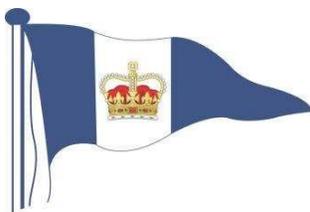


TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA 2026



IRC, CRUISERS, SPORTSBOATS, SB20s, J/24s & RS21's Saturday 22nd to Monday 24th August 2026

Incorporating
The J24, RS21, Impala 28 National Championships and IRC SW Championship,
The Addison Gold Cup, Benita Bowl, and the Torbay Admirals Cup

NOTICE OF RACE

*The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC)
12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH*

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

The Notice of Series for the RS21 UK & Ireland Cup 2026 applies to the RS21 National Championship, in addition an Event Notice of Race for the RS21 Class will be published and available on the RS21 Class website.

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 (RRS) including Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
 - 1.1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing, to the extent that they apply. Available at [World Sailing - Equipment Rules of Sailing](#)
 - 1.1.3 The applicable class and/or handicap system rules, including, for IRC boats, IRC Rule 2026, Parts A, B and C but excluding rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e), and rule 22.4. <https://ircrating.org/irc-rule/>
 - 1.1.4 [NP] Torbay Harbour Bye-Laws.
- 1.2 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.
- 1.3 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 \(rya.org.uk\)](#)
- 1.4 RRS 40 Personal Flotation Devices - For all competitors in Sportsboat classes, and all helms or crews under the age of 18 on August 21st 2026 in all other classes.
RRS 40.1 applies and is changed to apply at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.5 [NP] RTYC Safety Rules apply, as specified in Addendum A.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions (SI's) will be available after 12.00 noon on Sunday 16th August 2026 on the Official Notice Board (ONB) [TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA 2026](#)

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on marine channels 14, 16, 65, 72 and 77.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in SI's.
- 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 are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.4 In accordance with RRS 20.4 (b) the use of VHF radio as an alternative communication is permitted.
- 3.5 A voluntary WhatsApp group may also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat to provide notifications and RC communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a). Details of th

4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The race programme is open to all monohull boats of the following classes:
- 4.1.1 IRC Class (IRC) - Open to any Yacht holding a valid IRC Certificate that does not meet the requirements of the Sports boat Class.
 - 4.1.2 Cruiser Class - Open to any Yacht holding a current RYA YTC Certificate that does not meet the requirements of the Sportsboat Class.
 - 4.1.3 Sportsboat Handicap Class - Class for one design and IRC rated keelboats, that do not form a separate class in this regatta, with a design weight between 100kg to 1700kg, under 9.1m overall and an asymmetric rig.
 - 4.1.4 SB20 One Design Class.
 - 4.1.5 J/24 Class - Open to all boats complying with the J/24 Class rules.
 - 4.1.6 Impala 28 Class.
 - 4.1.7 RS21 Class
- 4.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to allocate handicaps for the event where appropriate and by reference to any published information.
- 4.3 The RC may, at its discretion, allocate divisions of the above handicap classes. Allocations to divisions (if any) will be decided according to their ratings and published on the ONB by noon on Thursday 20th August 2026.
- 4.4 Additional classes may be added by the Race Committee at their discretion.
- 4.5 Starts may be shared with other classes/divisions.
- 4.6 Eligible boats shall enter the event at [TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA 2026](#)
- 4.7 The OA will acknowledge receipt of entries and payment, and entry information will be posted on the event website.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry, a boat shall meet all entry/registration requirements and pay all fees.

- 4.8 Entries will not be accepted after 23:59 on Wednesday 19th August 2026.
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.
- 4.9 **Torbay Admirals Cup, Team Racing** - Teams of any three boats, including at least one IRC class boat may enter the Torbay Admirals Cup by completing the supplementary entry form and returning by email to regatta@rtyc.org no later than noon on Saturday 22nd August 2026.
- 4.10 **The Benita Bowl** - Boats with a predominately female crew, as defined in paragraph 24.4 below, are eligible for this trophy and shall complete and return the crew declaration form by email to regatta@rtyc.org no later than noon on Saturday 22nd August 2026.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees, including berth for visiting boats shall be as follows:

Class	Notes	Early Fee	Std Entry Fee
IRC Class		£135	£175
Cruiser Class		£135	£175
Sportsboat Class		£105	£135
SB20 Class		£105	£135
J/24 Class	Inc Cranage	£240	£280
Impala 28 Class		£135	£175
RS21 Class		See RS21 NoR	See RS21 NoR

- 5.2 Early entry fees will apply to all payments before 23:59 on Sunday 19th July 2026.
- 5.3 Cancellations made before 23:59 on Sunday 19th August 2026 will be charged a £15 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 No class rule defined crew weight limits apply for IRC and Cruiser Classes.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

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 21st August 2026 or between 09.00 and 11.00 on Saturday 22nd August 2026.

9.2 Dates and Number of Races:

Date	Class	No of Races	Scheduled time of First Warning Signal
Saturday 22 nd August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRC • Impala • Cruiser 	Up to 3	11.25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS21 • J/24 • SB20 • Sportsboats 	Up to 4	
Sunday 23 rd August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRC • Impala • Cruiser 	Up to 3	10.55
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS21 • J/24 • SB20 • Sportsboats 	Up to 4	
Monday 24 th August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRC • Impala • Cruiser 	Up to 3	10.55
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS21 • J/24 • SB20 • Sportsboats 	Up to 4	
Tuesday 25 th August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS21 	Up to 4	10.55

9.3 It is intended that over three days, in the Impala, IRC and Cruiser classes 8 races will be sailed; and in the SB20, Sportsboat, and J/24 classes, 9 races will be sailed.

9.4 In the RS 21 class it is the intention to run 10 races over 4 days.

9.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be displayed after 15.00.

10 [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 A valid measurement certificate, rating or handicap certificate shall be held at all times by each boat for the class for which she is entered and shall produce it if requested to do so by the OA.

10.2 Any changes to IRC Rating or RYA YTC certificates shall be notified to the OA by submitting a new entry not less than 24 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the event. No additional fee is payable.

10.3 RYA YTC will be used for all boats entering the Cruiser Class. Details on how to apply for this free certificate can be found [HERE](#)

10.4 White Sail declarations in the Cruiser Class only shall made in writing to the OA prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the event.

10.5 Handicaps for Sportsboats will be allocated and/or adjusted at the discretion of the OA with reference to published data.

- 10.6 Manual Power - IRC and Cruiser classes. RRS 52 is changed to permit the use of automatic pilots, whether electronic or otherwise.
- 10.7 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, NoR, and SI's.
- 10.8 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

- 11.1 The helm and crew shall wear clothing and safety equipment (including harnesses) in the manner intended by the manufacturer.
- 11.2 [NP] Long hair shall be restrained to avoid any risk of entanglement.

12 VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place in Tor Bay and adjacent coastal waters. See Addendum 3.

13 THE COURSES

- 13.1 Courses:
 - 13.1.1 IRC, Impalas and Cruisers will include "round the cans", "windward/leeward", and "coastal" racing and will be described in the SIs.
 - 13.1.2 RS21, J/24, and Sportsboat Classes will be "windward/leeward" and described in the SIs.
- 13.2 The marks will comprise laid and fixed marks; they will be described in the SIs.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply. This changes RRS 44.
- 14.2 For the all classes RRS 44.2 is changed so that Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except where the infringement is against a boat competing in another class.
- 14.3 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A applies except where changed in 15.3, 15.7, and 15.9 below.
- 15.2 One race is 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 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.3.2 When four to six 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 seven or more races are sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 15.4 RRS Rule A5.3 applies.
- 15.5 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.
- 15.6 Classes defined in section 4.1 above and any additional classes will be scored separately. A boat shall not score in multiple classes.
- 15.7 Divisions (if any) may be scored separately at the discretion of the RC.

- 15.8 **The Addison Gold Cup** will be scored using all races sailed.
- 15.8.1 All classes will be scored for the same number of races.
 - 15.8.2 In the event of more races being sailed in one or more classes, an equal number of races in each class will count. Median individual results will be removed until all classes are counting the same number of races.
 - 15.8.3 If a tie is not eliminated using RRS A8, it will be broken in favour of the larger class or division. This changes RRS A8.1 and RRS A8.2.
- 15.9 **The Benita Bowl** will be scored using all races sailed.
- 15.9.1 It will be awarded to the boat that achieves the best result with a predominately female crew in accordance with paragraph 24.3 below, by taking all scores from completed races in the series without discard. This changes RRS A8.1.
 - 15.9.2 All boats will be scored for the same number of races.
 - 15.9.3 In the event of more races being sailed in one or more classes, an equal number of races in each class will count. Median individual results will be removed until all boats are counting the same number of races
 - 15.9.4 If a tie is not eliminated using RRS A8, it will be broken in favour of the larger class or division. This changes RRS A8.1 and RRS A8.2.
- 15.10 **Torbay Admirals Cup Team Racing** (see paragraph 4.13 above): Teams will be scored for the races sailed with discards (if any) applied. A boat may only score for one team.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

[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 and RRS Appendix G3, provided the RC has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 BERTHING

- 18.1 Berthing for visiting keelboats will be provided (subject to availability) free of charge on the visitor's pontoon in Torquay Harbour, from 08.00 the day before the first race until 18.00 on the day following the final race of the event.
- 18.2 Boats requiring berthing should include this on their entry form.
- 18.3 The launch area for visiting SB20s and Sportsboats will be from the slipway adjacent to Haldon Pier, Torquay or by arrangement from the RTYC club crane on South Pier subject to a max weight of 1 ton and boat length of 7.5m. Cranage for larger Sportsboats will be available at additional cost on the afternoon Friday 21st August 2026 and after racing on Monday 24th August 2026.
- 18.4 All cars are to be moved to the adjacent car park immediately after unloading.
- 18.5 Trailer parking for competing boats will also be available free of charge on Haldon Pier subject to availability. Additional parking space if required will be made available at a secure location nearby.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 [DP] Yachts, RS21's and J/24s shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

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 Prizegiving will take place in the Corinthian Room, RTYC after the completion of racing on Monday 24th August or the last day of racing.

24.2 Prizes will be awarded in all classes; additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

24.3 The Addison Gold Cup will be awarded to the boat from any class that achieves the best overall result as defined in paragraph 15.8 above.

24.4 The Benita Bowl will be awarded to the boat that achieves the best overall result as defined in paragraph 15.9 above, with a predominately female crew based upon the following:

Total Crew	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Minimum female crew	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	2	2

24.5 The Torbay Admirals Cup will be awarded to the team that achieves the best overall result.

24.6 Perpetual trophies are to be retained by OA after prizegiving.

24.7 Prizegiving for the RS21 Class will take place in the Corinthian Room, RTYC after the completion of racing on Tuesday 25th August or the last day of racing.

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.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

Event website: [TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA 2026](https://www.torbayroyalregatta2026.org)

Email regatta@rtyc.org

ADDENDUM 1

SAFETY RULES

A. All IRC, Cruiser, Impala and J/24 class entrants shall comply with their own Class and Handicap system safety rules in addition to the following:-

1. **VHF Radio.** Boats shall carry either a fixed or portable working VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 14, 16, 65, 72 and 77.
2. **Fire Safety.** Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a suitable fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.
3. **Personal Floatation Devices.** Boats shall carry personal floatation devices for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40.
4. **Man Overboard.** Boats shall carry a rescue quoit, or throw bag, with at least 15m of floating line and, at least, one lifebuoy or life sling.
5. **First Aid.** Boats shall carry a suitable waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
6. **Anchor.** Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and a minimum of 50m warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water.
7. **Compass.** Boats shall carry a suitable compass (a handheld is acceptable).
8. **Equipment.** Fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.
9. **Propulsion:** Boats shall have a means of propulsion other than the boat's sails.

B. SB20, RS21 & Sportsboat classes entrants shall comply with their own Class Rules and in addition carry the following safety equipment:

1. **VHF Radio.** Boats shall carry either a fixed or portable working VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 14, 16, 65, 72 and 77.
2. **Compass.** Boats shall carry a suitable compass - handheld acceptable.
3. **First Aid.** Boats shall carry a suitable waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

ADDENDUM 2 EVENT AND VENUE INFORMATION



- **Dinghy and Trailer Parking** on Haldon Pier
[Tor Bay Harbour - Home \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](http://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.
- **Event Social Events** will take place in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. All competitors are invited to the Commodore's welcome in the Corinthian Room RTYC Friday 21st August Full details of all social events and menus will be published on the event website. Additional tickets for family and friends will be available.

ADDENDUM 3

