

TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA 2025



IRC, CRUISERS, J24s, and SPORTSBOATS

Saturday 23rd August 2025 to Monday 25th August 2025

**Torbay Admiral's Cup Team Racing, The Addison Gold Cup,
and the Benita Bowl**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

The notation [DP] in a provision in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that provision may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a provision of the Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, and as by the rules and bye-laws as specified in paragraph 1. of the Notice of Race ("NoR").
- 1.2. Boats with bowsprits that extend and retract shall comply with the following:
Boats shall be in the process of either a normal, continuous hoist, or flying, or dropping the spinnaker at all times when the bowsprit is extended. The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after rounding the leeward mark. A boat may exonerate herself from a breach this instruction by taking a one-turn penalty as specified in RRS 44.2.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) on the event website, [TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA](#) before 09:00 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. [NP] COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB, with a copy, where practical, on a notice board located in the entrance all of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- 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.
- 3.3. An Event Competitors' WhatsApp Group will be used, providing notifications and Race Committee (RC) communications whilst ashore.
- 3.4. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 3.5. On the water, the Race Committee will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 72. These communications may include location of Race Committee vessel, course instructions, sail numbers called OCS, course changes, and safety matters.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole at the inshore end of Haldon Pier, adjacent to the slipway.
- 5.2. When AP is displayed on the official flagpole, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 45 minutes from race signal AP. This changes the meaning of AP in 'Race Signals' in the RRS.

6. Commodore's welcome reception

- 6.1 There will be a Commodore's welcome reception for all competitors at 18.03 on Friday, 22nd August 2025 in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

7. REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. Registration. See NoR 9.1

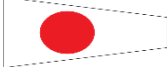



- 7.2. Dates and Number of Races:

Date	Class	No of Races	Scheduled time of first Warning Signal
Saturday 23 rd 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 25 th 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 26 th August	IRC	Up to 3	10.55
	Cruiser	Up to 3	11.00
	Sportsboat Handicap	Up to 3	11.05
	J/24	Up to 3	11.10

- 7.3. It is intended that over three days, 8 races will be sailed in the IRC and Cruiser classes; and in the Sportsboat and J/24 classes, 9 races will be sailed.
- 7.4. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. The class flags are:

IRC	Numeral Pennant 1	
Cruiser Class	Numeral Pennant 2	
Sportsboats	Numeral Pennant 3	
J24s	Numeral Pennant 4	

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. Racing will take place in Torbay and adjacent coastal waters.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The course diagrams and configurations are shown in Appendix A and Appendix B.
- 10.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee vessel will display the course to be sailed and the approximate bearing of the first leg.
- 10.3. If a course is shortened such that the finish is at the leeward end of the course, then the finish line will be as defined in paragraph 14. This changes RRS 32.2.
- 10.4. If a gate mark is missing and has not been substituted in accordance with RRS 34, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be Orange inflatables.
- 11.2. The change of course mark will be a Black inflatable.
- 11.3. The start mark will be a Race Committee vessel with a mast displaying an Orange flag or a White Danbuoy with an Orange flag.
- 11.4. The finish mark will be a Race Committee vessel with a mast displaying a Blue flag or a White Danbuoy with a Blue flag.
- 11.5. Fixed marks and other Laid Marks are described in Appendix B

12. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:–
- 12.2. A yellow buoy with associated trailing buoys serving as a wave monitor located at approximately 050°26.02'N and 003°31.08' W
- 12.3. The entirety of the Scallop Nursery Beds forming an imaginary box including the yellow mark buoys (flashing Y 2.5s) approximately 0.5nm south of Thatcher Rock, is an obstruction. The obstruction may be passed on any side. The co-ordinates that mark the corners of the obstruction are approximately:
50° 26.700'N 03° 29.690'W 50° 26.865'N 03° 29.690'W
50° 26.865'N 03° 29.170'W 50° 26.700'N 03° 29.170'W
- 11.4 The entirety of the Kelp Farm beds, forming an imaginary box including the beds marker buoys approximately 0.5nm east of Thatcher Rock, is an obstruction. The obstruction may be passed on any side. The coordinates that make up the corners of the obstruction are:
50° 27.109'N. 03° 29.972'W. 50° 27.001'N. 003° 29.548'W
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13. THE START

- 13.1. The starting line will be between the mast on the Race Committee vessel displaying an Orange flag at the Starboard end of the start line and the Port end starting mark.
- 13.2. [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequences of other classes.
- 13.3. 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.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change, the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark. If a new mark is laid, the change will be signalled.
- 14.2. Minor course changes (up to 150m) may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The Finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the finishing mark displaying a blue flag at the Port end of the finish line.
- 15.2. [NP] After finishing, boats shall not re-cross the finishing line and shall keep clear of boats still racing.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.
- 16.2. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, does not apply. This changes RRS 44.
- 16.3. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

17. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 17.1 Boats in the J24 and Sportsboat classes failing to finish within 20 mins of the first boat in their class will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 17.2 In the J24 and Sportsboat classes, the target time for the first boat will be approximately 40 minutes. Failure to meet target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 17.3 Boats in the IRC and Cruiser classes sailing in courses described in Appendix A and failing to finish within 40 mins of the first boat in their class will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 17.4 Boats in the IRC and Cruiser classes sailing in courses described in Appendix B and failing to finish within 80 mins of the first boat in their class will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

18. HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1. The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or after all racing is abandoned or postponed for the day.
- 18.2. Hearing request forms are available from the foyer of the club or the club website.
- 18.3. Protest time limit notices will be posted on the event competitors WhatsApp group
- 18.4. After completing a Protest Form/Application for Redress, the Protestor/Applicant shall return it to the Race Office on the ground floor of the RTYC.
- 18.5. Notices of hearings will be posted on the event WhatsApp group, including the date/time of the hearing.
- 18.6. Hearings will be held in person either in the Billiard Room (2nd floor) or in the ground floor Training Room of the RTYC.
- 18.7. Results of hearings will be posted on the event competitors WhatsApp group.

19. SCORING

- 19.1. See NoR 15

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1. [NP] Safety requirements shall be in accordance with NoR Appendix 1 - Safety Rules.
- 20.2. [DP] All boats are required to check in with the RC before the warning signal of the first race of each day by passing in close proximity to the starboard side of the Race Committee Vessel.
- 20.3. [DP] A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1. Substitution of helms in the J24 and Sportsboat classes is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Race Committee.

- 21.2. Substitution or damaged or lost equipment is not allowed without the written approval of the Race Committee. Requests shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1. See NoR 10

23. SUPPLIED BOATS

- 22.1 Does not apply.

24. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 24.1. The main Race Committee vessel is identified by blue spray dodgers bearing the white letters 'RTYC'.
24.2. Prior to the warning signal of the first race of each day, the Race Committee vessel may also display a Yellow flag.
24.3. The Photography boat will be identified by a white flag.
24.4. Mark laying boats will be identified by yellow flags bearing the letter "M".

25. SUPPORT TEAMS

- 25.1. Support teams are not permitted.

26. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 26.1. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels or brought back to shore and disposed of in the public facilities.

27. BERTHING

- 27.1. See NoR paragraph 18.
27.2. Cranage for J24s will be available on Haldon Pier from 14.30 to 18.30 on Friday 22nd August 2025 and from 15.00 to 18.30 on Monday 25th August 2025.

28. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 27.1 See NoR 19.1

29. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 28.2 See NoR 20.1

30. RISK STATEMENT

- 29.1 See NoR 22

31. INSURANCE

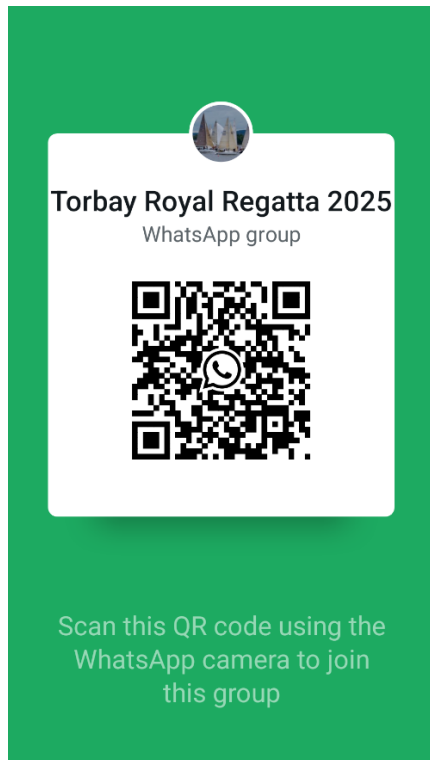
- 30.1 See NoR 23.1.

32. PRIZES

- 31.1 See NoR 24

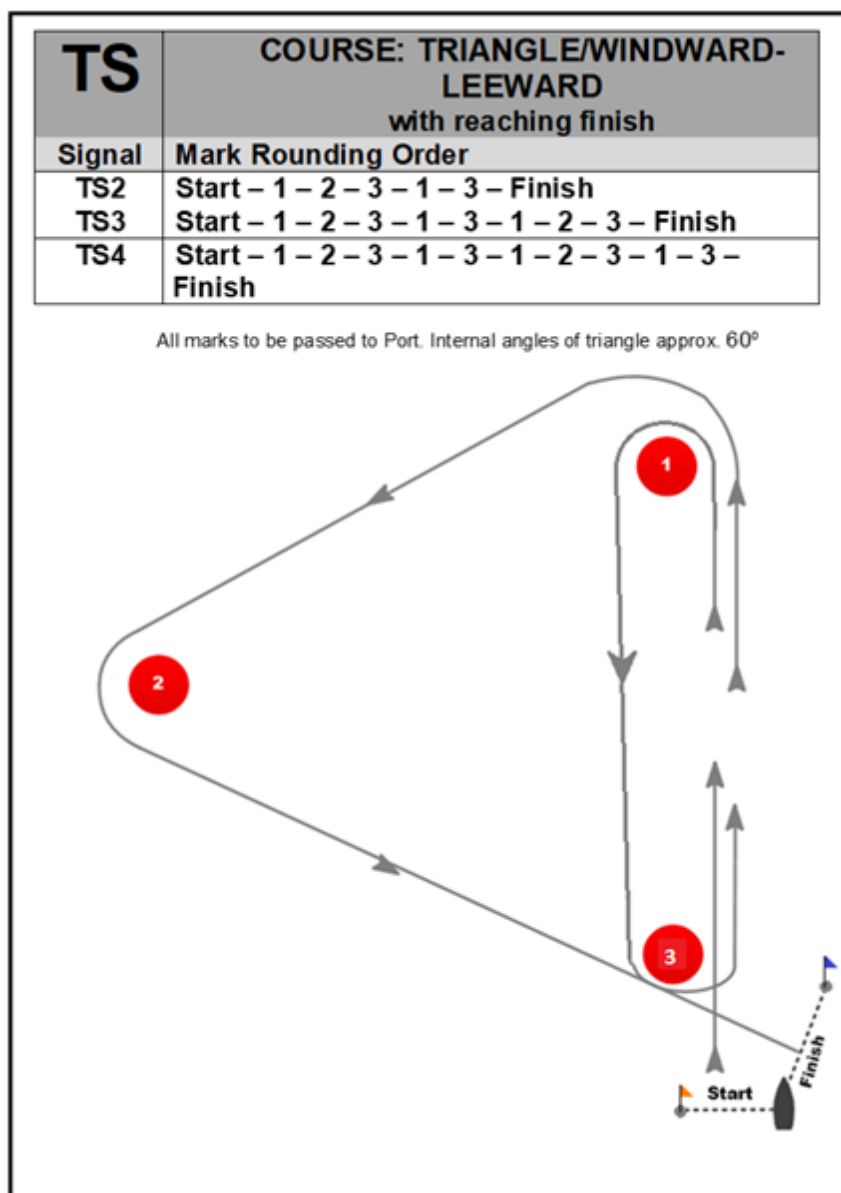
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Event Competitors' WhatsApp Group QR Code



Appendix A - Course Diagrams

TS	Triangle - Windward /Leeward with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order – all marks to be passed to Port
TS 2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
TS 3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
TS 4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
TL	Triangle - Windward/Leeward – Windward/Leeward with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order – all marks to be passed to Port
TL 3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish



Appendix B

Course Configurations ‘B’ – Bay Courses

Bay courses may comprise a combination of fixed and laid marks. The sequence of marks to be rounded will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee vessel and broadcast on VHF Channel 72 with or before the warning signal for each class. The side on which each mark is to be passed will be signified by a (P) to indicate the mark is to be passed to Port or an (S) to indicate the mark is to be passed to Starboard.

			FIXED MARKS	
Green	50 27.29N	003 31.72W	White buoy	Green flag
Red	50 27.25N	003 31.43W	Yellow buoy	Red flag
1	50 26.97N	003 30.71W	Red buoy	Orange flag
2	50 26.55N	003 30.75W	Yellow buoy	Yellow/Black flag
3	50 26.35N	003 31.44W	Red buoy	Orange flag
4	50 26.55N	003 32.17W	Yellow buoy	Yellow flag
5	50 26.86N	003 32.44W	Red buoy	Orange flag
6	50 27.16N	003 32.21W	Yellow buoy	Yellow flag
M	50 26.97N	003.31.79W	White buoy	Blue flag
T	50 27.07N	003 30.10W	Red buoy	Orange flag
X	50 25.29N	003 32.82W	Red buoy	Orange flag
Y	50.27.40N	003.28.17W	Orestone Rock	No Flag
Z	50 24.34N	003 31.05W	BYC Yellow buoy	Green flag
B	Laid Mark		Black inflatable	No flag
O	Laid Mark		Orange inflatable	No flag

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF FIXED MARKS

