

Torbay Week 2010

Combined Clubs of Torbay Sailing Regatta



Friday 20th – Wednesday 25th August 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the Wednesday Pursuit Race

All Keelboat Classes

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Ocean BMW Torbay Week 2009 (“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 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 Information provided by the Race Committee using VHF channel 8 shall not be deemed outside help. This changes RRS 41.
- 3.7 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 Wednesday before 08:30, 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 RTYC flagpole at the inshore end of Haldon Pier.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The starting times of all the boats entered for the pursuit race will be published on the official notice board at RTYC and BTC by 20:00 on Tuesday 24th August.
- 7.3 The warning signal for the first starter (i.e. the potentially slowest boat having the highest handicap) will be at 10:25.

8. RACING AREAS

The racing areas will be in Torbay and adjacent coastal waters.

9. THE COURSE & MARKS

- 9.1 The course to be sailed and identification of marks will be displayed on a board on the race committee boat before or with the warning signal and also broadcast on VHF Channel 8 approximately 10 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 9.2 The marks will be chosen from the diagram of marks included in the race packs.
- 9.3 Marks and are to be left to port if a red flag is displayed or to starboard if a green flag is displayed.
- 9.4 The number of rounds is not limited.

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- 9.5 The time limit for the race shall reflect the median handicap boat sailing for approximately 100 minutes.
- 10. THE START**
- 10.1 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 one end of the line.
- 10.2 Flag P will be flown with 1 sound signal at 10:25 and lowered with 1 sound signal at 10:30.
- 10.3 Thereafter at 30 seconds before the next whole minute, the appropriate handicap start time will be displayed on boards on the Committee Boat and removed at the exact start time (for example a handicap start time of 11:03, "03" will be displayed for 30 seconds. At the start time of 11:03, the "3" will be removed).
- 10.4 There will be no recalls. Premature starters will be penalised by 5 minutes for every minute or part of a minute by which they start early.
- 10.5 Boats are to continue racing multiple laps of the course until the finish time. This will be signalled by the Committee Boat flying flag S with 2 sound signals.
- 11. THE FINISH**
- 11.1 The leading boat will be finished between the mainmast of a finishing vessel, which will be displaying an orange flag, and a nearby rounding mark.
- 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 RTYC before 16:00.
- 12.3 The schedule showing the sail number of boats involved in protests will be posted before 16:30. 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 RTYC.
- 13. PRIZES**
- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded for the first three boats i.e. the three that have sailed the furthest in the elapsed time.
- 14. SAFETY**
- A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on VHF Marine Channel 8 or by telephone (07779088336) as soon as possible after retirement.
- 15. MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 16.2 The race committee will use VHF Marine Channel 8 to communicate with competitors.
- 17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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 regatta.
- 17.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race or races. Neither the Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the helm or crew as a result of taking part in the race or races.
- 17.3 By competing and taking part in the races, the boat and crew accept instructions 17.1 and 17.2 and also the Disclaimer of Liability in paragraph 15 of the Notice of Race.
- 18. INSURANCE**
- Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000, or the equivalent.