



Royal Torbay Yacht Club
Notice of Race
Offshore Series 2009
Sun 14 June – Sat 20 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

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**” to St Peter Port is a stand-alone event with its own prizes, Notice of Race and sailing Instructions. The “**Offshore Series 2009**” commences from St Peter Port after the Channel Race and the route is as follows but there may be variations to the course, which will be published in the race instructions or communicated at the time by the Race Officer.

RTYC CHANNEL RACE 2009

Fri 12th June 09, Torquay to St Peterport (separate NOR and instruction applies)

OFFSHORE Series 2009

Sun 14th Jun 09, St Peterport (Guernsey) to St Helier (Jersey)

Mon 15th Jun 09, St Helier (Jersey) to Granville (Normandy)

Wed 17th Jun 09, Granville to St Helier

Thurs 18th Jun 09, St Helier to Carteret (Normandy)

Fri 19th Jun 09, Carteret to St Peter Port (or Alderney)

Sat 20th June 09 St Peter Port (or Alderney) to Finish (South Devon)

- 4.2 This is intended as a enjoyable event and destinations and start times of races may change during the event due to weather conditions or other organisational requirements.
- 4.3 One Race will constitute a series.

5 Classes and Prizes

- 5.1 The races will be run in 3 classes IRC 1, IRC 2, and non-rated class. 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. SDCRA prizes are also awarded for the event and are included in their NOR for the Offshore Series.

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) by Sunday 7th June 2009. Late entries will only be allowed if special circumstances prevail and at the discretion of the RTYC Race Committee.
- 6.3 The entry fee is £40 however there is a 50% discount (£20) if the Owner/ Skipper is a member of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) or South Devon Cruiser Racing Association (SDCRA) for 2009 (Information on SDCRA can be found at www.sdcra.org)
- 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

Courses are as described in the Sailing Instructions issued by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) but are liable to variation by the race officer where deemed appropriate.

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 and a boat's score will be the sum of her race scores except after four races are sailed her worst score will be discarded .
- 10.2 A boat that Did Not Compete shall be scored 10 points more than the number of boats that started the race. This modifies RRS A4.2 and RRS A2.
- 10.3 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.