

Torbay Week 2010

Combined Clubs of Torbay Sailing Regatta



Friday 20th – Wednesday 25th August 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS **for Fancy Dress Pursuit Race in aid of RNLI**

All Keelboat Classes

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Ocean BMW Torbay Week 2010 (“the Regatta”) is organised by Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club (BCSC), Brixham Yacht Club (BYC), Paignton Sailing Club (PSC) and Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) acting through Torbay Week Management Group.

2. CLASSES TO RACE

The class to race on the pursuit race on Friday 20th August 2010 will be all keelboat classes.

3. RULES

- 3.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in “The Racing Rules of Sailing” (RRS).
- 3.2 The RYA Exoneration Penalty & RYA Arbitration Disputes Procedures will apply.
- 3.3 IRC Rules parts 1,2 & 3 will apply excluding IRC Rule 26.1.5 (d) and (e) and IRC Rule 27.4.2.
- 3.4 Class rules for one design entries and boats sailing under a standard one-design rating will apply.
- 3.5 The current RYA/RORC Sports Boat Rule will apply to boats with a valid SBR TCC and boats rated with trapezes will be eligible to race.
- 3.6 Races may be started using countdown on VHF channel 8, in which case the start time will be in accordance with that countdown. This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals.
- 3.7 Information provided by the Race Committee using VHF channel 8 shall not be deemed outside help. This changes RRS 41.
- 3.8 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race, any Supplementary Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. All printed versions will prevail over those shown on any website.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at Brixham Yacht Club (BYC) and Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC).

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice boards on Friday not later than 12:00, except that any change to the race schedule of will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpoles located at BYC Clubhouse (in case of a committee boat start), or at Battery Point (in case of a shore based start).
- 6.2 Flag G displayed at BYC Clubhouse means that the start will be controlled from Battery Point and all further signals will be displayed there.
- 6.3 When flag AP is signalled ashore, “1 minute” is replaced by “not less than 60 minutes”. This changes RRS 27.3.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration cut-off time will be 15:30 on Friday 20th August.
- 7.2 Handicaps allocated by the Race Committee will be published on the official notice board at BYC by 17:00.
- 7.3 The warning signal for the first starter (i.e. the potentially slowest boat having the highest handicap) will be at 18:25.

8. CLASS & CLASS SIGNALS

The class will be all keelboat classes and the class signal will be NP1.

9. THE COURSE & MARKS

- 9.1 The course will be laid around a combination of yellow spherical buoys and BYC fixed marks indicated by letters (as shown in Appendix P1).
- 9.2 Marks will be rounded in the order indicated on a board displayed from either the committee boat or battery point before or with the warning signal.
- 9.3 A flag displayed from the flagpole will indicate that the marks are either to be rounded to port (red flag) or starboard (Green flag).
- 9.4 Each round is completed when the yacht passes the final mark in the course sequence, having previously completed any penalty turns required under RRS 44.

10. THE START

- 10.1 For a committee boat start, the starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on a mark comprising a race committee boat together with any attachments and an outer distance mark on the port end of the line.
- 10.2 For a Battery point start, the starting line will be between the Battery Point flagpole and either the "R" or the "G" BYC fixed mark according to the red or green flag displayed.
- 10.3 Board numbers will be raised and displayed on either the stern area of the committee boat or at Battery Point near the base of the flagstaff.
- 10.4 The starting sequence for the first boat will be as follows:
 - 18.25 hours – Warning signal, Class flag (NP 1) raised – 1 sound signal
 - 18.26 hours – Preparatory Signal, P flag raised – 1 sound signal
 - 18.29 hours – One minute, P flag lowered – 1 sound signal
 - 18.30 hours – First Start, flags lowered – Board 0 is raised – Gun sound signal.
- 10.5 At 18.31 hours and every odd minute thereafter (for example 18.33, 18.35, 18.37, 18.39 etc) until the last boat has started – a horn signal will be made.
- 10.6 No board number will be raised; however, yachts allocated with an odd minute start time shall start at, but not prior to, the relevant sound signal.
- 10.7 At 18.32 hours and every even minute thereafter (for example 18.34, 18.36, 18.38, 18.40 etc) until the last board has started – a gun signal will be made.
- 10.8 The board number will correspond with the relevant minute (for example 02 will be raised at 18.32, 04 at 18.34, 10 at 18.40 and so on). Boats allocated with an even minute start time shall start at, but not prior to, the relevant sound signal.
- 10.9 There will be no recalls. Boats over the line at their relevant starting signal will be subject to a minimum of a 2 minute penalty at the discretion of the race committee.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The leading boat will be finished between the mainmast of a finishing vessel, which will be displaying a blue flag, and either a mark of the course or a red buoy. The finishing line will be crossed in the direction of the last mark and will be as near as possible to 19.55 hours.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1 Protests shall be in writing and forms for this purpose are available from any of the three Torbay Week Offices at BYC, PSC or RTYC.
- 12.2 Protests shall be delivered to BYC before 21:00.
- 12.3 The schedule showing the sail number of boats involved in protests will be posted before 21:30. This shall constitute informing the boat and therefore amends RRS 61.1(b).
- 12.4 It is the competitor's responsibility to check the notice boards and to attend any protest hearing together with witnesses.
- 12.5 All protest meetings will be held at BYC.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 All entry proceeds from the race will be donated to the RNLI.
- 13.2 Prizes will be awarded for the first three boats.
- 13.3 The pursuit race is traditionally held with crews in fancy dress, for which additional prizes may be awarded.
- 13.4 Yachts with crews not in fancy dress may incur additional handicap weighting of 20% of the yacht's elapsed time.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.