

HORNET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th June 2025

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH

NOTICE OF RACE

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

In conjunction with the National Hornet Class Association (NHCA)

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:

- a) The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 including the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions. Available [HERE](#)
- b) The Equipment Rules of Sailing, to the extent that they apply. Available at [EQUIPMENT RULES OF SAILING](#)
- c) The Rules of the National Hornet Class Association, except where changed by this NoR or Sailing Instructions.

1.2 RRS - Appendix T applies

1.3 RRS 40 Personal Flotational Devices – RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.

1.4 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 in the RYA edition of the RRS 2025-2028 or on the RYA website at [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](#)

1.5 (DP) Torbay Harbour Byelaws.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

2.1 Sailing instructions will be published on the Official Notice Board (ONB) by Friday 30th May 2025

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [HORNET NATIONALS 2025](#)
- 3.2 (DP) While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data
- 3.3 transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 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 61.1(a).

4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the National Hornet Class Association.
- 4.2 The helm or crew shall be a member of the National Hornet Class Association.
- 4.3 Youth Entries shall be Under 21 on the first day of the championship.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the appropriate entry form and making
- 4.4 payment online at [HORNET NATIONALS 2025](#)
- 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 and registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 Early entries will be accepted up to midnight on Sunday 27th April 2025.
- 4.8 Late entries will apply to all entries and payments received after midnight on Sunday 27th April 2025.
- 4.9 Entries will not be accepted after midnight on Wednesday 28th May 2025
- 4.10 Once payment has been received, any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 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 Early entry fees shall be £220.00 for entries and payments received up to midnight on Sunday 27th April 2025.
Youth Entry Fee £140.00
- 5.2 Late entry fees of £240.00 apply to entries and all payments received after midnight on Sunday 27th April 2025.
Late Youth Entry Fee £160.00
- 5.3 The Entry Fees includes dinghy and trailer parking, two tickets to a Sailing supper and a Class Dinner.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 See class rules.
- 6.2 Any boat wishing to make a helm or crew change after registration shall make a prior written request to the Race Committee. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

7 ADVERTISING (DP)

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen, supplied and instructed by the OA.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9. REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Boats shall check-in upon arrival at Haldon Pier, where they will be allocated dinghy parking spaces.
- 9.2 Registration will take place in the Race Office on the ground floor of the RTYC on Wednesday 4th from 10.00 to 17.00 and on Thursday 5th June 2025 from 09.00 to 10.00.
- 9.3 At registration all competitors shall
- confirm their sail number.
 - confirm the name of the designated helm and crew names.
- 9.4 There will be a competitors' briefing on Haldon Pier at 11.00 on Thursday 5th June.
- 9.5 Dates and number of races

Date	Activity	Time	Number of Races
Wednesday 4 th June	Arrival, Inspection and Registration	10.00 – 17.00	
Thursday 5 th June	Late Inspection & Registration Competitor Briefing First warning signal	08-30 – 10.00 10.30 11.55	2
Friday 6 th June	First warning signal	11.25	2
Saturday 7 th June	First warning signal	11.25	2
Sunday 8 th June	First warning signal	10.55	2

- 9.6 It is intended to run 8 races over 4 days with up to 3 races in any one day, depending upon prevailing and forecast weather conditions and sea state.
- 9.7 On last scheduled day of racing there will be no warning signal after 15.00.

10 (DP) EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Inspection from 10.00 to 17.00 on Wednesday 4th and from 08.30 to 10.00 on Thursday 5th June 2025, on Haldon Pier, Torquay Harbour.
- 10.2 Two sets of sails may be registered
- 10.3 Measurement stamps will be checked.
- 10.4 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, NoR and SI's.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 See Class Rules

12 VENUE

- 12.1 Addendum A shows the location of Torquay Harbour
- 12.2 Racing will take place in Tor Bay see Addendum B

13 THE COURSES

- 13.1 Courses to be sailed will be described in the SI's.
- 13.2 The marks will be laid marks and described in the SI's.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply. This changes RRS 44.
- 14.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.3 RRS Appendix T applies.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A applies except where changed in 15.3 below.
- 15.2 Three races are 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 five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.3.2 When five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- 15.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

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 Boats shall be kept in their assigned place on Haldon Pier, Torquay Harbour.
- 18.2 Trailer parking for competing boats will also be available free of charge on Haldon Pier subject to availability. Additional parking space if required will be made available at a secure location nearby.
- 18.3 All cars must be moved to the adjacent car park as soon as possible.

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.
- 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 Details of all prizes can be found in Addendum 3
- 24.2 The event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Sunday 8th June in the Corinthian Room, Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

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

- 26.1 For further event and venue information see **Addendums 1, 2 & 3** or contact Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH.
Tel 44+ (0) 1803 292006
Email events@rtyc.org
Event website [HORNET NATIONALS 2025](https://www.hornet.org.uk/class-association/)
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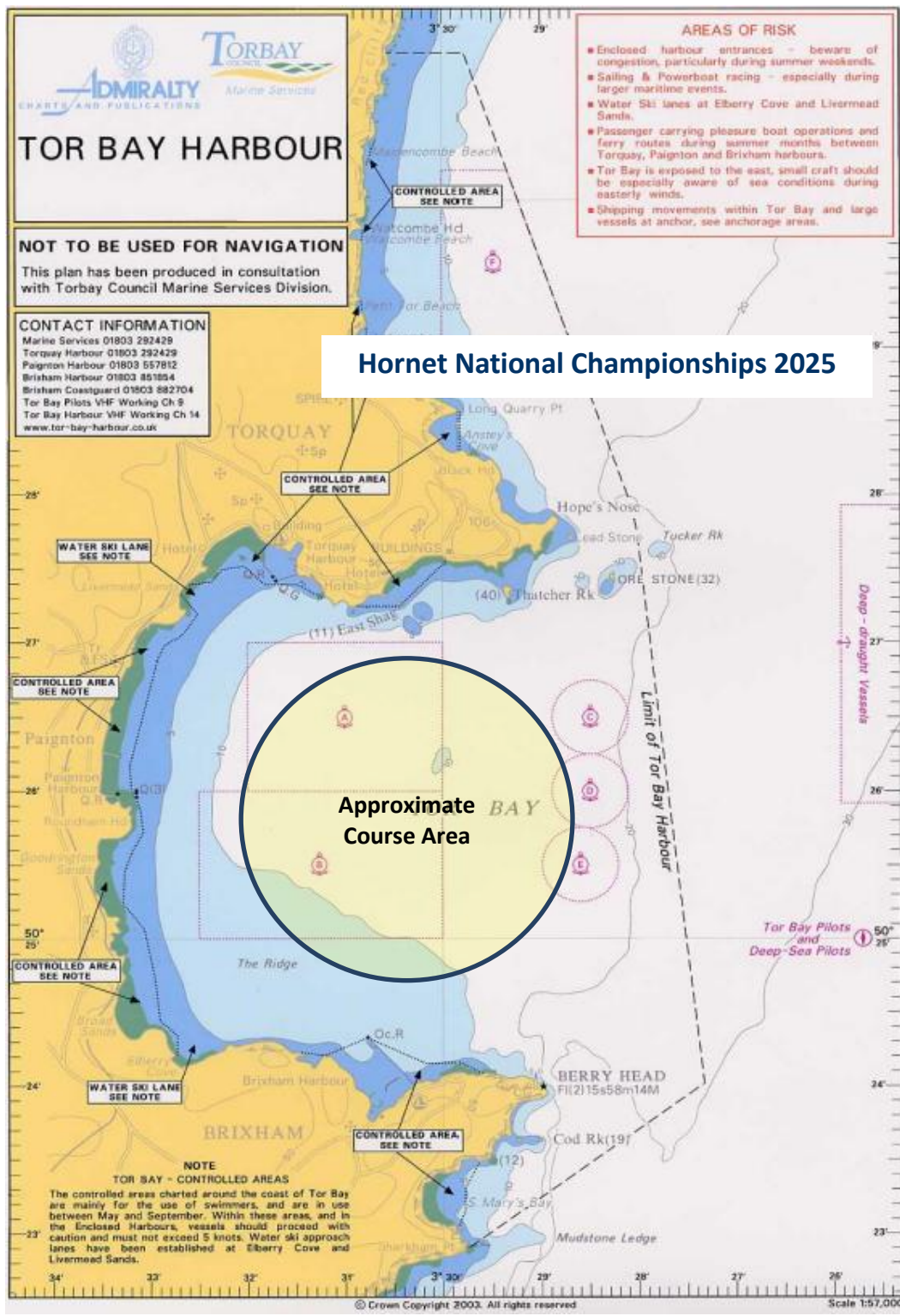
ADDENDUM 1

EVENT AND VENUE INFORMATION



- **Dinghy and Trailer Parking** on Haldon Pier
[Tor Bay Harbour - Home \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](http://tor-bay-harbour.co.uk)
- **Public Car Parking** above Beacon Quay for information and passes visit Beacon Quay - Torbay Council
- For **Accommodation and Camping** visit englishriviera.co.uk/accommodation
- **Royal Torbay Yacht Club** bar and restaurant will be open all day and evening throughout the event serving meals, bar snacks and refreshments. Detailed information including menus will be published on the event website. **Bar/Entry Card** – At registration you will all be offered a club card to be used to gain access to the club, both the main and garden entrances. This card can also be used to purchase drinks at the bar where money can be added, minimum £10, there are no refunds.
- **Class Social Events** will take place in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Details and menus for all social events will be published on the event website. Additional tickets for family and friends will be available.

ADDENDUM 2



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

ADDENDUM 3

PRIZES

1. Spot prizes will be awarded daily at the evening race de-brief at the RTYC
2. Prizes will be awarded to at least the first three boats and the overall winner awarded the Hornet trophy and the title National Champions
3. The following trophies will also be awarded

Prize	Awarded
Holland Hornet	First Lady helm overall
Contechs Combination Trophy	Buddy Trophy
Rakk Trophy	First Race win
Storm Bringer Trophy	Highest placed oldest boat
Challenge Trophy	First championship as a helm
Overall winner Day one results	Jack Holt Trophy
Overall winner Day two results	Founders Trophy
Overall winner Day three results	Kenny Trophy
Overall winner Day four results	Walker Trophy
Tigers Head Trophy	Junior Champions
Haggis Trophy	First mixed crew
Hornet Trophy	National Champions

4. Other prizes may be awarded by the OA and Class Association.
5. The event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Sunday 8th June in the Corinthian Room, Royal Torbay Yacht Club.