



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organised by

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

RS Feva Open Meeting

12th – 13th September 2009

1. Rules.

1.1 This series shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the RS Feva Class Association, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of dispute the SIs will prevail (Amends RRS 63.7).

1.2 There will be no Crew substitutions unless:-

(1) The Race Committee is advised in writing before the Event Registration period, of the exact dates of required Crew change.

OR

(2) Authorised by the Race Committee before any race starts as being necessary due to wholly unavoidable circumstances.

2. Notices to Competitors.

2.1 Notices to competitors will be displayed on the Official Notice Board located in the foyer of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions.

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09.00 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. The changes will be indicated by the flying of flag "L" on the Flag Pole at the base of Haldon Pier.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Pole at the base of Haldon Pier.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one (1) minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races.

5.1 Dates of Racing

Saturday 12th Sept: 3 Races are scheduled. First warning signal 1300
One or more extra races may be sailed.

Sunday 13th Sept: 3 Races are scheduled. First warning signal 1030
One or more extra races may be sailed.

5.2 The Royal Torbay Yacht Club, its officers, employees and helpers shall not be held responsible for any cancellation or change to the racing programme. The sole arbiter of such conditions shall be the Race Officer.

6. Class Flag.

6.1 The class flag will be the RS Feva Flag.

7. Race Area.

7.1 The Race area will be in the waters of Torbay.

8. Course.

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward – Full details are described in the course sheet.

9. Marks.

9.1 The Start Mark will be a White Dan Buoy flying an Orange Flag. Marks 1 and 2 will be large Orange Inflatable Buoys. The Finish Mark will be a large Orange Inflatable Buoy.

10. Areas that are Obstructions.

10.1 None within Race Area

11. Starts.

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and a White Dan Buoy flying an Orange Flag.

11.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange flag on the committee boat will be displayed with a long sound signal not less than 4 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5

12. Change of the next leg of the Course.

12.1 When after a race has started there is a substantial wind shift; the Race Officer may move one or more marks.

12.2 When the course to be made good is significantly changed by such an alteration, a boat will be stationed near the mark at the start of the leg affected, and will fly IC flag 'C' over a green or red flag indicating that the direction of that leg lies either to starboard or port respectively of its previous bearing. She may draw attention to this signal by making intermittent sound signals. When the leg affected is to windward, the approximate magnetic bearing of the new direction to the next mark may be displayed near the start of that leg. The mark being repositioned might not be in position when the leading boat rounds the previous mark of the course. (This changes RRS 33)

12.3 When a course leg has been changed other marks on that course may be changed without notice. This changes RRS 33

13. The Finish

13.1 The Finish will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the Committee Boat and an Orange Inflatable Buoy.

14. Time Limits.

14.1 The Target time for each race is forty five (45) minutes.

14.2 No Time Limit for the first boat to finish shall be set.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within fifteen(15)minutes after the first boat sails the course and are still on course and sailing, will wherever possible either.

14.3.1 Be awarded places as their position at their last leeward mark rounding. Or

14.3.2 Be awarded places as their position by a "finish" rib proceeding round the course in a reverse direction.

Positions awarded in this way are totally at the discretion of the Race Officer
This changes RRS 35.

15. Protests & Redress.

- 15.1 Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office situated in the foyer of RTYC. They must be lodged within one hour of the Committee Boat entering Harbour. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.
- 15.3 The protest committee is empowered to award lesser penalties than prescribed in the RRS 2009-2012.

16. Scoring.

- 16.1 The Low points Series of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 16.2 Six races are scheduled of which two (2) will constitute a series.
- 16.3 If up to four (4) races are completed all races will count.
- 16.4 In the event of five (5) races or more, one discard will be allowed. (Amends RRS Appendix A2)

17. Safety Regulations.

- 17.1 Life jackets or other adequate buoyancy aids must be worn. Wet suits or dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.1.

18. Official Boats

- 18.1 Only the Committee Boat and RTYC crewed mark lying, and patrol boats working under the direction of the race committee are official boats

19. Support Boats.

- 19.1 Support boats must be registered with the Race Committee prior 10.00 on the first day of Racing.
- 19.2 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20.0 Prizes

- 20.1 The presentation of prizes will take place at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club following racing on Sunday 13th Sept 2009.
- 20.2 Prizes will be awarded to - Overall 1st to 3rd.
- 20.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4.
- 21.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of race or in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

- 21.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 21.4 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in at least the amount stated in clause 27.1 below for the duration of the regatta.
- 21.5 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.
- 21.6 In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury is accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, the Race Committee or the crew of any rescue craft.

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £2,000,000 and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. No responsibility will be accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, or any other party involved in the organisation of the Race.

APPENDIX

MEDIATION

1. After a protest has been lodged in accordance with the Sailing Instructions, all parties involved in protests alleging infringements of a rule of Part 2 shall be heard by a Mediator appointed by the Race Committee.
In exception to the above, incidents where damage or injury is involved shall not be subject to mediation, but shall be referred directly to the Protest Committee for a hearing.
2. Only one party to the protest from each boat involved, who shall have been on the boat at the time the incident occurred, shall attend the mediation hearing. No witnesses shall be allowed.
3. The mediator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately 3 minutes. After hearing these descriptions, the mediator will offer one of the following opinions:
 - a) **No rule was broken.**
If the protesting boat accepts this opinion she can agree to withdraw the protest and the protest is then settled.
 - b) **A rule was broken by one of the boats involved.**
If that boat accepts this opinion she may accept a 40% penalty and the protest is then settled.
 - c) **Both boats broke a rule.**

If both boats accept this opinion and each agrees to accept a 40% penalty then the protest is then settled.

d) **The mediator is unable to offer an opinion based on the brief description given by the parties.**

4. Once the protest has been settled under 3 a), b) or c) above, the mediator shall record this on the protest form and the matter shall not thereafter be referred to the protest committee and is not subject to requests for redress, reopening or appeal by any party.
If however:
 - i) The protestor does not withdraw the protest under 3 a) above; or
 - ii) If a boat does not accept the mediator's opinion that she broke a rule under b) or c); or
 - iii) If the mediator is unable to offer an opinion under d), the protest shall be submitted to the protest committee for a hearing.
5. If the mediator's opinion is not accepted, there shall be no further discussion of the incident with the parties and the testimony given at the mediation hearing shall remain confidential and shall not be discussed with any person prior to the protest hearing.
6. If one party fails to attend, the mediation may still be heard in line with RRS 63.3 (b).
7. When protests are submitted to the Protest Committee, the mediator shall not be a member of the Jury hearing the protest. However, he/she may be present to ensure that the incidents are described in the same way as in mediation. If the facts given are different he may intervene to restate the original mediation details. The mediator shall not discuss the matter with committee members until after the Committee's decision has been posted.
8. Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with Rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%.

RS Feva Course Sheet

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Wind

2

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Finish

--Start---

Lap = mark 1 to port, mark 2 to port.

Number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the
Committee Boat.