditions and sea state.
- 9.4 Dates and scheduled number of races:

Date	1 st Warning Signal	Scheduled Races
Monday 19th	12.55	2
Tuesday 20th	12.55	2
Wednesday 21 st	12.55	2
Thursday 22 nd	12.55	2
Friday 23 rd	12.55	2

9.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

12.1 The Sailing Area will be within Tor Bay

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14.2 The Post Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

(b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When from eight to ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

This changes RRS A2.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A chartered or loan boat may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules and Appendix G3 RRS, provided the OA has approved her sail identification registration.

18 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The Class Data Processing Policy is available on the [class website](#). RTYC Privacy Policy is available on the [RTYC website](#).

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 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 risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 PRIZES

24.1 The overall winner of the Championship fleet series will be awarded the first-place trophy and title National Champion(s).

24.2 Other prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Organising Committee, as follows:

First 10 places overall

Silver Division first 3 places

Bronze division first 3 places

1st Lady helm

1st Lady crew

1st Master Helm (aged 50 or over at start of Championship)

1st Grandmaster helm (aged 60 or over at start of Championship)

1st Youth Helm (aged 22 or under at start of Championship)

1st Youth Crew (aged 22 or under at start of Championship)

1st Family (parent sailing with son/daughter, who may also be an adult)

Loving Cup (1st couple)

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact sally@rs-association.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

CLUB AND LOCAL INFORMATION

[Royal Torbay Yacht Club | Established 1863 \(rtyc.org\)](http://RoyalTorbayYachtClub.com)

[Forthcoming Championships | Royal Torbay Yacht Club \(rtyc.org\)](http://ForthcomingChampionships.com)

Email events@rtyc.org

[Tor Bay Harbour - Home \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](http://TorBayHarbour.com)

Public Car Parking above Beacon Quay for information and passes visit [Beacon Quay - Torbay Council](http://BeaconQuay-TorbayCouncil.com)

Accommodation and Camping visit [Accommodation | English Riviera | Devon](http://Accommodation-EnglishRiviera-Devon.com)

Harbour Visualisation:



Intended Race Area

