

PATHFINDER HOMES B14 CLASS ASSOCIATION EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

B14 Class 40th Anniversary 1986 – 2026



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Wednesday 17th to Saturday 20th June 2026

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH, England

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) in conjunction with the International B14 Class Association (B14CA).

The notation [DP] in a rule in this Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. [NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 including the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the International B14 Class Association shall apply. [DP]
- 1.3 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.
- 1.4 RRS 50.1(a) is changed to read: - Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight, except for the wearing of a drinking container that shall not contain more than 1.5 litres.
- 1.5 RRS 40 Personal Flotation Devices – RRS 40.1 applies all times whilst afloat. [DP]
- 1.6 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 on the RYA website at: [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](http://Racing Charter (rya.org.uk))
- 1.7 If there is a conflict in languages the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.8 Torbay Harbour Byelaws apply. [DP] [NP]

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions (SI's) will be available by Friday 5th June 2026 on the Official Notice Board (ONB)

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online at [B14 EUROPEANS 2026](#)
- 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 are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.3 A voluntary sign-up WhatsApp group will be used to provide notifications and RC communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1.

4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with of the International B14 Class Association.
- 4.2 The helm and crew shall be current paid up members of their respective country B14 Class Association.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at [B14 EUROPEANS 2026](#) and paying the required fee.
- 4.4 The OA will acknowledge receipt of entries and payment, and entry information will be published on the event website.
- 4.5 Entries will not be accepted after 23:59 hrs. on Sunday 14th June 2026.
- 4.6 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 registration process and submit details of the parent(s) acting in loco parentis.

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Entry fees – Europeans only	
Early Entry. Up to midnight on 30.04.2026	£265
Entry Fee from 01.05.2026 to midnight on 14.06.2026	£300
Entry Fees – Global Championship only	
Early Entry Up to 30.04.2026	£360
Entry Fee from 01.05.2026 to midnight on 14.06.2026	£395
Entry Fees – Both Events	
Early Entry. Up to midnight on 30.04.2026	£625
Entry Fee from 01.05.2026 to midnight on 14.06.2026	£695

- 5.2 The entry fee includes trailer parking, the Welcome Reception and Championship Supper for both helm and crew.
- 5.3 Entry cancellations before 23:59 hrs. on Friday 29th May 2026 will be charged a £25 administration fee and the balance refunded. For later cancellations, any refunds made will be at the sole discretion of the OA.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 See class rules.

7 ADVERTISING [DP][NP]

- 7.1 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 EVENT SCHEDULE

9.1 All boats are required to complete registration by 10.30 hrs. on Wednesday 22nd July. The race office will be located in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

9.2 Registration and Inspection

Date	Activity.	Times
Tuesday 16 th June	Early arrivals.	14.00 - 17.00
Wednesday 17 th June	Arrivals, Registration and Inspection	08.30 – 17.30
Thursday 18 th June	Late Inspection and Registration	08.30 – 10.30

9.3 A competitors briefing will be held at 10.45 on Thursday 18th June in the Corinthian Room, Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

9.4

Date	Intended Number of Races	Intended First Warning Signal
Thursday 18 th June	3 races	12.55
Friday 19th June	3 races	11.55
Saturday 20th June	3 races	11.55

9.5 It is the intention to complete a single series of 9 races with no more than 4 races on any one day.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be displayed after 16.00.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

10.1 Boats shall be available for inspection at the times specified in NoR 9.2. Boats shall be inspected and weighed prior to registration and a completed inspection form shall be submitted at registration.

10.2 Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

10.3 Boats shall have completed inspection before racing.

10.4 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with Class Rules, NoR, and SI's. 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 [DP]

11.1 See class rules

11.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not permitted unless authorized by the Race Committee (RC). Requests shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

12 RACE AREA

12.1 Racing will take place in Tor Bay (see Addendum 1)

13 COURSES

13.1 Courses to be sailed will be described fully in the Sailing Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

14.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

15 SCORING

15.1 RRS Appendix A applies except where changed in 15.3 below.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 RRS A2.1 Series Scores are 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 seven 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 eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP]

16.1 Boats intending to bring a Support Vessel shall notify the OA in advance by email to events@rtyc.org to secure a berthing space.

16.2 All support vessels and operators shall register with the OA upon arrival and pay all fees.

16.3 Support vessel trailers shall be parked at Daddyhole Plain, Daddyhole Road, Torquay, under the direction of the OA Beachmaster team.

16.4 All support vessels shall display identification flags provided by the OA

16.5 All support vessels shall hold full public liability insurance and be able to provide evidence of this if requested by the OA.

16.6 All support vessel crews shall wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) whilst afloat.

16.7 All support vessels shall have a kill cord type device fitted and operational at all times whilst the engine is running.

16.8 The SI's may further limit the activities and area of operation of support vessels.

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 RRS Appendix G3, provided the Race Committee (RC) has approved her sail identification during registration.

18 BERTHING [DP] [NP]

18.1 Boats shall be kept in their designated areas on Haldon Pier, and as directed by the OA.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 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 RRS 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 The Privacy Policy of the RTYC may be found at <https://rtyc.org/privacy>.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Rule 3 of the RRS 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 Daily prizegiving will take place in the Corinthian Room, RTYC after racing
- 24.2 The event prizegiving will take place at the RTYC after racing on Saturday 20th June.
- 24.3 Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats.
- 24.4 Prizes will also be awarded based upon the standard PY number and an adjusted number for older boats. Details will be published on the class website.
- 24.5 The OA may at their discretion award additional prizes.

25 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESS

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.

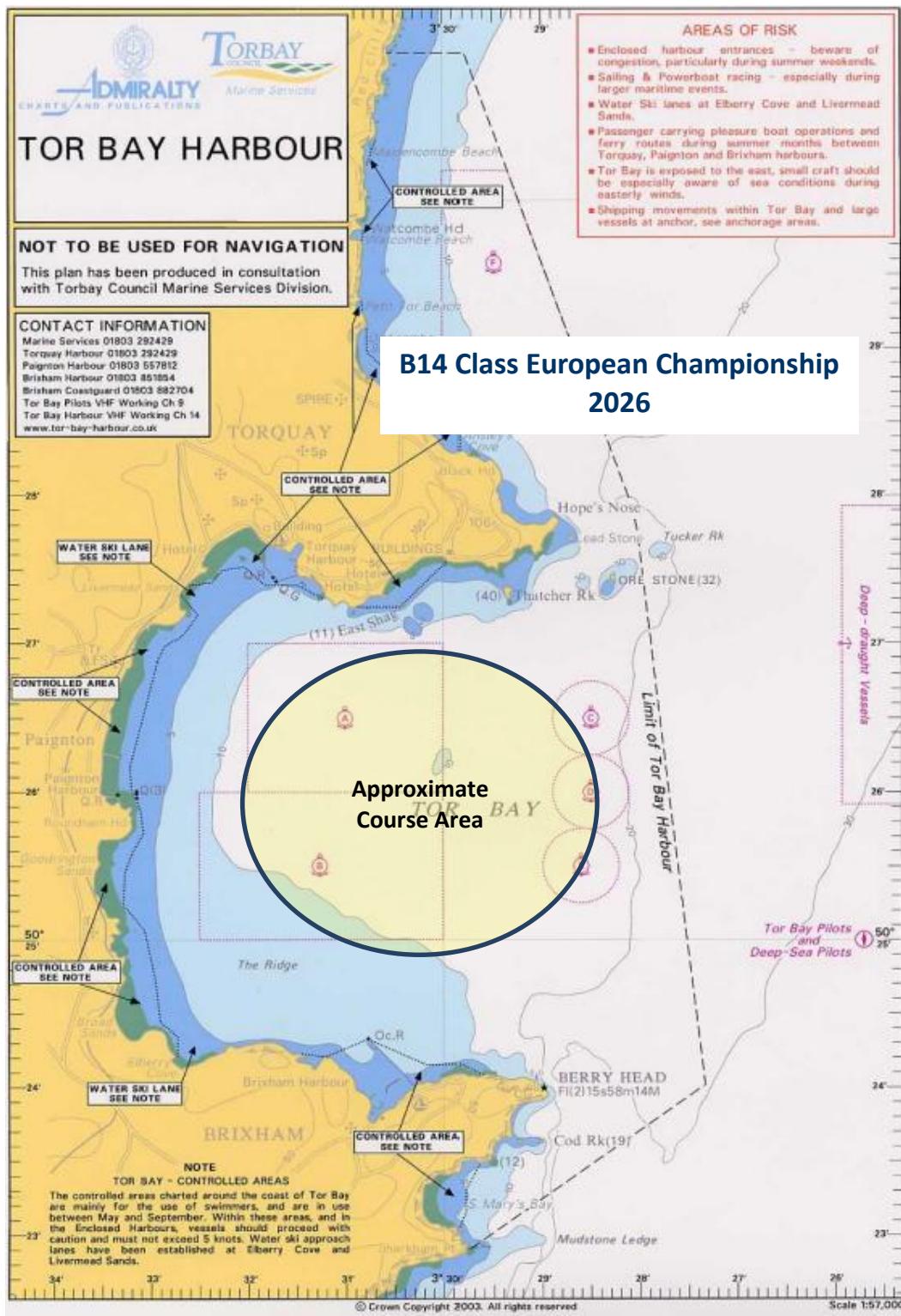
FURTHER INFORMATION

Event website: [B14 EUROPEANS 2026](https://www.rtyc.org/b14-europeans-2026)

Email: events@rtyc.org

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ADDENDUM 1



OTHER EVENT AND VENUE INFORMATION



- **Dinghy and Trailer Parking** on Haldon Pier
[Tor Bay Harbour - Home \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](http://Tor Bay Harbour - Home (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.
- **Club Entry Access Code** – At registration competitors and their supporters will be given a door entry code to gain access to the club throughout the event. The front door must remain closed at all times, for security reasons.
- **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 on the event website.