



Paignton Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions

Topper South West Area Championships 2019, and Paignton Sailing Club Summer Regatta 2019

Paignton Sailing Club (PSC), South Quay, Paignton Harbour, Devon, TQ4 6DT

Saturday 22nd June 2019 – Sunday 23rd June 2019

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The PSC bylaws will also apply.
- 1.3. In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice Of Race, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Notice To Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main club room on the first floor of Paignton Sailing Club.

3. Changes To Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least sixty minutes before the start of the first race affected on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole on top of Paignton Sailing Club.
- 4.2. Signals may also be displayed on the South Green but these are indicative only and sailors are advised to check the main flag pole. Errors, contradictions or anomalies made on this secondary pole will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 4.3. When a change to the sailing instructions are posted, flag L will be displayed over a numeral pennant indicating the number of the change. Flag L displayed alone indicates a notice to competitors has been posted, which is not a change to the sailing instructions. This changes race signal L.
- 4.4. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.5. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times by all competitors and support persons whilst afloat or on the foreshore near the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. Wet or dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
- 4.6. Boats competing in the Topper South West Area Championships shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed by a member of the Race Committee on either the beach or the green. Flag D may not be displayed on the primary flag pole.
- 4.7. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies to that class only.

5. Schedule Of Races

- 5.1. Registration: 09:00 – 11:00 on Saturday 22nd June 2019 (Topper South West Area Championships only).
- 5.2. Competitors briefing: 11:00 on Saturday 22nd June 2019 (Topper South West Area Championships only).
- 5.3. Racing:

Date:	First warning signal (Toppers):	Number of races (Toppers):	First warning signal (Summer Regatta):	Number of races (Summer Regatta):
Saturday 22 nd June 2019	12:25	3 back-to-back	13:25	2 back-to-back
Sunday 23 rd June 2019	10:25	3 back-to-back	N/A	N/A

- 5.4 Races may be run ahead of schedule to account for adverse weather conditions at the Race Committee's discretion. Flag F will be displayed to indicate that it is the intention to run another race, this does not constitute a change to the schedule.

- 5.5 For the Topper South West Area Championships no more than 6 races will be sailed throughout the event. For the PSC Summer Regatta, no more than 2 races will be sailed throughout the event.

- 5.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 For the Topper Class, the class flag will be flag T.
- 6.2 For the PSC Summer Regatta, the class flag will be flag O.



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7 Racing Areas

7.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

8 The Courses

8.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses which may be sailed, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display a signal board indicating the course to be sailed as described in Attachment B.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.

9 Marks

9.1 All rounding marks will be orange buoys – either cylindrical or dumpy.

9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be cylindrical yellow pillar buoys.

9.3 The start marks will be the committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a yellow buoy at the port end.

9.4 The finishing marks will be the committee vessel displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and a yellow pencil buoy at the port end.

10 Areas That Are Obstructions

10.1 No boat shall pass between the East Cardinal mark off Roundham head (see Attachment A) and the shore before, whilst or after racing.

11 The Start

11.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying the orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end, and the starting mark at the port end.

11.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11.3 Boats shall remain outside of the starting area during the start sequence for other fleets. For the purposes of this instruction, the starting area consists of the starting line, its extensions and the area immediately around it in which boats would be reasonably expected to congregate during their sequence. Boats shall comply with all instructions from official vessels in this regard. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course And Abandonment After The Start

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark. The original mark will be removed as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.2 The Race Committee may move an existing mark (or the finishing line) up to approximately 100m without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

12.3 In addition to RRS 32.1, the Race Committee may shorten the course, or abandon the race,

12.3.1 because of insufficient wind, or

12.3.2 because of any other reason the Race Committee deem appropriate.

Decisions made in this regard will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 The Finish

13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying the blue flag on the finishing mark at one end, and the finishing mark at the other end.

13.2 Boats may be awarded a finishing position on the course. Flag W will be displayed and the boat's sail number called. This changed Rule 35. Boats finished under this rule will be given a finishing place after all boats which have finished or are ahead of her on the course at the time.

13.3 Boats which have finished shall not re-cross the finish line in either direction and shall remain clear of the line until the Blue flag has been removed from the committee vessel. Boats shall comply with all instructions from official vessels in this regard. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14 Not used



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15 Time Limits And Target Times

- 15.1 The target time for each race is 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.2 If no boat has finished within 90 minutes the race will be abandoned. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

16 Protests And Requests For Redress

- 16.1 Protest forms are available in the Race Office on the second floor of Paignton Sailing Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat comes ashore after the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the Race Committee signals no more racing today, if the fleet are already ashore.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the second floor of Paignton Sailing Club.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of SI 1.2, 10, 18, 21, 23, 24 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for breaches of these rules are at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision will be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.7 The Post-Race Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice Board for details.
- 16.8 Scoring query forms are available from the Race Office and competitors are encouraged to use this procedure if they believe there is an error in the results.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 The PSC Summer Regatta fleet will be scored using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system. Where a boat does not have a suitable Portsmouth Yardstick handicap, the Race Committee will, at its discretion, issue it one. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 All competitors in the Topper South West Area Championships will receive a tally number at the beginning of the event. Before going afloat at any time during the event, all competitors must take the tally band corresponding to that number and wear it on their wrist ensuring it is visible at all times. No longer than 15 minutes after returning ashore at any time during the event, all competitors must return their tally band to the board. The tally board will be located near the slipway used for launching.
- 18.2 All competitors in the PSC Summer Regatta must sign on in the entrance lobby to PSC before going afloat and sign off no longer than 15 minutes after returning to shore.
- 18.3 A boat that retired from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 Replacement Of Crew Or Equipment

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 19.2 All boats must display on their mainsail their own sail number with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.

20 Not used

21 Event Advertising

- 21.1 Event sponsors advertising may be supplied and required to be displayed in a position to be specified at registration.



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22 Official Boats

22.1 Official boats may fly a flag designating their purpose.

23 Support Boats

23.1 Support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23.2 Support boats must register before going afloat in the race office on the second floor of Paignton Sailing Club where they may be given a flag designating their purpose. If they are given a flag, they shall be required to display it at all times whilst afloat.

24 Trash Disposal

24.1 Litter may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 Not used

26 Not used

27 Radio Communication

27.1 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.

28 Prizes

28.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

29 Risk Statement

29.1 Rule 4 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." 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:

29.1.1 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;

29.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

29.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

29.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

29.1.5 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;

29.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

29.1.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific 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;

29.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

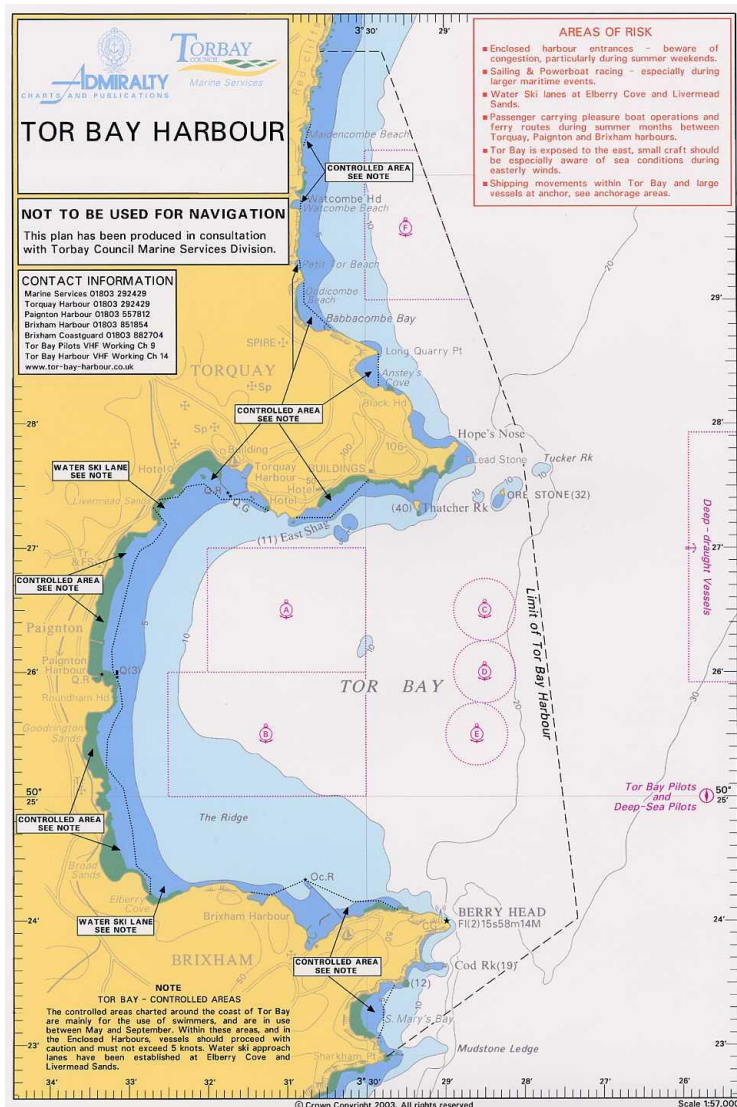


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Attachment A:

Chart showing the boundaries of Tor Bay harbour in which a race course may be set.





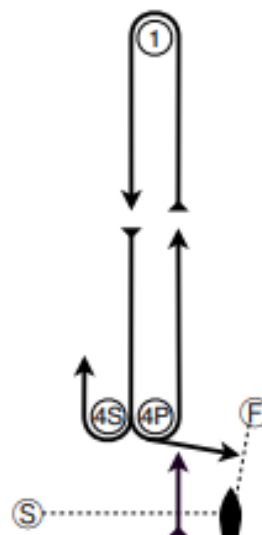
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Attachment B:

Notes

1. Except for gates, all rounding marks shall be left to port.
2. Gates may be replaced with a single mark to be rounded to port.
3. All angles and leg lengths are for illustration only and are not to scale.

Windward / Leeward



Signal Rounding Order

- L 2 S - 1 - 4P/4S - 1 - 4P - F
- L 3 S - 1 - 4P/4S - 1 - 4P/4S - 1 - 4P - F

O	COURSE: OUTER TRAPEZOID with finish at committee vessel
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
O3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

I	COURSE: INNER TRAPEZOID with finish at committee vessel
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I 2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
I 3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish