

Royal Torbay Yacht Club



TORBAY INVITATIONAL

Friday 12th 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.

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 <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/equipment-rules-of-sailing/>)
 - 1.1.3 The applicable class and/or handicap system rules apply.
 - 1.1.4 (DP) Torbay Harbour Byelaws [Tor Bay Harbour - Byelaws \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](http://tor-bay-harbour.co.uk).
- 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 on the RYA website at [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](http://rya.org.uk).
- 1.3 RRS 40 Personal Flotation Devices - For all competitors under the age of 18, RRS 40.1 applies and is changed to apply at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions (SI's) may also change racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the club website by June 5th 2026.
- 2.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions and Changes to SI's will be published on the online Official Notice Board (ONB)

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online Official Noticeboard is located at [TORBAY INVITATIONAL 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 is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.3 In accordance with RRS 20.4 (b) the use of VHF radio as an alternative communication is permitted.

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4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the following class.
 - 4.1.1 Cruiser Class (Cruiser) – Open to any World Sailing OSR Cat 4 equipped Yachts holding a current [RYA YTC Certificate](#)
 - 4.1.2 **Entries** - Eligible boats shall enter by completing the entry form at [TORBAY INVITATIONAL 2026](#)
 - 4.1.3 To be considered an entry a boat shall meet all entry requirements.
- 4.2 An entrant who changes a sail number, boat or hull or substantive change to the boat that may affect the racing, must notify the OA in writing by completing a new entry online, no additional fee will be payable.
- 4.3 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age of 18 on 1st January 2026 shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations as part of the entry and submit details of the parent(s) acting in loco parentis.

5 FEES

All fees to be paid to the Torbay Invitational Ltd.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Crew lists and contact details are to be submitted to the Torbay Invitational Ltd by email to david@philipmeek.co.uk

7 ADVERTISING [DP]

- 7.1 Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 One Race on Friday 12th June.
- 9.2 Race Briefing at 9.30 am in the Corinthian Room, Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- 9.3 Warning signal will at 10.55

10 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 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 race. There is no additional fee.
- 10.3 White Sail declarations shall made to the OA prior to the scheduled warning signal of the race.
- 10.4 [DP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class ules, 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.

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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 Torbay.

13 THE COURSES

- 13.1 The courses will be using RTYC fixed marks and 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 44.1 is changed so that Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
14.3 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 (DP) Support person vessels will not be allowed

17 CHARTERED BOATS - Does not apply.

18 BERTHING - Does not apply.

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 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. RTYC Privacy Policy 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.

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- 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 A prize will be awarded to First Place, and additional prizes will be allocated by and 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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