



TBYC TORNADO NATIONALS & FAST CAT OPEN MEETING

Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

Tornado National Championships and Fast Catamaran Open Meeting

10th – 11th June 2017

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. Racing will be under the burgee of Thorpe Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the Tornado Class, Hurricane 5.9 Class, F-18 Class and A-Class Associations.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020(RRS) and the rules of the Participating Class Associations, this notice of race and the event specific sailing instructions. In the event of a conflict between this NOR and the Event Sailing Instructions (ESI), the ESI will prevail.
- 2.2. The Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Entry is open to four classes of catamaran: Tornado, Hurricane 5.9 with approved sail plan options, F-18 and A-Class. Entry forms can be found on the TBYC website (www.tbyc.org) or at registration on the Saturday morning of the event.
- 3.2. Competitors automatically grant TBYC, the Tornado Class, the Hurricane Class, the F-18 Class and the A-Class Associations, without payment the right in perpetuity to make use and show any motion picture, still and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the regatta.

4. Fees

- 4.1. The entry fees are £35.00 per single handed boat and £45.00 for double handed boats. Cheques made payable to TBYC and posted to the Secretary, Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS1 3PN. Entry will include BBQ tickets for the Saturday night and entertainment at the club.
- 4.2. Online payment may be made to Account No: 02539004 Sort Code: 55-50-28 using "FAST CAT" plus your sail number as reference & email the completed entry form to struan@struan-wallace.co.uk

5. Registration

- 5.1. Registration will be held in the TBYC Clubhouse between 08:00 – 10.00 hrs on Saturday 10th June.

6. Event Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Event Sailing Instructions will be issued to each competitor upon registration.

7. Race Schedule

- 7.1. All boats will sail from the same start line but the Tornado Class will sail an extended beat. Details of the course and starting sequence will be in the event sailing instructions.



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7.2. All classes will have 6 races scheduled over 2 days. The racing will take place as follows:

Saturday 10 th June	First Start no earlier than: Second Start Third Start	12:30 hours ASAP after R1 ASAP after R2
Sunday 11 th June	First Start no earlier than: Second Start Third Start	13:00 hours ASAP after R4 ASAP after R5

7.3. There will be 1 discard if 5 or more races are sailed. A minimum of 3 races will constitute a series.

7.4. All races will be held in the Thames Estuary, the racing area being defined between the Mulberry Harbour (Phoenix Wreck) to the east and Southend Pier to the west. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the committee boat starting the race.

7.5. A windward-leeward course will be used for the series and will be outlined in appendix A of the Sailing Instructions.

7.6. Each day's races are scheduled to be sailed back to back.

7.7. A briefing will be held at 10:30 on Saturday 10th June in the TBYC main bar area.

8. Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk

8.1. Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for their boat's own safety and the safety of its crew, whether the boat is afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

8.2. It is for each owner/competitor to decide whether the boat and its crew are fit to sail in the conditions in which it might find itself. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms the boat is fit for those conditions and that the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

8.3. Under items 8.1 and 8.2, where applicable, parents or guardians of competitors under the age of 18 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependents throughout the event and to sign the parental permission section of the formal event entry form.

8.4. Each owner/competitor is responsible for ensuring the boat is equipped and seaworthy to be able to face extremes of weather and that the crew has sufficient experience and fitness to withstand such weather. Personal Buoyancy will be worn at all times while afloat.

9. Liability

9.1. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/competitor 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' encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event and includes the Organising Authority, The Class Associations, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, safety boats and beach masters.



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9.2. The provision of support boats does not relieve each owner/competitor of their responsibilities.

10. Scoring

10.1. The series will be scored as provided in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2014-17, the low points scoring system will be used.

10.2. In the case of mixed rig racing within the Hurricane fleet (Two Sail, Sport and SX sail Plans) individual elapsed times will be recorded by the race committee and calculated using the SCHRS system. The Hurricane Catamaran Class Association hold the right to make any modifications to the handicap ratings and will determine the format of the results structure and prize giving.

11. Alternative Penalties

11.1. The 360 penalty will apply. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2

12. Prizes

12.1. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 boats of each fleet and the overall winner of the Tornado fleet will be Tornado National Champion 2017. Prize giving will be held in the clubhouse as soon as possible after racing and any protest hearings.

13. Social Programme

13.1. Full details of the social programme will be posted on the appropriate websites in due course.

14. Conditions of Entry

14.1. All boats shall have adequate Third Party Insurance cover to a minimum of £3,000,000.00 (three million pounds sterling). You may be required to show proof of insurance.

15. Boat and Car Parking

15.1. All competitors will be required to park their boats and road trailers in accordance with directions given by the beach master and his team. Any stickers issued at registration shall be displayed as directed at all times.

15.2. Further advice will be published as soon as possible and guidance will be available on arrival at the club.

16. Accommodation

16.1. Details of accommodation options for competitors will be made available on the Class and Club websites in due course. Camping is free and on-site at TBYC.

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