



**Royal Torbay Yacht Club  
Notice of Race  
Channel Race 2009  
Friday 12th June 2009**

**1 Organising Authority**

- 1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC).  
1.2 RTYC Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Entry Forms and Crew Lists are available from :  
Royal Torbay Yacht Club  
Beacon Hill  
Torquay  
TQ1 2BH  
Tel 01803 292006  
or online from [www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk/offshore/offshore.htm](http://www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk/offshore/offshore.htm)

**2 Rules**

- 2.1 The race shall be governed by the rules as defined in:-  
The Racing Rules of Sailing.  
The Prescriptions of the RYA shall apply.  
The Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply.  
The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 monohull with Liferaft shall apply.  
The IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 shall apply

**3 ADVERTISING**

- 3.1 The event is classified Category C.

**4 Event**

- 4.1 The "RTYC Channel Race 2009" is scheduled to start Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009, 1900hrs BST from Torquay to St Peter Port.

**5 Classes and Prizes.**

- 5.1 The race will be run in 3 classes.  
IRC 1, IRC 2, and non rated class.  
5.1 The organisers can introduce more classes if the numbers warrant and the split between IRC 1 and 2 will be determined after all entries are received. RTYC Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each class.  
IRC Division "A"  
IRC Division "B"  
Unrated Cruisers  
All Classes Line Honours

## **6 Eligibility**

- 6.1 This race is open to all IRC and Unrated boats complying with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 Monohull with Liferaft, suitable to race offshore.
- 6.2 A completed Entry Form and a completed Crew List together with the appropriate fee shall be returned to Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) and accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) prior to the start of the race.
- 6.3 The entry fee is £10 payable to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC), however there is no fee if the Owner/ Skipper is a member of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) or the boat is entered in the 2009 Offshore Week (see separate NOR for Offshore Week).
- 6.4 Boats sailing IRC shall submit a valid copy of IRC handicap Certificate to the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) prior to the start of the race
- 6.5 Non IRC boats shall have a handicap supplied by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC).
- 6.6 **For safety reasons boats shall conform at a minimum to ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with liferaft.**

## **7 Courses**

The course is from a start off Torquay Harbour and will run to the SW tip of Guernsey, (Les Hanois Lighthouse) and thence to the finish line off St Peter Port.

## **8 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 8.1 Boat (Yacht) racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Offshore Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."
- 8.2 The Royal Torbay Yacht Club accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to Skipper or Crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.
- 8.3 The Skipper and crew shall be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the Person in Charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.
- 8.4 The Race Committee shall make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.
- 8.5 The attention of the crew is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment . . . "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions." See also Offshore Special Regulation 5.02.

## **9 INSURANCE**

- 9.1 The 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.

## **10 Scoring System**

- 10.1 The event will be scored using RRS Appendix A Low Points  
10.2 All corrected times for handicap classes will be rounded to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

## **11 Communications**

- 11.1 The race starts, and communication from the race officer during races will be on VHF Channel 72 at all times. (If there is a need, Channel 77 may be used as a back up.) All yachts should monitor channel 72 at all times as well as channel 16. Information regarding shortened courses or changes will be announced via this means. Acknowledgements may be required and yachts may be required to relay messages to boats out of range.

## **12 Rights to use Names and Likenesses**

- 12.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

RTYC 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009