



OPEN REGATTA 2026
Fireball & 420 Classes
and
Flying Fifteen Southern Area Championship
Saturday 16th to Sunday 17th May 2026

Royal Torbay Yacht Club
12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH

NOTICE OF RACE

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

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.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by:
 - 1.1.1 the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 including Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
 - 1.1.2 the Equipment Rules of Sailing, to the extent that they apply (available at [Equipment-Rules-of-Sailing-2025-2028-v.2.pdf](#))
 - 1.1.3 the applicable class rules.
 - 1.1.4 [NP] Torbay Harbour Byelaws.
- 1.2 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 the RYA website at [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](#)
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40.1
- 1.4 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be published on the official notice board before noon on Friday 8th May 2026.
- 2.2 Any Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) or changes to SIs will be published on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online [FIREBALL.420 & FLYING 15 REGATTA](#)
- 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 which is not available to all boats in their class. This restriction also applies to mobile phones
- 3.3 [DP] In the Flying Fifteen Class only, all boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF Channels 14, 16 and 77.
- 3.4 A voluntary sign-up WhatsApp group will be used to provide 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 regatta is open to all boats of the following classes who comply with their respective class rules:
 - 4.1.1 - International Fireball Class
 - 4.1.2 - 420 Class
 - 4.1.3 – Flying Fifteen Class
- 4.2 Helms and crews shall be members of their respective class association.
- 4.3 In the Flying Fifteen Class 4.2 applies only to the helm.
- 4.4 Boats shall enter the event by completing the online entry form at [FIREBALL.420 & FLYING 15 REGATTA](#)
- 4.5 To be considered an entry, a boat shall meet all entry and registration requirements, and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Early entry fees will apply up to midnight on Sunday 26th April 2026, after which standard entry fees will apply.
- 4.7 Entries will not be accepted after 23:59 on Thursday 14th May 2026.
- 4.8 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 ENTRY FEES

5.1 Entry Fees will be as follows:

	No of Races	Early Entry	Standard Entry
Fireball and 420 Classes	6 races	£70	£85
Flying Fifteen Class	6 races	£80	£95

- 5.2 Cancellations made before midnight on Friday 8th May 2026 will be charged an administration fee of £15, with the balance refunded. For later cancellations, no refund will be given.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 See class rules.

7 ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- 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 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 All boats are required to register at the Race Office on the ground floor RTYC between 15.00 and 17.00 on Friday 15th May and between 08.30 and 10.00 on Saturday 16th May 2026.
- 9.2 There will be a competitors' briefing in the Corinthian Room, RTYC at 10.00 on Saturday 16th May 2026.
- 9.3 Dates and Number of Races:

Date	No of Races	Scheduled time of first Warning Signal
Saturday 16 th May 2026	Up to 4 races	Fireball & 420 Classes 11.55
		Flying Fifteen Class 12.55
Sunday 17 th May 2026	Up to 4 races	Fireball & 420 Classes 09.55
		Flying Fifteen Class 10.55

- 9.4 It is intended that six (6) races will be sailed over two days.
- 9.5 On Sunday 17th May 2026, no warning signal will be displayed after 15.00.

10 [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate in the name of the owner and shall produce it if requested to do so by the OA.
- 10.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, NoR and SIs.
- 10.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NoR.
- 10.4 In the Flying Fifteen Class only, prior to entry all boats shall complete online a UKFFA Scrutineering and Registration form available on UKFFA website.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Any changes of damaged or lost equipment shall be requested in writing at the first reasonable opportunity and approved by the RC. Sails with the same number as another entry, and not being registered to the registered boat owner, shall not be accepted.
- 11.2 The helm and crew shall wear clothing and safety equipment in the manner intended by the manufacturer.
- 11.3 [NP] Long hair shall be restrained to avoid any risk of entanglement
- 11.4 The Flying Fifteen Class are not required to carry an anchor. This changes Class Rule B15.3.

12 VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place in Tor Bay. See Addendum 1

13 THE COURSES

- 13.1 Courses to be sailed and marks will be described fully in the SIs.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15 SCORING

- 15.1 RSS Appendix A applies except where changed in 15.3 below.
- 15.2 Two 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 four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.3.2 When four (4) or more 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, provided the RC has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 BERTHING

- 18.1 Fireball and 420 dinghy parking will be provided on Haldon Pier, Torquay .
- 18.2 Flying Fifteen berthing will be provided on Haldon Pier Pontoons.
- 18.3 Trailer parking for competing boats will also be available free of charge on Haldon Pier subject to availability, or at a secure location nearby.
- 18.4 All cars are to be moved to the adjacent car park immediately after unloading.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 Flying Fifteen boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 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 The Privacy Policy of the RTYC may be found at <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

Daily prizes will be awarded on Saturday 16th May at 18.00 in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

- 24.1 The Event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Sunday 17th May 2026 in the Corinthian Room, Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- 24.2 Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class.
- 24.3 The Flying Fifteen Southern Area Championship prizes are : -
- Championship Trophy - Overall Winner
 - Medway Fleet Trophy – 1st Race
 - Y&Y Rose Bowl (replacing the Pitsford Trophy) 2nd Race
 - The Silver Fox – 3rd Race
 - The Broxbourne Chiller – 4th race
 - The Rutland Trophy – 5th race
 - Marine Consultants – 1ST Lady
- 24.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA

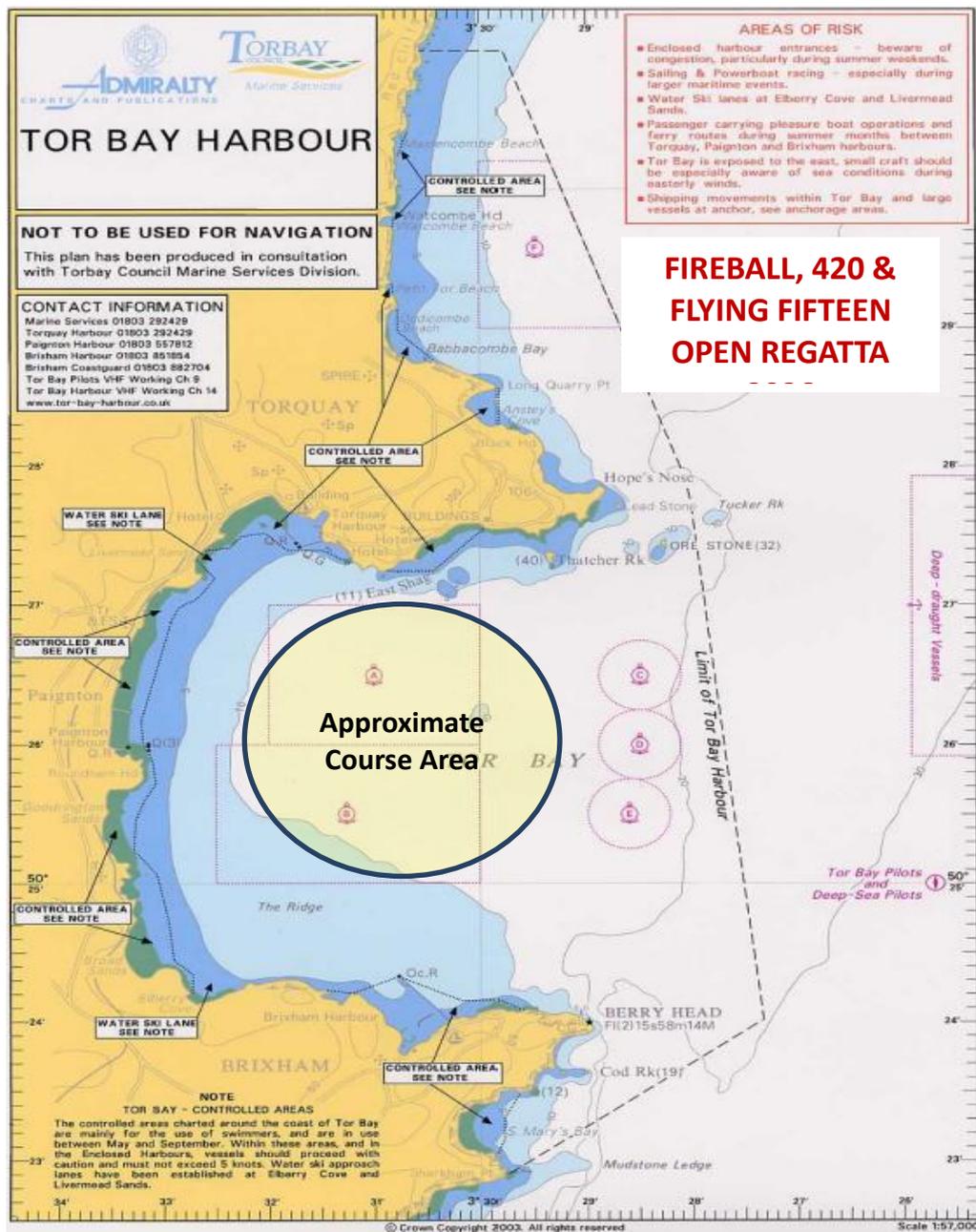
25 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

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 Please further information please contact events@rtyc.org or see Page 8 below.

ADDENDUM 1



OTHER EVENT AND VENUE INFORMATION



- **Post Code TQ1 2BG** – Please ensure you use this postcode when travelling.
- [Tor Bay Harbour - Home \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](http://tor-bay-harbour.co.uk)
- **Trailer Parking** on Haldon Pier subject to availability with additional parking for trailers at a secure location nearby.
- **Public Car Parking above Beacon Quay** for information and passes visit Beacon Quay - Torbay Council. All cars must be moved to the public car park at the earliest opportunity after dropping off trailer, launching or unloading.
- For **Accommodation and Camping** visit <https://rtyc.org/local-accommodation/> or englishriviera.co.uk/accommodation
- **Club Entry Access Code** – At registration competitors and their supporters will be given a door entry code to gain access during the event. The front door must remain closed at all times, for security reasons.
- **The 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.
- **Social Programme** – Visiting sailors are invited to join is in the club on Friday 15th May and after racing on Saturday 16th May. Sailing Suppers will be available with live music in the Corinthian Room, Menu and tickets for the Sailing Suppers will be available online at the event website.
- **Event Website** FIREBALL.420 & FLYING 15 REGATTA