

Royal Torbay Yacht Club – Club Racing Programme 2026



SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SALCOMBE WEEKEND RACES

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July 2026

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

All times are British Summer Time (BST)

These Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI's) apply only to the Torquay – Salcombe and the Salcombe – Torquay races both of which form part RTYC Coastal Series. The Torquay – Salcombe race is also part of the Torbay and Dart Combined Coastal Series (TaDCCS). These SSI's are to be read in conjunction with the RTYC Club Racing 2026 Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SI's), available at [Club Racing 2026 | Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#).

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. This race is for cruisers with an IRC Rating or RYA YTC Certificate, carrying safety equipment to comply with [World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Monohul Extract 4](#). RYA YTC will be used for RTYC results and both IRC and RYA YTC ratings will be used for the TaDCCS series.

2. Entry

- 2.1. Boats from Brixham Yacht Club and Royal Dart Yacht Club entering this race are required to complete an online entry at [Club Racing 2026 | Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#). There is no entry fee provided the boat is entered in club racing at the club to which they belong.

3. Rules

- 3.1. The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replaces RRS Part 2 from 2030 to 0700 (BST)

4. Communication with the Race Committee

- 4.1. Boats that intend to compete in these races are required to register their Boat name, Call sign and MMSI number using the TaDCCS Event Information WhatsApp group by 11.00 on July 17th 2026.
- 4.2. Upon arrival in the start area all boats shall call the RC on VHF Channel 72 with their boat name and number of persons on board.
- 4.3. A designated RTYC committee vessel boat for the weekend will be announced on the TaDCCS WhatsApp Group, this boat will also have the nominated Race Officer onboard.

5. Shortened/Alternate Courses:

- 5.1. The Race Officer may consult with the racing fleet over VHF prior to making the decision to use the alternate course or shorten the course for a race. Additionally, the Race Officer may shorten to an appropriate alternate transit or mark if conditions so dictate.

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6. TORQUAY – SALCOMBE RACE

- 6.1. **Qualifying boats** will start as one class with the warning signal (Numeral Pennant 1) at 11.55 on the July 18th, 2026.
- 6.2. **Starting procedure** will be in accordance with clause 12 of SI's. It is intended that the Pin end will be Mark Red, with the Orange flag displayed on Haldon pier.
 - 6.2.1. Boats called OCS by the Race Committee (RC), that do not return will receive a 15mins time penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.1
- 6.3. **The course**, The course will be from the start to Mark Green to port, Skerries Bouy (50°16.313'N, 3°33.775'W) to Port (passing within 100m) and then to the Salcombe finish line.
- 6.4. **The Finish Line**, The Finishing line will be the virtual line defined as longitude of 3° 46.6' West and North of an outer distance latitude of 50° 13' North.
- 6.5. **Shorten Course**, If a Shorten course is declared the finish line will be defined as a transit when the Skerries Bouy (50°16.313'N, 3°33.775'W) bears 120° magnetic. Yachts must cross this line within 100 metres of the Skerries Bouy.
- 6.6. **Self-Timing Declarations**, All boats shall take their own finishing time using GPS time (UTC +1) and advise this time and their sail number by the TaDCCS WhatsApp group and email to rearcommodore@sailing@rtyc.org within 12 hours of the start of the race.

7. SALCOMBE – TORQUAY RACE

- 7.1. **Qualifying boats** will start as one class with warning signal by VHF radio Ch 72 from at 09.55 on the July 19th, 2026.
- 7.2. **Starting procedure:**
 - 7.2.1. **Committee Vessel**, The committee vessel will be the designated RTYC boat.
 - 7.2.2. **Signalling**, All starting signals will be by VHF Radio (Ch 72). This changes RRS26.
 - 7.2.3. **The Start Line**, The Start line will be the North - South Transit into Salcombe, north of the latitude 50° 12.6' North.
- 7.3. **The Course**, The course will be from the start line and then to the **Dartmouth Finish line— between Blackstone point and Castle Ledge buoy.**
- 7.4. **Alternate Course**, If conditions have dictated that the fleet end up in Dartmouth over the night of 19/20th July then the course will be:
 - 7.4.1. **Start line**, The start line will be the Dartmouth Start line— between Blackstone point and Castle Ledge buoy.
 - 7.4.2. **The Course**, From the start line, Skerries Bouy to port, pass the West Rock and Mew Stone cardinal marks to port, then to the RTYC Green Finish line.
 - 7.4.3. **Finish Line**, The finish line is between the inner most mast on Haldon Pier and Mark Green.
- 7.5. **Self-Timing Declarations**, All boats shall take their own finishing time using GPS time (UTC +1) and advise this time and their sail number by the TaDCCS WhatsApp group and email to sailing@rtyc.org within 12 hours of the start of the race.

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8. ALTERNATE LIGHT WEATHER COURSE (Skerries Return)

- 8.1. **Qualifying boats** will start as one class with the warning signal (Numeral Pennant 1) at 11.55 on the July 18th, 2025.
- 8.2. **Starting procedure** will be in accordance with clause 12 of SI's. It is intended that the Pin end will be Mark Red, with the Orange flag displayed on Haldon pier.
 - 8.2.1. Boats called OCS by the Race Committee (RC), that do not return will receive a 15mins time penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.1
- 8.3. **The course**, The course will be from the start to Mark Green to port, pass the West Rock and Mew Stone cardinal marks to starboard, Skerries Bouy (50°16.313'N, 3°33.775'W) to starboard (passing within 100m), pass the West Rock and Mew Stone cardinal marks to port and then to the Brixham YC Green finish line.
- 8.4. **The Finish Line**, The Finishing line will be between the main mast at Battery point and the Green mark. As described in Brixham Yacht Club Sailing Instructions.
- 8.5. **Shorten Course**, If a Shorten course is declared the finish line will be defined as a transit when the Skerries Bouy (50°16.313'N, 3°33.775'W) bears 300° magnetic. Yachts must cross this line within 100 metres of the Skerries Bouy.
- 8.6. **Self-Timing Declarations**, All boats shall take their own finishing time using GPS time (UTC +1) and advise this time and their sail number by the TaDCCS WhatsApp group and email to sailing@rtyc.org within 12 hours of the start of the race.

9. Safety

- 9.1. All boats retiring during the race shall notify the RC at the earliest safe opportunity using the TaDCCS WhatsApp group or by email to rearcommandoresailing@rtyc.org.

10. Penalties and Protests

- 10.1. Penalty declarations and/or Hearing Requests shall be submitted by email to rearcommandoresailing@rtyc.org. The Protest time limit is 12 hrs after the start of each race. This changes SI 17.1

Additional Safety Information and Advice

1. There are navigational hazards on this course and it is the skipper's responsibility to be aware of these.

For further information

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