

# Royal Torbay Yacht Club



## TORBAY INVITATIONAL

### Friday 12th June 2026

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 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.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) apply.
- 1.3. See Notice of Race (NoR) for other rules.

#### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 24 hours before the first race affected by the change. Flag "L" will be displayed ashore before the warning signal of the first race to which the change applies.

#### 3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard located at [TORBAY INVITATIONAL 2026](#)
- 3.2. On the water the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio Channel 72. The communications may include location of committee vessel, course instructions, sail numbers of recalled yachts (OCS), course changes and safety matters.
- 3.3. Boats called by the RC, by name or sail number may respond. This changes RRS 41.
- 3.4. Failure to broadcast by the RC or time it accurately, or failure to receive such broadcast will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.5. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

#### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. (DP) Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement government guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the base of Haldon Pier.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.in Race Signals AP.

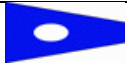
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## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. One Race on Friday 12th June
- 6.2. Race Briefing at 9.30 am in the Corinthian Room.
- 6.3. The Warning signal will be at 10.55 .

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Flag Designation:

Cruiser Class	Numeral Pennant 2	
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## 8. RACE AREA

- 8.1. The race area will be in Torbay as shown in Addendum 1

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The mark number, or letter, will be displayed on a board on the committee boat in the order in which they are to be rounded or passed.
- 9.2. The courses may be broadcast on VHF Channel 72.
- 9.3. The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the committee boat. The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Location and description of marks can be found in Addendum 1 and Addendum 2.

## 11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The entirety of the Scallop Nursery beds, forming an imaginary box including the yellow beds marker buoys (flashing Y.2.5s) approximately 0.5nm south of Thatcher Rock, are an obstruction. This obstruction can be passed on any side. See Addendum 2 for approximate positions.
- 11.2. The entirety of the Kelp farm beds, forming an imaginary box including the beds marker buoys approximately 0.5nm east of Thatcher Rock, are an obstruction. This obstruction can be passed on any side. See Addendum 2 for approximate positions.
- 11.3. A yellow buoy with associated trailing buoys serving as a wave monitor located at approximately: 50°26.02'N. 003°31.08'W.

## 12. THE START

- 12.1. The Starting Line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an Orange flag and a nearby fixed mark, Mark O or a white danbuoy with an Orange flag (Mark P).
- 12.2. The committee boat may be positioned at either end of the starting line.
- 12.3. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

## 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will signal a change of course by displaying Flag C with the class flag, accompanied by repetitive sound signals. The new course to be sailed will be displayed on the board on the committee boat indicating the marks to be rounded and the order and whether they are to be left to port or starboard. No compass bearing of the next leg or +/- will be displayed. This changes RRS 33. The change of course may also be broadcast on VHF Channel 72.

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## 14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying a Blue flag and a mark of the course.

## 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply.

## 16. TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. Target Time for race is 2.5 to 3hrs for the lead boat.  
16.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

## 17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. The protest time limit is 1hr after the last boat finishes.  
17.2. Hearing request forms are available from the club or the club website.  
17.3. Completed forms shall be delivered to the Race Office on the ground floor RTYC.  
17.4. Notices will be posted, no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.  
17.5. Hearings will be held at the RTYC at the time advised.

## 18. SCORING

- 18.1. Scoring will be in accordance with paragraph 15 of the NoR.

## 19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. (DP) Any boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20. REPLACEMENT CREW OR EQUIPMENT See NoR 4.2

## 21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. (DP) When instructed by a Race Official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS Does not apply.  
23. OFFICIAL VESSELS Does not apply.  
24. SUPPORT TEAMS Does not apply.

## 25. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

26. BERTHING Does not apply.  
27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS Does not apply.  
28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS Does not apply

## 29. PRIZES

- 29.1 Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded in accordance with paragraph 24 of the NoR.

30. RISK STATEMENT See NoR 22  
31. INSURANCE See NoR 23

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## 32. GPS TRACKING UNITS

32.1 Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit onboard whilst racing, as supplied by the Organising Authority.

32.2 The tracker should be collected from the Corinthian Room (RTYC), during the briefing and returned there after racing within the protest time.

32.3 Failure to collect, carry, and return a tracker may result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the race result of the boat. This shall not be ground for redress.

This changes RRS 63.1(a) and A5.1.

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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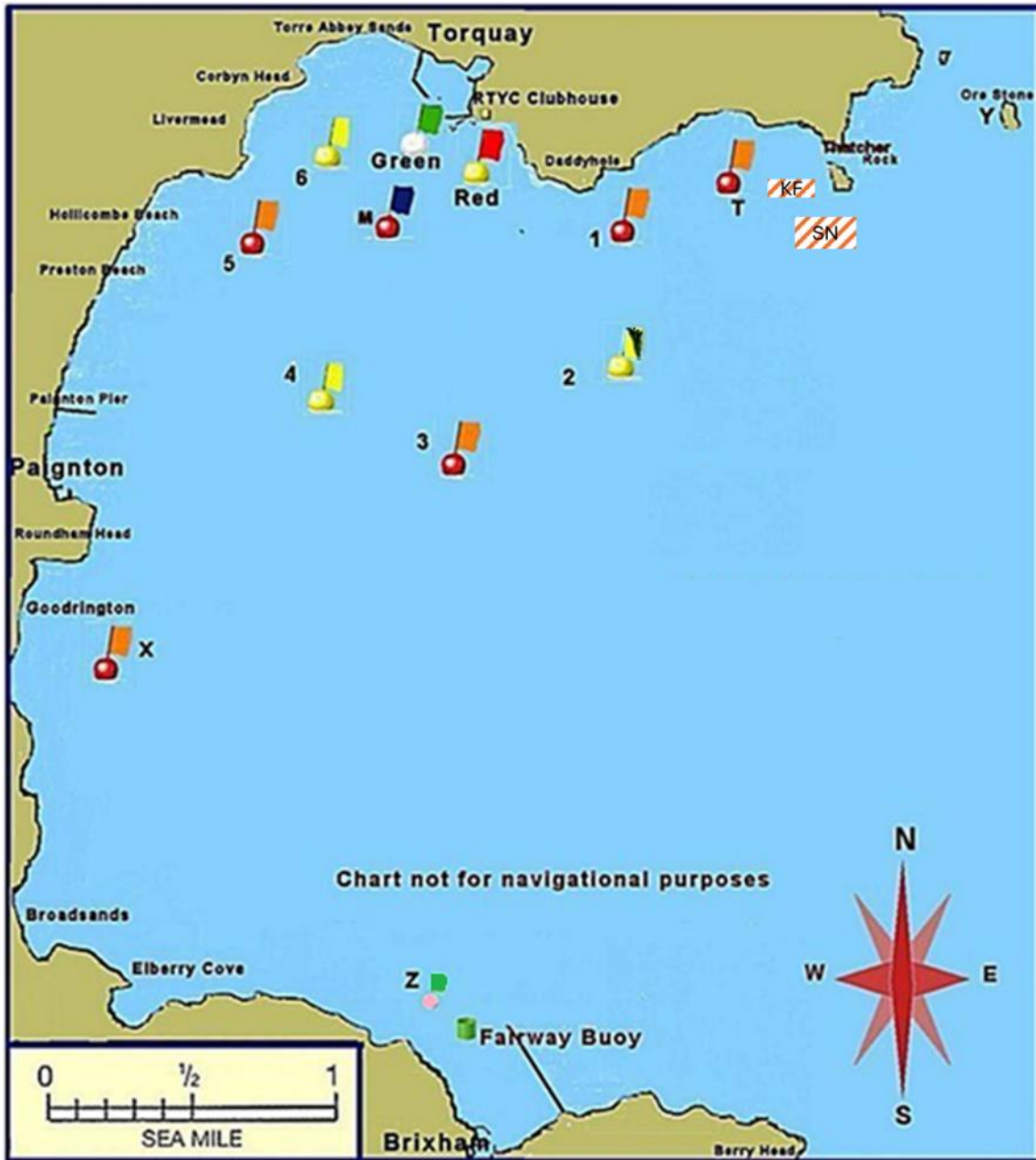
Event Website [TORBAY INVITATIONAL 2026](#)

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## ADDENDUM 1

### COURSE CARD 2026

The Diagram below is pictorial only, see Appendix 2 for approximate positions.



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## ADDENDUM 2

### Racing Marks Approximate Positions 2026

Name/ Designation	Latitude	Longitude	Description	Flag
Green (G)	50 27.29	003 31.72	White buoy	Green flag
Red (R)	50 27.25	003 31.43	Yellow buoy	Red flag
1	50 26.97	003 30.71	Red buoy	Orange flag
2	50 26.55	003 30.75	Yellow buoy	Yellow/Black flag
3	50 26.35	003 31.44	Red buoy	Orange flag
4	50 26.55	003 32.17	Yellow buoy	Yellow flag
5	50 26.86	003 32.44	Red buoy	Orange flag
6	50 27.16	003 32.21	Yellow buoy	Yellow flag
P	Laid Mark		White buoy	Orange flag
O	Laid Mark		Orange inflatable	
M	50 26.97	003 31.79	Red buoy	Blue flag
T	50 27.25	003 30.00	Red buoy	Orange flag
X	50 25.29	003 32.82	Red buoy	Orange flag
Y	50 27.40	003 28.17	Orestone Rock	
Z	50 24.34	003 31.05	BYC Yellow buoy	Green flag
Em (2 buoys)	50 28.10	003 24.86	North and South Cardinal Buoys marking Emsstrom Wk	

## OBSTRUCTIONS

### SCALLOP NURSERY (SN)

The coordinates that make up the corners of the bed are:

50°26.700'N. 03°29.690'W.                      50°26.865'N. 003°29.690'W.

50°26.865'N. 03°29.170'W                      50°26.700'N. 003°29.170'W

### KELP FARM (KF)

The coordinates that make up the corners of the bed are:

50°27.109'N. 03°29.972'W.                      50°27.001'N. 03°29.548'W.

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### WAVE MONITOR

A yellow buoy with associated trailing buoys serving as a wave monitor located at approximately:  
50°26.002'N. 003°31.008'W.