

# TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA 2024



## IRC, CRUISERS, J/24s and SPORTSBOATS Racing Saturday 24th to Monday 26th August August Bank Holiday Weekend

Incorporating The Addison Gold Cup,  
Benita Bowl and the Torbay Admirals Cup Team Racing

## NOTICE OF RACE

*The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC)  
12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 1UL*

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 the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 including Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 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 \(rya.org.uk\)](https://www.rya.org.uk/racing-charter)
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing, to the extent that they apply. Available at [World Sailing - Equipment Rules of Sailing](https://www.worldsailing.org/equipment-rules-of-sailing)
- 1.4 The applicable class and/or handicap system rules, including for IRC boats IRC Rule 2024, Parts A, B and C, but excluding rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) rule 22.4. [IRC Rule, Notices & Policies - IRC Rating](https://www.worldsailing.org/irc-rule-notices-policies-irc-rating)
- 1.5 RRS 40 Personal Flotation Devices - For all competitors in Sportsboat classes, and all helms or crews under the age of 18 on August 24th 2024 in all other classes, RRS 40.1 applies and is changed to apply at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.6 (DP) Torbay Harbour Bye-Laws.
- 1.7 RTYC Safety Rules as defined in Appendix A of this NoR.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)**

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available after 12.00 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 on the official notice board at [Torbay Royal Regatta 2024](#)

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [Torbay Royal Regatta 2024](#)
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on marine channels 14, 16, 65, 72 and 77.
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI's.
- 3.4 (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.
- 3.5 In accordance with RRS 20.4 (b) the use of VHF radio as an alternative communication is permitted.
- 3.6 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 race programme is open to all monohull boats of the following classes.
- 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 Yacht holding a current RYA YTC Certificate that does not meet the requirements of the Sportsboat Class.
- 4.1.3 J/24 Class – Open to all boats complying with the J/24 Class rules.
- 4.1.4 Sportsboat Handicap Class 1 - Class for One design and IRC rated keelboats with a design weight between 100kg to 1700kg, under 9.1m overall and an asymmetric rig.
- 4.1.5 SB20 – One Design Class. An SB20 boat entering the Sportsboat Handicap Class will automatically be entered in the SB20 Class.
- 4.2 The Race Committee may, at their discretion, allocate divisions of the above classes. Allocations to divisions (if any) will be decided according to their ratings and published by noon on Thursday 22nd August.
- 4.3 A minimum of five entries are required for a one-design class to receive separate scoring and prizes. Starts may be shared with other classes.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and making payment online at [Torbay Royal Regatta 2024](#)
- 4.5 The OA will acknowledge receipt of entries and payment, and entry information will be posted on the event website.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry a boat shall meet all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 Entries will not be accepted after midnight on Friday 23rd August.

- 4.8 An entrant who changes a sail number, boat or hull or substantive change that may affect the racing, must notify the OA in writing by completing a new entry online, no additional fee will be payable.
- 4.9 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.
- 4.10 **Team Racing Entries** – Teams of any three boats, including at least one IRC class boat may enter the Torbay Admirals Cup by completing the supplementary entry form and returning by email to [events@rtyc.org](mailto:events@rtyc.org) no later than noon on Saturday 19th August.
- 4.11 **The Benita Bowl** - Boats with a predominately female crew as defined in 24.3 are eligible for this trophy and shall complete and return the crew declaration form by email to [events@rtyc.org](mailto:events@rtyc.org) no later than noon on Saturday 20th August.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees, including berthing for visiting boats shall be as follows:-

		<b>Early Fee</b>	<b>Std Entry Fee</b>
IRC Class		£120	£160
Cruiser Class		£120	£160
J/24 Class	Inc Cranage	£210	£250
Sportsboat Handicap Class		£90	£120

- 5.2 Early entry fees will apply to all payments before midnight on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- 5.3 Cancellations made before midnight on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August will be charged a £15 administration fee and the balance refunded. For later cancellations, any refunds made will be at the sole discretion of the OA.

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 No class rule defined crew weight limits apply for IRC and Cruiser Classes.

## 7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 (DP) Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 7.2 (DP) Any advertising shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.

## 8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

## 9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Visiting boats are required to register at the Race Office on the ground floor RTYC between 15.00 and 17.00 on Friday 23rd August and 09.00 and 11.00 on Saturday 24th August 2024.

## 9.2 Dates and Number of Races:

Date	Class	No of Races	Scheduled time of first Warning Signal
Saturday 24th August	IRC	Up to 3	11.25
	Cruiser	Up to 3	11.30
	Sportsboat Handicap	Up to 4	11.35
	J/24	Up to 4	11.40
Sunday 25th August	IRC	Up to 3	10.55
	Cruiser	Up to 3	11.00
	Sportsboat Handicap	Up to 4	11.05
	J/24	Up to 4	11.10
Monday 26th August	IRC	Up to 3	10.55
	Cruiser	Up to 3	11.00
	Sportsboat Handicap	Up to 4	11.05
	J/24	Up to 3	11.10

9.3 It is intended that over three days in the IRC and Cruiser classes 8 races will be sailed and in the Sportsboats and J/24 classes 9 races.

9.4 On the last scheduled day of racing there will be no warning signal after 15.00.

## 10 (DP) 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 first race of the event. There is no additional fee.

10.3 RYA YTC will be used for all boats entering the Cruiser Class. Details on how to apply for this free certificate can be found at [RYA YTC - Royal Ocean Racing Club | Rating Office \(rorcrating.com\)](https://www.rorcrating.com)

10.4 White Sail declarations in the Cruiser Class only shall made in writing to the OA prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the event.

10.5 Handicaps for Sportsboats will be allocated and/or adjusted at the discretion of the OA with reference to published data.

10.6 Manual Power – IRC and Cruiser classes. RRS 52 is changed to permit the use of automatic pilots, whether electronic or otherwise.

10.7 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, NoR and SI's.

10.8 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

Does not apply.

## 12 VENUE

12.1 Racing will take place in Tor Bay and adjacent coastal waters

### 13 THE COURSES

- 13.1 Courses will include “round the cans”, “windward/leeward”, “coastal” racing and will be described in the Sl’s.
- 13.2 The marks will comprise laid and fixed marks, they will be described in the Sl’s.

### 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 Post Race Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply ([rya.org.uk/go/rules\\_disputes](http://rya.org.uk/go/rules_disputes).)The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. This changes RRS 63.1.

### 15 SCORING

- 15.1 Appendix A applies except where changed in 15.3, 15.7, and 15.9 below.
- 15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 RRS A2.1 Series Scores is changed to read as follows:
  - 15.3.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 15.3.2 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.
  - 15.3.3 When seven or more races are sailed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 15.4 Rule A5.3 applies.
- 15.5 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.
- 15.6 Any one design class with five or more entries will be scored separately in addition to their handicap class scoring.
- 15.7 **The Addison Gold Cup** will be scored using all races sailed.
  - 15.7.1 The Addison Gold Cup is open only open to competitors entering 3 days.
  - 15.7.2 All classes will be scored for the same number of races.
  - 15.7.3 In the event of more races being sailed in one or more classes, an equal number of races in each class will count.
  - 15.7.4 Median individual results will be removed until all classes are counting the same number of races.
  - 15.7.5 If a tie is not eliminated using A8, it will be broken in favour of the larger class or division. This changes RRS A8.1 and RRS A8.2.
- 15.8 **The Benita Bowl** will be awarded to the boat that achieves the best result with a predominately female crew in accordance with 24.3 by taking all scores from completed races in the series without discard. This changes RRS A8.1. If a tie is not eliminated using A8, it will be broken in favour of the larger class or division. This changes RRS A8.1 and RRS A8.2.
- 15.9 **The Admirals Cup Team Racing**, teams of three boats see 4.11, will be scored for the races sailed with discards if any, applied. A boat may only score for one team.

## **16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

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

## **17 CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS**

- 17.1 A chartered or loan boat may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules and G3, provided the RC has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **18 BERTHING**

- 18.1 Berthing for visiting keelboats will be provided (subject to availability) free of charge on the visitor's pontoon in Torquay Harbour, from 08.00 the day before the first race until 18.00 on the day following the final race of the event.
- 18.2 Boats requiring berthing should include this on their entry form.
- 18.3 The launch area for visiting Sportsboats will be from the slipway adjacent to Haldon Pier, Torquay or by arrangement from the RTYC club crane on South Pier subject to a max weight of 1 ton and boat length of 7.5m. Cranage for larger Sportsboats will be available at additional cost on the afternoon Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and after racing on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- 18.4 Trailer parking for competing boats will be available free of charge on Haldon Pier during the event.

## **19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1 (DP) Yachts shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

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

- 20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around yachts between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

## **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.
- 21.2 RTYC Privacy Policy <https://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.
  - 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.

## 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 Prizes will be awarded in all classes; additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 24.2 The Addison Gold Cup will be awarded to the boat from any class that achieves the highest overall result as defined in 15.7. The Addison Gold Cup will be awarded after racing on Monday.
- 24.3 The Benita Bowl will be awarded to the highest placed boat overall, with a predominately female crew based upon the following: -

Total Crew	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Minimum female crew	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1

- 24.4 The Torbay Admirals Cup will be awarded to the highest placed team .
- 24.5 Perpetual trophies are to be retained by OA after prizegiving.

## 25 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 25.1 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.

## 26 FURTHER INFORMATION

Email [regatta@rtyc.org](mailto:regatta@rtyc.org)

Event website [Torbay Royal Regatta 2024](https://www.torbaroyalregatta.co.uk/)

# APPENDIX 1

## SAFETY RULES

**A. All IRC, Cruiser and J/24** class entrants shall comply with their own Class and Handicap system safety rules in addition to the following:-

- 1) VHF Radio. Boats shall carry either a fixed or portable working VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 14, 16, 65, 72 and 77.
- 2) Fires Safety. Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a suitable fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.
- 3) Personal Floatation Devices. Boats shall carry personal floatation devices for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40.
- 4) Man Overboard. Boats shall also carry a rescue quoit, or throw bag, with at least 15m of floating line and, at least, one lifebuoy or life sling.
- 5) First Aid. Boats shall carry a suitable waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
- 6) Anchor. Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and a minimum of 50m warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water.
- 7) Compass. Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld acceptable.
- 8) Equipment. Fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.
- 9) Propulsion. A means of propulsion, other than the boats sails, is to be provided.

**B. All Sportsboat** class entrants shall comply with their own Class Rules and in addition carry the following safety equipment:-

- 1) VHF Radio. Boats shall carry either a fixed or portable working VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 14, 16, 65, 72 and 77.
- 2) Compass. Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld acceptable.
- 3) First Aid. Boats shall carry a suitable waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
- 4) The crew of Sportsboats shall wear clothing and safety equipment in the manner intended by the manufacturer.
- 4) Long hair shall be restrained to avoid any risk of entanglement with equipment.