



# Paignton Sailing Club

## Sailing Instructions

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### Topper South West Traveller & End of Season Championships 2020

Paignton Sailing Club (PSC), South Quay, Paignton Harbour, Devon, TQ4 6DT  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### 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 also apply.
- 1.3. The Topper class rules also apply.
- 1.4. The PSC Major Event COVID-19 Rules document also applies.
- 1.5. Support Boat Rules also apply and can be found in the PSC Operating Procedures.
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

#### 2. Notice To Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ITCA (GBR) website:  
<https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=821>
- 2.2. Messages to competitors from the Race Committee may also be posted on the Competitor's WhatsApp group but these are for information only and errors, contradictions or anomalies will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The WhatsApp group may be joined using this link:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GYmNljQDm0d6K8Qg9QBV06>

#### 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 RRS 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.

#### 5. Schedule Of Races

- 5.1. Registration: 08:30 – 10:00 on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020. It may also be possible to register on Saturday, upon request, at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Face coverings shall be worn during registration (unless exempt).
- 5.2. Briefing: a pre-recorded briefing will be made available online no later than 09:00 on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
- 5.3. Racing:

<b>First warning signal:</b>	11:00
<b>Number of races:</b>	4 back-to-back
<b>Last permissible warning signal:</b>	16:00

- 5.4. No more than 4 races will be sailed throughout the championship.
- 5.3 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 The class flag will be flag T.



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### **7 Racing Areas**

7.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

### **8 The Courses**

- 8.1 The diagrams 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 inflatable orange buoys.
- 9.2 A change mark, as allowed for in SI 12.1, will be an inflatable yellow buoy.
- 9.3 The start marks will be the committee vessel at the starboard end and a dan buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 9.4 The finish marks will be the committee vessel at the port end and a yellow pencil buoy at the starboard end.
- 9.5 In addition to RRS 44.1, boats that cause significant injury to a member of the Race Committee, or serious damage to an anchored Race Committee Vessel, shall retire.

### **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 starboard end starting mark and the staff displaying the orange flag on the port end starting mark.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

### **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 move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position or lay a new mark. When a new mark is laid, 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 a mark (or the finishing line) up to approximately 100m without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33. If a new mark is laid, the change will be signalled.
- 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 shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### **13 The Finish**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the port end, and the finishing mark at the starboard end.
- 13.2 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 shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### **14 Penalty System – not applicable**

### **15 Time Limits And Target Times**

- 15.1 The target time is 35 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2 The race time limit is 60 minutes. If no boat has finished within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



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### 16 Protests And Requests For Redress

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest must inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, or at a convenient time if retiring.
- 16.2 Breaches of SIs 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 25 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.
- 16.3 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.6 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.7 Lists of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42, have been given a standard penalty by the Race Committee, or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

#### 16.9 Post-Race Penalty

- 16.9.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a Post-Race Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage, or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
- 16.9.2 When a post-race penalty is accepted:
  - Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
  - The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

#### 16.10 RYA Arbitration

- 16.10.1 When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or a member of the Protest Committee may offer it.
- 16.10.2 If the parties and a member of the Protest Committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an Arbitrator (who may be that member of the Protest Committee) will call an Arbitration Hearing. When it is the Arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the Arbitration Hearing has broken a rule for which the Post Race Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.
- 16.10.3 When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Post Race Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing at which the Arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. RRS 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal) do not apply to an arbitration since this is not a Protest Committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept a Post-Race Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalisation. She may also retire.

### 17 Scoring

- 17.1 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 A boat's series score shall be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races completed	Scores excluded
1 – 3	0
4	1



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### **18 Safety Regulations**

- 18.1 All competitors will be required to tally out before launching and tally in after coming ashore.
- 18.2 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 mainsails their own sail number and/or championship number with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.

### **20 Equipment And Measurement Checks**

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

### **21 Event Advertising**

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

### **22 Official Boats**

- 22.1 Official boats may fly a flag designating their purpose.

### **23 Support Boats**

- 23.1 All Support Boats shall register before 12:00 on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 with the Race Committee and shall comply with the 'Support Boat Rules' which can be found in the PSC Operating Procedures on the PSC website.
- 23.2 Support persons (which includes any person who is not a competitor who intends to attend the venue) may be asked to register in advance with the Organising Authority depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

### **24 Trash Disposal**

- 24.1 Litter may be placed aboard support or official boats.

### **25 Haul-out Restrictions – Not Applicable**

### **26 Diving Equipment And Plastic Pools – Not Applicable**

### **27 Radio Communication and Electronic Equipment**

- 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 shall be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.



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### 29 Risk Statement

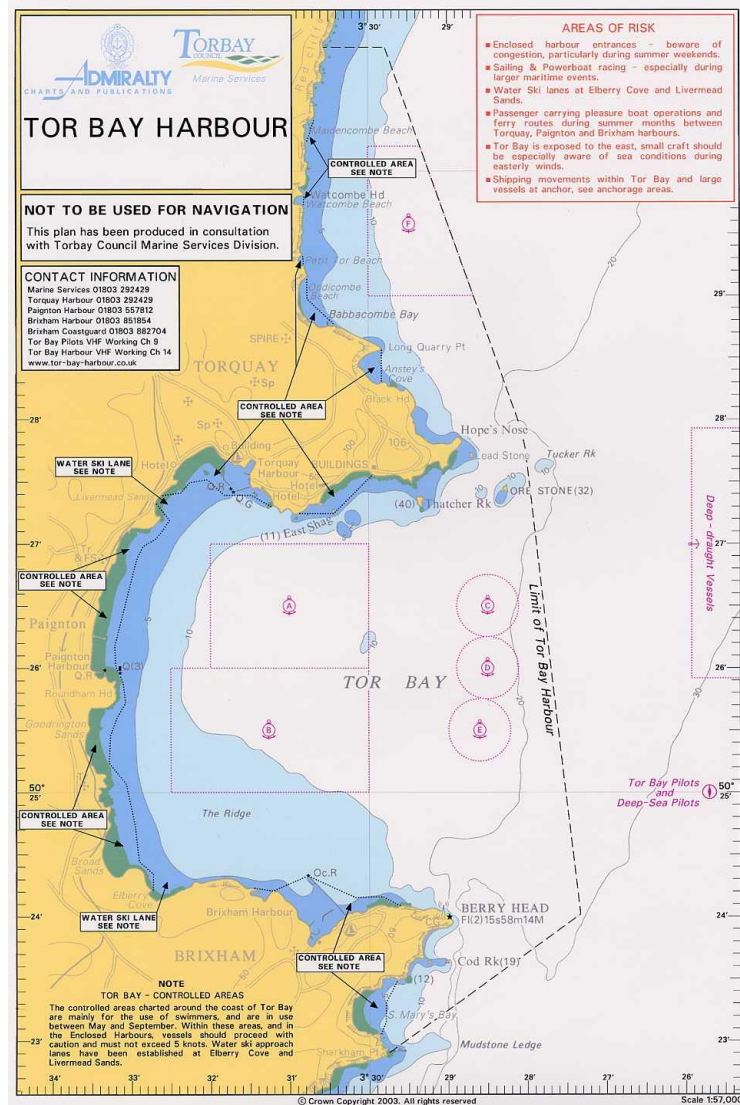
- 29.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor 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.







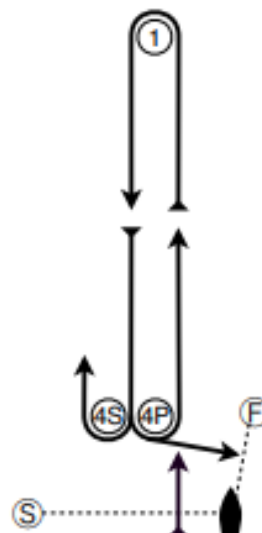
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## Attachment B:

### 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.
4. Ⓢ = Start, ⓕ = Finish

### Windward / Leeward



### Signal Rounding Order

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

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