



HALF TON CLASSICS CUP

Saturday 2nd to Friday 8th August 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 Half Ton Europe Association (HTCE).**

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

Times stated in these Sailing Instructions or in any other instructions concerning the races are 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 respective official notice boards on the event website [HALF TON CLASSICS CUP](#)
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio Channel 77 to advise OCS boats and course changes. Failure to receive such communications shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 3.3 [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.
- 3.4 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 61.1(a).

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 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.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] From Monday 4th August through to Friday 8th August 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 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Dates and Number of Races:

Date	Activity	Time	Number of Races
Saturday 2 nd August	Early Arrivals		
Sunday 3 rd August	Craning in & Equipment Inspection Registration at RTYC Competitor briefing – RTYC Commodores Welcome Reception - RTYC	09.00 - 17.00 09.00 – 17.30 19.00 19.30	
Monday 4 th August	Practice Race First Warning Signal	11.25 12.15	3
Tuesday 5 th August	First Warning Signal	11.25	3
Wednesday 6 th August	First Warning Signal	11.25	1
Thursday 7 th August	First Warning Signal	11.25	3
Friday 8 th August	First Warning Signal	10.55	2

- 6.2 It is intended to run 12 races over 5 days with up to 3 races in any one day, depending upon prevailing and forecast weather conditions and sea state.
- 6.3 On Friday 8th August no warning signal will be displayed after 14.00 hrs.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class flag will be International Code Numeral Pennant 5

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in Tor Bay and adjacent coastal waters as Addendum 2 of Notice of Race.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course diagrams and configuration are shown in Addendum A.
- 9.2 Courses will comprise of LRA laid courses, “round the cans” and coastal courses.
- 9.3 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

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p will be Orange inflatables and used on laid course LRA
- 10.2 The change mark for Mark 1 on course LRA will be a Black inflatable.
- 10.3 Fixed marks used on “round the cans” and “coastal races” are described in Addendum A.
- 10.4 The start marks will be Race Committee vessel with a mast displaying an Orange flag and a Race Committee vessel or a danbuoy with a staff displaying an Orange flag.
- 10.5 The finish marks will be a Race Committee vessel with a mast displaying a Blue flag and a danbuoy with a staff displaying a Blue flag.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

- 11.1 The entirety of the Scallop Nursery (SN) beds, forming an imaginary box including the yellow beds marker buoys (flashing Y.2.5s) approximately 0.5nm south of Thatcher Rock, are an obstruction. This obstruction can be passed on any side. The coordinates that make up the corners of the bed are:

50° 26.700'N. 03° 29.690'W.	50° 26.865'N. 003° 29.690'W.
50° 26.865'N. 03° 29.170'W	50° 26.700'N. 003° 29.170'W.
- 11.2 The entirety of the Kelp Farm (KF) beds, forming an imaginary box including the beds marker buoys approximately 0.5nm east of Thatcher Rock, are an obstruction. This obstruction can be passed on any side. The coordinates that make up the corners of the bed are:

50°27.109'N. 03°29.972'W.	50°27.001'N. 03°29.548'W.
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- 11.3 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 5 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 Mark 1 is moved the original Mark 1a will be repositioned, where practicable.
- 13.3 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.4 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 a mast displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and a danbuoy with a staff 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.

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 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)
- 16.2 Race Time Limit is 90 minutes for LRA and "round the cans" courses.
- 16.3 Finishing Window for LRA and "round the cans" courses is 20 minutes and 45 minutes for coastal courses.

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 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.
- 17.4 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.
- 17.5 Notice of Race 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 On any day, a boat not intending to race shall inform the RC of their intentions.
- 19.2 All boats shall sail past the starboard side of the main Race Committee vessel so that their sail number can be recorded.
- 19.3 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.
- 19.4 The race committee may protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations

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 For IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this event is on consecutive days, yet the sails carried on board need not remain the same for the duration of the event, but sails need to remain the same from when the boat leaves the marina berth for the first time each day until the boat returns to the marina berth after racing.
- 20.3 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 the assigned area on the Haldon Pier and Town Dock pontoons.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 27.1 Boats shall not be hauled out between 18.00 on Sunday 3rd and 14.00 on Friday 8th August except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

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.

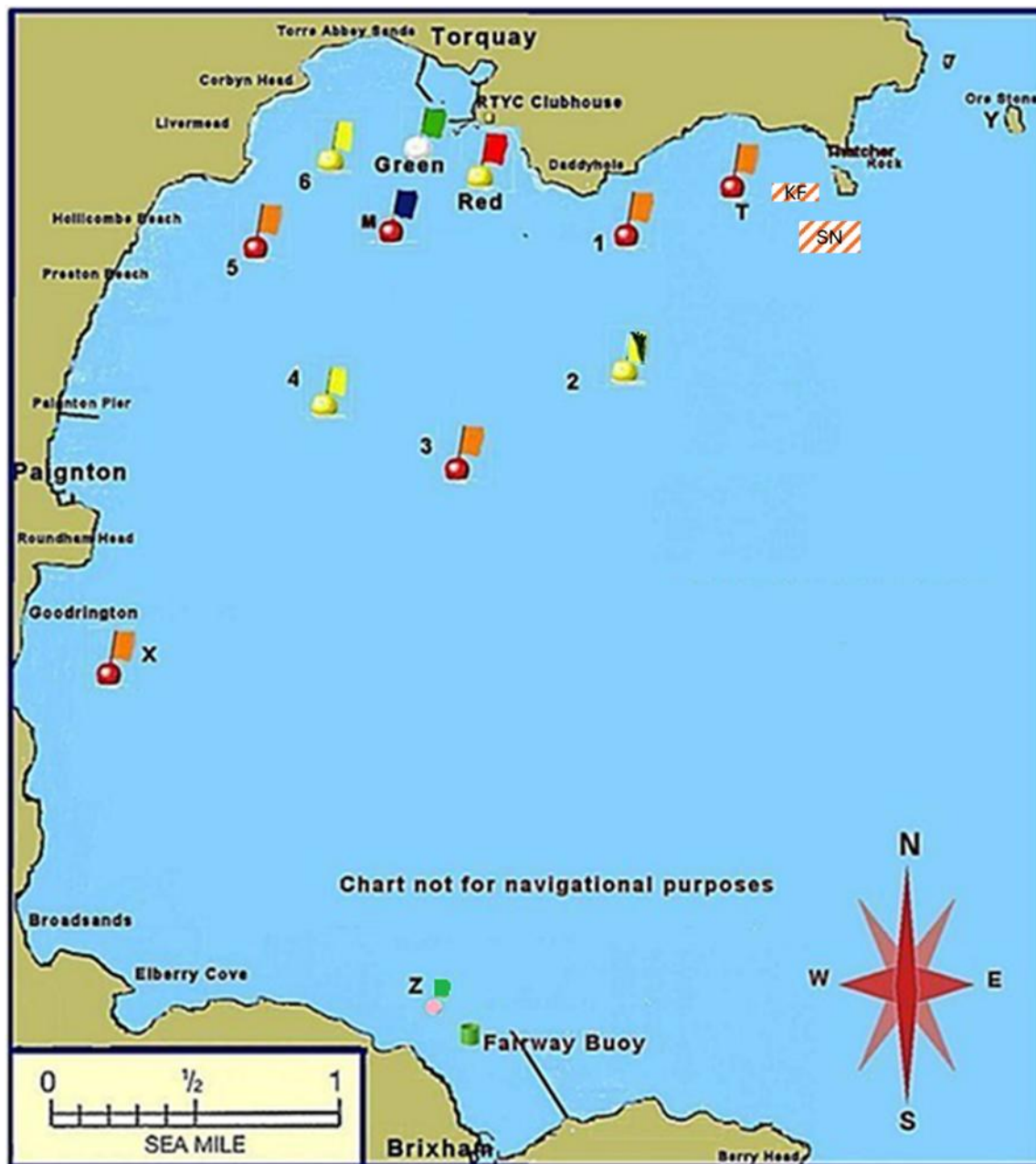
ADDENDUM A COURSE DIAGRAMS

LRA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LRA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish
LRA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish
LRA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish

If one of the gate marks or the spreader mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to Port

ADDENDUM A

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF FIXED MARKS (1)



Courses using fixed marks will be displayed on a white board on the stern of the Race Committee Vessel, using black numbers/letters and in the order they are to be rounded, together with the number of laps if applicable.

All marks to be rounded to Port unless specified otherwise on the course board.

ADDENDUM A

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF FIXED MARKS (2)

NAME OR NUMBER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	DESCRIPTION	FLAG
Green	50 27.29	003 31.72	White buoy	Green flag
Red	50 27.25	003 31.43	Yellow buoy	Red flag
1	50 26.97	003 30.71	Red buoy	Orange flag
2	50 26.55	003 30.75	Yellow buoy	Yellow/Black flag
3	50 26.35	003 31.44	Red buoy	Orange flag
4	50 26.55	003 32.17	Yellow buoy	Yellow flag
5	50 26.86	003 32.44	Red buoy	Orange flag
6	50 27.16	003 32.21	Yellow buoy	Yellow flag
O	Laid Mark		Orange inflatable	None
M	50 26.97	003 31.79	Red buoy	Blue flag
T	50 27.07	003 30.10	Red buoy	Orange flag
X	50 25.29	003 32.82	Red buoy	Orange flag
*Y	50 27.40	003 28.17	Orestone Rock	None
Z	50 24.34	003 31.05	Brixham YC Yellow buoy	Green flag
Emsstrom Wreck	50 28.17	003 24.86	Cardinal Marks <i>(2 buoys Q(6)=LFI.15s)</i>	None
Teign- mouth	50 31.97	003 27.76	Yellow Special Mark	None

Note: Emsstrom Wreck and Tiegnmouth marks are not shown in Addendum A:
LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF FIXED MARKS (1)