



TOPPER TRAVELER OPEN WEEKEND

Racing Sunday 13th October 2019

The Organising Authority is Brixham Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the class rules and the Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply. Competitors should note that Brixham Yacht Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that when entering competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter
- 1.2.1 The following Racing Rules will be changed:
 - Preamble of part 4 and RRS 27.1 and 40 No display of flag Y see SI 19.1
 - RRS 28, 32.1, 32.2, 35, 62.1 and Appendix A additional definition for a shortened course and sweep back finish system
 - RRS 35 additional time limits for races,
 - RRS 60.1(a), 62.1 and 62.2 limitations on grounds for redress
 - RRS 63.1, Appendix A4 and A5, scores determined by the Race Committee
 - RRS 63.2 notice to protest and redress hearings
 - RRS 64.1 discretionary penalties less than disqualification
 - Appendix A2, number of discards in a series
- 1.2.2 Full details of the changes are given in the appropriate instructions below.
- 1.3 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See SI17.8

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) at the Brixham Yacht Club which is located in the window of the 'Race Office' which is an outside office on the harbour side of the club, near the top of the steps from the main club house to the dinghy compound.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted at least 60 minutes before 09.00 on the day of the event

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flag staff in the dinghy compound adjacent to Oxen Cove slipway
- 4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 30 minutes. This adds to the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 Boats are not permitted to launch until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be displayed sooner than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES (all times are in BST taken from GPS time)

- 5.1 Registration: Will be in the Race office from 08.30 to 09.30 on Sunday .
- 5.2 Competitor Briefing: There will be a briefing for competitors at 09.30 on Sunday in the covered lower compound at the bottom of BYC steps adjacent to the dinghy park.
- 5.3 Up to 4 races are scheduled. The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 10.40, races will be sailed 'back to back'.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with a series of 5 horn sounds at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6 No warning signal will be made after 15.25.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag for both 5.3m and 4.2m rigs will be flag 'T'.

7 RACE AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in Torbay, Admiralty Chart 26 and will usually be located within the area indicated in Appendix 1

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Appendix 2 shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The marks will be yellow inflatable laid buoys
- 9.2 The start marks for a line start will be:
 - 9.2.1 The committee boat (CB) at the starboard end displaying an orange flag.
 - 9.2.2 A dan buoy or a boat at the port end displaying an orange flag
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be:
 - 9.3.1 The CB displaying a blue flag
 - 9.3.2 A dan buoy displaying a blue flag
- 9.4 The change windward mark as provided in SI 13 will be an orange inflatable laid buoy.

10 AREAS WHICH ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The entirety of mussel beds bearing 280° at a range of 0.7nm from the outer end of Brixham breakwater and approximately 0.25nm from the shore, including the beds marker buoy and including the entire sea area between the mussel beds and the shore are an obstruction. A diagram of the mussel beds will be displayed on the ONB.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the start marks as defined in SI 9.2.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12. STARTING PENALTIES

- 12.1 The sail numbers of boats penalized under rules 30.3 and 30.4 may be displayed on a board on a patrol boat stationed at the windward mark on the first leg.
- 12.2 For races started under rule 30.4, in the event of a general recall the sail numbers of the identified BFD boats will be displayed on the stern of the CB and pin end starting boat for a minimum of 3 minutes after a long sound signal.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark or move the finishing line and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 Minor mark movements of up to approximately 100m may be made without signalling a change of course. This changes rule 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The Finishing Line will be between the finish marks defined in SI 9.3.
- 14.2 After some boats have finished, the RC may record other boats as deemed to have finished before they cross the finish line to save time whether or not they were expected to complete the course within the time limit or time limit extensions. A RC boat displaying flag W will proceed from the finish line towards the previous mark, make a sound signal and verbally hail the boat that they have been recorded as deemed to have finished. The RC may record boats as deemed as finishing as per this instruction at more than one leg of the course and will if necessary continue the back sweep around the course until all boats are recorded. When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction she shall be given a finishing place after all boats which had previously finished and in the sequential order in the direction from the finish line. If another race is scheduled boats that have been hailed as per this instruction are required to proceed immediately to the starting area. This changes RRS 28, 32.1, 32.2, 35 and Appendix A. This action will be at the absolute discretion of the RO and this decision shall be final and shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1a.

15. RETIREMENT

- 15.1 A retiring helm shall sign the Retirement Declaration Sheet, one for each race retired, before the expiry of the protest time. The declaration sheets will be with the tally board in the vicinity of the Dinghy Park / slipway.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat as soon as possible.

16. TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The target time for the finish of the lead boat in a race designated long is 45 minutes. Failure to meet this target time is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1a.
- 16.2 The Time Limit for each race will be 60 minutes.
- 16.3 Unless SI 14.2 is applied after the first boat has finished, the RO shall keep the finish line open for 30 minutes or until the time limit as described in SI 16.2 has expired whichever is the later. All boats finishing after the expiry of the time limit shall be scored DNF. This adds to RRS 35.
- 16.4 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office.
- 17.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day and come ashore from racing.
- 17.4 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 as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Regatta Office beginning at the time posted.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the RC or protest committee (PC) will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 15 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides. The scoring abbreviation of a discretionary penalty will be DPI, this changes RRS 64.1.
- 17.7 Notices of Protests and redress hearings posted on the ONB shall be considered sufficient notice to all parties and witnesses. It is the responsibility of Parties to consult the ONB at or before notice expiry time before leaving the venue for the day. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 17.8 Exoneration Penalty & Arbitration – See NOR 2.2.

18 SCORING

18.1 See NOR 9

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

(See also Addendum A Mandatory Tally system and other safety related requirements and recommendations)

- 19.1 Adequate personal flotation shall be worn at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment by all competitors. Neither a wetsuit nor dry-suit constitutes adequate personal flotation. This amends and adds to the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS and RRS 27.1 and 40.
- 19.2 Mandatory Tally System. The Tally System will be described at the competitors briefing and will be posted on the ONB in Addendum A 'Mandatory Tally System and other safety requirements and recommendations'.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

21 RISK STATEMENT

2.1 Boats are reminded of their responsibilities issued in the Risk Statement in NOR 11

INSPECTIONS

The fact the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor in the Notice of Race