



HORNET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th June 2025

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, England, TQ1 2BH

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

In conjunction with the Hornet Class Association (NHCA)

This Championship is being run in conjunction with the National Championships for the 4000, ISO and D1 Class Associations, for which separate Sailing Instructions have been published.

Times stated in these Sailing Instructions or in any other instructions concerning the races are in British Summer Time (UTC + 1).

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 and as stated in the Notice of Race.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 hours 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the event website <https://rtyc.org/event/hornet-class-championship/>
- 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 and watches with GPS.
- 3.3 A competitor's WhatsApp group will be used, providing notifications and Race Committee communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the inshore end of Haldon Pier, adjacent to the slipway.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 45 minutes in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] From Thursday 5th June through to Sunday 8th June boats shall not leave the harbour until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be displayed before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates and Number of Races:

Date	Activity	Time	Number of Races
Wednesday 4 th June	Inspection and Registration	10.00 – 17.00	-
Thursday 5 th June	Late Inspection and Registration Competitors Briefing First warning signal	08.30 – 10.00 10.30 11.55	2
Friday 6 th June	11:25	11.25	2
Saturday 7 th June	11.25	11.25	2
Sunday 8 th June	10.55 Prize Giving, Corinthian Room RTYC	10.55	2

- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 On Sunday 8th June there will be no warning signal will be displayed after 15.00 hrs.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Class flag will be the Hornet Class Flag.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be as Addendum 2 of Notice of Race.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course diagrams and configuration are shown in Addendum A.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the main RC vessel will display the course to be sailed and the approximate bearing and distance to the first mark
- 9.3 If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 3s, 3p, 4 and 5 will be Orange inflatables.
- 10.2 The change mark for mark 1 will be a Black inflatable.
- 10.3 The start marks will be Race Committee vessel with a mast displaying an Orange flag and a Race Committee vessel or a danbuoy displaying an Orange flag.
- 10.4 The finish marks will be a Race Committee vessel with a mast displaying a Blue flag and a danbuoy displaying a Blue flag.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

- 11.1 The following is an obstruction – 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 start line will be between the mast on the main Race Committee vessel displaying an Orange flag and a RC vessel displaying an Orange flag or a danbuoy displaying an Orange flag.
- 12.2 To alert boats that a race will soon begin, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a class warning signal is displayed.
- 12.3 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 A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course the RC will either lay a new mark (or move the gate or the finishing line) and remove the original marks as soon as practicable.
- 13.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.3 The RC may move a mark up to approximately 100m without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33. If a new mark is laid, the change will be signalled.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The Finish Line will be between the staff displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee vessel. Boat and a danbuoy displaying a Blue flag
- 14.2 [NP][DP] Boats which have finished shall not re-cross the line in either direction until the Blue flag is removed.
- 14.3 [NP][DP] When a race committee vessel (which may be in motion) displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing.
- 14.4 The finishing place given in 14.3 shall match the boat's race position in the race at that time.
- 14.5 The decision by the race committee to use this procedure, or not to use it, shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.3 does not apply.
- 15.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS and TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The target time is 75 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a)
- 16.2 The Mark 1 Time limit is 30 minutes. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. This shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 61.1(a)
- 16.3 The race time limit is 100 minutes. If no boat has finished within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned. This shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 61.1(a)

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office at RTYC or on the event website.
- 17.2 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or, the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3 Hearing request forms are available from the race office or the event website.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will take place in a Protest Room located at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.

- 17.5 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.
- 17.6 NoR 23 (Insurance) or rules in the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race marked [NP] shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 See NoR 15

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 19.1 The tally control point to check-out and check-in will be located at the top of the slipway on Haldon Pier.
- 19.2 All helms and crews shall individually check-out before racing by personally advising Tally control of their sail number.
- 19.3 All helms and crews shall also individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, but no later than the protest time limit, by personally advising Tally control of their sail number.
- 19.4 The race committee may protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
- 19.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat as soon as soon as possible or the race office immediately after returning to the harbour.
- 19.6 When returning to the harbour, boats may be held outside the harbour entrance to avoid unnecessary congestion in the harbour. All boats are required to follow the instructions of the safety ribs supervising this process.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

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

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

- 21.1 A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 The main Race Committee vessel is identified by blue spray dodgers with white letters RTYC.
- 23.2 Mark Layers will display Yellow Flags with the letter M.
- 23.3 Safety boats will display Yellow Flags.
- 23.4 The Photography boat will display a White Flag.

24 SUPPORT TEAMS [DP]

- 24.1 Support person vessels are not allowed. See NoR 16.1

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

26 BERTHING [NP] [DP]

- 26.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park on Haldon Pier.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

29 PRIZES

29.1 See NoR 24

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 See NoR 22

31 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

TS	TRIANGLE – WINDWARD/LEEWARD WITH REACHING FINISH
Signal	Mark Rounding
TS2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
TS3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish
TS4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish



