

Royal Torbay Yacht Club



Offshore Week 2024 (including the Channel Race) Friday 28th June to Sunday 7th July 2024 **NOTICE OF RACE**

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

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

The event will be governed by:

- 1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 including the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescription.
- 1.2. The Equipment Rules of Sailing, to the extent that they apply (available at [World Sailing - Equipment Rules of Sailing](#))
- 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) rule 22.4. IRC Rule, Notices & Policies - IRC Rating
- 1.4. The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Monohulls Category 3 Monohulls with Life Raft 2024-2025 shall apply. (available at [World Sailing - Offshore Special Regulations](#))
- 1.5. Cruisers shall comply with class rules and applicable rating/handicap system rules.
- 1.6. The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replaces RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise (as specified in the Sailing Instructions)
- 1.7. 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 \(rya.org.uk\)](#)
- 1.8. (DP) Torbay Harbour Byelaws. (available at: [Tor Bay Harbour - Byelaws \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](#))

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

2.1. Sailing instructions will be available after 12.00 on Friday 21st June 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online Official Notice Board is located at [Offshore Week 2024 Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#)

3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 14,16, 65,72, 77.

3.3. The SI's may specify additional channels.

3.4. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI's.

3.5. (DP) While racing, except in an emergency a boat may not make a voice or data transmission that is not available to all boats.

3.6. In accordance with RRS 20.4 (b) the use of VHF radio as an alternative communication is permitted.

3.7. 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 series is open to all yachts complying with World Sailing Offshore Sailing Regulations Monohull Category 3 with Liferaft 2024-2025. (available at [World Sailing - Offshore Special Regulations](#))

4.2. Eligible boats may enter and make payment online at [Offshore Week 2024 Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#) by midnight on Sunday 23rd June 2024.

4.3. A completed Crew List which shall be sent to the RTYC by email to events@rtyc.org by midnight on Sunday 23rd June 2024.

4.4. Classes:

4.4.1. IRC Class (IRC) - Open to yachts that hold a valid and maintain a current IRC Certificate.

4.4.2. Cruiser Class (Cruiser) - Open to yachts that hold and maintain a valid RYA YTC certificate. RYA YTC certificates can be applied for at [RYA YTC application form - Royal Ocean Racing Club | Rating Office \(rorcrating.com\)](#)

4.4.3. Yachts holding both types of rating will be scored in each class.

4.4.4. Handicaps/ratings shall be submitted prior to the start of the first race.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is £100 excluding berthing.

5.2. The entry fee including discounted berthing at all ports is £500

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. No class rule crew weight limits apply.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. (DP)Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1. Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

Date		No of Races	Scheduled time of Warning Signal (BST)
Friday 28 th June	Torquay – St Peter Port (The Channel Race)	1	06:55
Saturday 29 th June	Lay day St Peter Port		
Sunday 30 th June	St Peter Port to Dielette	1	12:25
Monday 1st July	Dielette to Cherbourg	1	12:55
Tuesday 2nd July	Cherbourg to St Vaast	1	13:00
Wednesday 3rd July	Lay day St Vast		
Thursday 4th July	St Vaast to Cherbourg	1	09:25
Friday 5 th July	Lay Day Cherbourg		
Saturday 6 th July	Cherbourg to St Peter Port	1	09:25
Sunday 7 th July	St Peter Port to Channel Light	1	07:55

9.1. The Offshore Series 2024 includes the Channel race in its series.

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 midnight on Sunday 23rd June 2024.
- 10.3. White Sail declarations shall be notified in writing to the OA by midnight on Sunday 23rd June 2024. Note: A White Sail Declaration will apply for the entire series.
- 10.4. (DP) A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 10.5. 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 – RRS 52 is changed to permit the use of automatic pilots, whether electronic or otherwise.

12. VENUE

- 12.1. Racing will take place in the waters between Torbay and ports of the North Coast of Normandy and Channel Islands including the English Channel.

13. THE COURSES

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

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply. This changes RRS 44.

- 14.2. 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 a class and at least 66% of the series races must have been contested by any two boats 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 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 15.3.4. All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS - Does not apply.

17. CHARTERED BOATS - Does not apply.

18. BERTHING.

- 18.1. Berthing at the ports visited will be arranged by the OA, see 5.2 for details of berthing fees.

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 OA 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.
 - 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. Prizes and perpetual trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the OA for each class and special races.
- 24.2. Perpetual trophies that may be presented will 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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