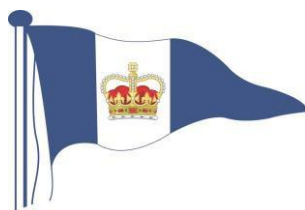


Royal Torbay Yacht Club



Offshore Week 2026 (Including the Channel Race) Friday 19th June to Sunday 28th June 2026 **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 this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- 1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 including the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescription.
- 1.2. The Equipment Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, to the extent that they apply (available at [World Sailing - Equipment Rules of Sailing](#))
- 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). [IRC Rule 2026](#)
- 1.4. The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Monohulls Category 3 Monohulls with Life Raft 2026-2027. (available at [World Sailing - Offshore Special Regulations](#))
- 1.5. Cruisers shall comply with class rules and applicable rating/handicap system rules.
- 1.6. Between Sunset and Sunrise Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing are replaced by the right of way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) and the applicable Government right of way rules.
- 1.7. 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 at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 or on the RYA website at [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](#)
- 1.8. (DP) Torbay Harbour Byelaws. (available at: [Tor Bay Harbour - Byelaws \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](#))

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

2.1. Sailing instructions will be available after 12.00 on Friday 12th June 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online Official Notice Board is located at [Offshore week 2026 | Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#)

3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 14,16, 65,72, 77.

3.3. The SI's may specify additional channels.

3.4. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI's.

3.5. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency a boat may not make a voice or data transmission that is not available to all boats.

3.6. In accordance with RRS 20.4 (b) the use of VHF radio as an alternative communication is permitted.

3.7. A WhatsApp group may also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and Race Committee (RC) communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1. The series is open to all yachts complying with World Sailing Offshore Sailing Regulations Monohull Category 3 with Life Raft 2026-2027. (available at [World Sailing - Offshore Special Regulations](#))

4.2. Eligible boats may enter and make payment online at [Offshore week 2026 | Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#) by midnight on Sunday 14th June 2026.

4.3. A completed Crew List which shall be sent to the RTYC by email to events@rtyc.org by midnight on Sunday 14th June 2026.

4.4. Classes:

4.4.1. IRC Class (IRC) - Open to yachts that hold a valid and maintain a current IRC Certificate.

4.4.2. Cruiser Class (Cruiser) - Open to yachts that hold and maintain a valid RYA YTC certificate. RYA YTC certificates can be applied for at [RYA YTC application form - Royal Ocean Racing Club | Rating Office \(rorcrating.com\)](#)

4.4.3. Combined Class:- Yachts holding both types of rating will automatically be entered in the Combined class as well as their chosen IRC/Cruiser Class at time of entry.

4.4.4. Handicaps/ratings shall be submitted prior to the start of the first race.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is £100 excluding berthing.

5.2. Discounted berthing will be available.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. No class rule crew weight limits apply.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. [DP]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

Date		No of Races	Scheduled time of Warning Signal (BST)
Friday 19 th June	Race 1: Torquay – St Peter Port (The Channel Race)	1	07:55
Saturday 20 th June	St Peter Port Lay Day		-
Sunday 21 st June	Race 2: St Peter Port to St Cast	1	07:55
Monday 22 nd June	St Cast Lay Day		-
Tuesday 23 rd June	Race 3: St Cast to Dahouet	1	07:40
Wednesday 24 th June	Race 4: Dahouet to St Quay	1	14:55
Thursday 25 th June	Race 5: St Quay to St Helier	1	07:55
Friday 26 th June	St Helier Lay Day		-
Saturday 27 th June	Race 6: St Helier to St Peter Port	1	07:25
Sunday 28 th June	Race 7: St Peter Port to Channel Light	1	07:55

9.1. This schedule may be changed depending upon weather forecasts and prevailing conditions.

9.2. The Offshore Series 2026 includes the Channel race in its series but NOT the “St Peter Port to Channel Light” race.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. A valid measurement, rating or handicap certificate shall be held at all times by each boat for the class she is entered in 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 midnight on Sunday 14th June 2026.
- 10.3. White Sail declarations shall be notified in writing to the OA by midnight on Sunday 14th June 2026. A White Sail Declaration shall apply to the entire series.
- 10.4. [DP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 10.5. 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. Manual Power – RRS 52 is changed to permit the use of automatic pilots, whether electronic or otherwise.

12. VENUE

12.1. Racing will take place in the waters between Torbay, ports of the Coast of Brittany and the Channel Islands including the English Channel.

13. THE COURSES

13.1. Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply. This changes RRS 44.

14.2. RRS Appendix T Arbitration applies.

15. SCORING

15.1. Rule A5.3 applies.

15.2. A minimum of 2 boats must have entered a class and at least 66% of the series races must have been contested by any two boats 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. All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS - Does not apply.

17. CHARTERED BOATS - Does not apply.

18. BERTHING.

18.1. Berthing at the ports visited will be arranged by the OA, see 5.2 for details of berthing fees.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Does not apply.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – 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 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. RTYC Privacy Policy [rtyc.org/privacy](https://www.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.
- h) (For offshore races) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and is in date and familiar to the crew.

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. Unless stated in the Sailing Instructions. Prizes and perpetual trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the OA for each class and special races.
- 24.2. Perpetual trophies that may be presented will be retained by OA after prizegiving.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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