

# GUL FIREBALL UK NATIONAL and UK OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019



**Royal Torbay Yacht Club**  
**25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

*The Organising Authority is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) in conjunction with the UK Fireball Association*

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

*The notation (DP) in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.
- 1.2 The rules of UK Fireball Association shall apply

### **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.2 Advertising will comply with World Sailing Regulation 20

### **3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Fireball Class. The helm and crew must both be paid up, full members of the Fireball National Class Association, or any other Fireball Class Association recognised by the UK Fireball Association prior to registering for the event.
- 3.2 At registration competitors shall show evidence of their affiliated organisation and have a current membership sticker displayed in the boat.
- 3.3 The regatta comprises two separate events; the UK National Championship and the UK Open Championship.

- 3.3.1 UK Fireball National Championship – Open to any helm and crew who are members of the UK Fireball Class Association.
- 3.3.2 UK Fireball Open Championships –Open to any helm who is a current member of any Fireball National Class Association recognised by Fireball International including the UK Fireball Association.
- 3.3.3 Events will run concurrently in accordance with the Schedule of Events using the same single start line, course and finish line.
- 3.3.4 In each race finishing positions will be recorded as a single fleet.
- 3.3.5 Boats will score the points attributable to their finishing position for the event(s) for which they are eligible.

3.4 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the on line entry form at <https://rtyc.org/fireball-national-championship/> and making payment of the required fee to Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH as defined in NOR4.1. Payment details will be found on the entry system.

3.5 The boat number, crew name and designated helm shall be confirmed at registration. Any subsequent crew changes during the event shall be approved by the Race Committee

3.6 The organising authority will acknowledge receipt of entries and payment and entry information will be posted on the event website

3.7 Entries will only be accepted when payment in full has been made.

3.8 Once payment has been received, any refunds will be solely at the discretion of the organising authority.

3.9 **Parent/Guardian Declarations:** All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations as part of the entry process and submit details of the parent(s) acting in loco parentis at registration.

#### 4 FEES

4.1 The entry fees are as follows:

Deadline / Cut-off	Cost per entry
9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	£199
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	£239
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	£269

Discounts are applied for:

Youth (under 26 on last day of the event) £15 per Youth

Classic Boats (see *technical information on association website* for eligibility)  
£30 per Classic Boat

Maximum discount is £30 per entry.

Entry fees include two tickets to the Commodore's welcome reception and two tickets for the class dinner. Additional tickets can be purchased direct from RTYC.

## 5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration: Boats shall register at the Race Office on the ground floor RTYC on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 14:00 until 18.30 and on Saturday from 09.00 to 11.15

5.2 There will be a competitor's briefing at 11.30 on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at the flagpole on Haldon Pier.

5.3 It is intended to run 8 races over the four days, with up to 3 races per day depending upon prevailing and forecast weather conditions/sea state

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warning Signal</i>	<i>Race Details</i>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	N/A	Measurement and registration
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	12:55	Measurement, Registration, 2 races and Prizegiving with Commodore's Reception
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	11:55	2 races and Prizegiving with Class Dinner & Evening Entertainment
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	11:55	2 races and Prizegiving
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10:55	2 races and Prizegiving

5.4 It is intended to run the races back to back.

5.5 On last day of scheduled racing there will be no warning signal after 14.00

## 6.0 MEASUREMENT

6.1 At registration competitors shall produce a valid measurement certificate for their boat.

6.2 Each boat may register up to two measured mainsails, jibs and spinnakers for use during the event. All sails presented must have been previously measured, stamped and signed in accordance with class rules. Only sails displaying the correct number of the boat entered may be used.

6.3 In the event of a sail becoming damaged during the event, competitors may register a replacement sail by presenting both the damaged and replacement sail to the Technical committee. Under these circumstances a sail with a different number to the boat's own may be used, provided a number is displayed and it is not the same as any other boat entered in the event.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing instructions will be published on the RTYC website [rtyc.org](http://rtyc.org) website by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

7.2 Sailing Instructions will also be available at registration

7.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## 8 VENUE

8.1 Attached Appendix 1 shows location of Torquay Harbour.

8.2 Racing will take place in Torbay. Appendix 2

## **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be Triangle/Windward Leeward or a combination of these.
- 9.2 Course descriptions and diagrams will be included in the sailing instruction

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 Penalties will be in accordance with RRS 44 excluding 44.3. This changes RRS 44.
- 10.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5(a).

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 **Series Scores:**
  - 11.2.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 11.2.2 When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - 11.2.3 When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst two scores
- 11.3 The Organising authority will allocate boats to Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets. These allocations shall not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 12.1 Support boats shall register at the Race Office and pay a £50 fee. This registration must take place during the event registration period.
- 12.2 Support boats shall remain more than 100 meters outside the course area during racing, except when requested to provide assistance by the Race Committee.

## **13 BERTHING AND LAUNCHING**

- 13.1 Boats shall be unloaded, rigged and kept as directed on Haldon Pier and launched down the slipway into Torbay Harbour
- 13.2 Road trailers may be required to be moved to secure storage at Daddyhole Plain, Torquay. If this applies you will be advised upon arrival
- 13.3 All cars must be moved as soon as possible after unloading to the adjacent car park.

## **14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **15 PRIZES**

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with Appendix 3

## **16. DATA PROTECTION**

By entering the Fireball UK National and UK Open Championships you agree to provide personal data to the Organising Authority. The Organising Authority will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the event, in accordance with the Data Privacy Policy, details of which are available at <https://rtyc.org/privacy>

## **17. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES**

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and their sponsors 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.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

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:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any specific risks to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing at the venue.

### **h) INSPECTIONS**

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this Notice of Race.

## **19. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

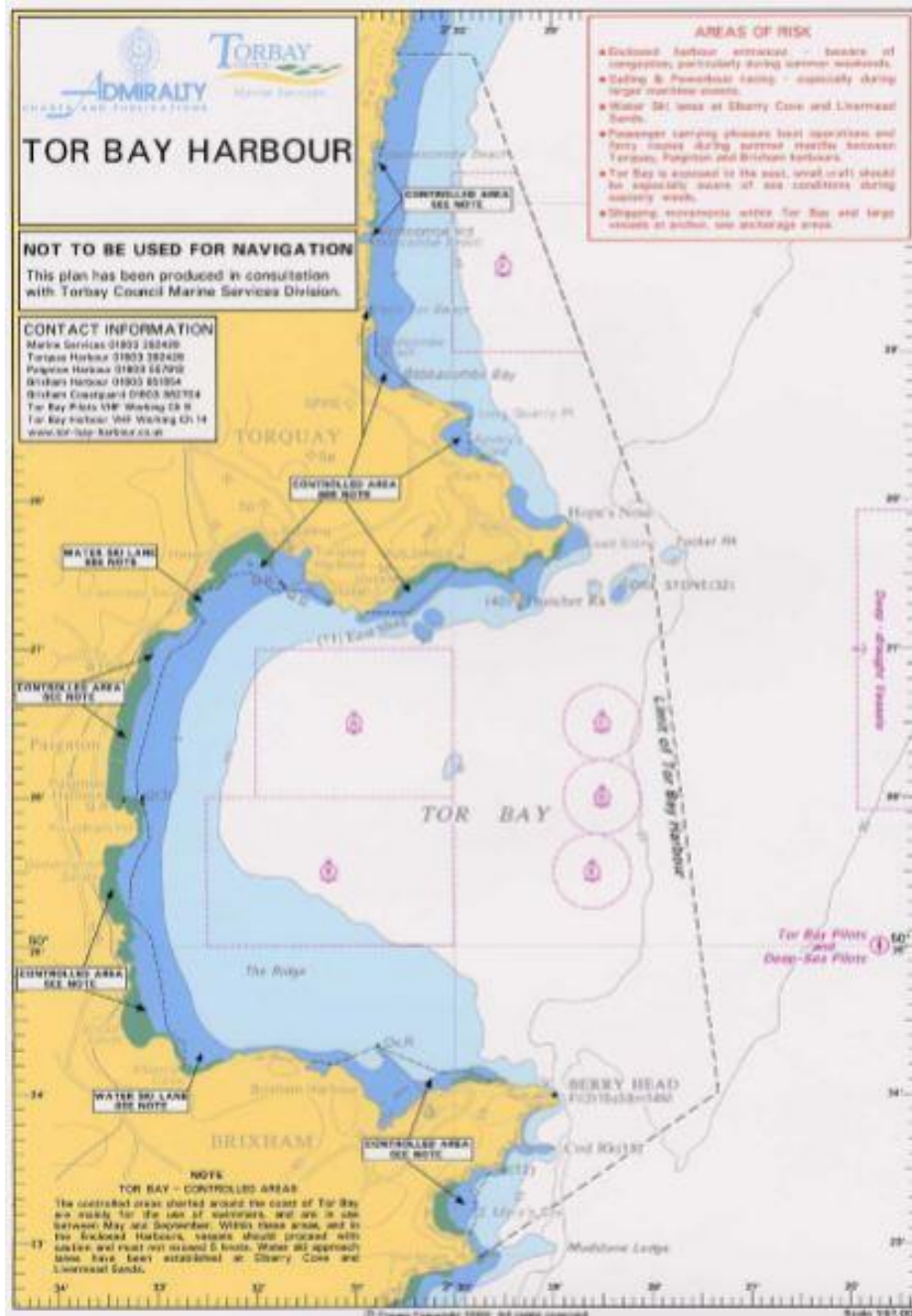
1. For further event information visit [rtyc.org](http://rtyc.org) or email [events@rtyc.org](mailto:events@rtyc.org)
2. Contact UKFA National Championship Organiser
3. Access to the boat park will be available on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May until 18.00 and from 07.30 on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, for access outside the hours please contact [events@rtyc.org](mailto:events@rtyc.org) or telephone 07970353660 in advance
4. The RTYC bar and restaurant will be open all day and evening on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and throughout the event serving meals, bar snacks, refreshments and packed lunches to order.

APPENDIX 1

TORQUAY HARBOUR



# APPENDIX 2





### APPENDIX 3

## Major Trophies: Fireball UK National and UK Open Championship 2019

Category	Trophy
UK Fireball National Champion Helm	Access Trophy
UK Fireball National Champion Crew	The City of Plymouth Trophy
UK Fireball National Championship Winners	Shackleton Painting
Winner of Race 1	Norris Brothers Trophy
Winner of Race 2	The Hunstanton Urban District Council Plate
Winner of Race 3	The Chippendale Hull Trophy
Winner of Race 4	The Contac 400 Trophy
Winner of Race 5	The Hyde Sails Trophy
Winner of Race 6	The Peter Milne Trophy
Winner of Race 7	The Yachts and Yachting Trophy
Winner of Race 8	The Anya Charlotte Trophy
1 <sup>st</sup> Helm over 50 years <sup>1</sup>	The Master Trophy
1 <sup>st</sup> Crew over 50 years <sup>1</sup>	The Master Trophy
1 <sup>st</sup> Helm over 60 years <sup>2</sup>	The Dazed Grand Master Trophy
1 <sup>st</sup> Crew over 60 years <sup>2</sup>	The Confused Grand Master Trophy
1st Lady Helm	The RBS Rose Bowl Trophy
1 <sup>st</sup> Lady Crew	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Lady Crew Trophy
Lowest Placed Completed all Races	Typhoon Perseverance Trophy
1 <sup>st</sup> Classic Fireball	The Classic Fireball Trophy
1st Helm under 21 years <sup>3</sup>	The under 21 Helm Trophy
1st Crew under 21 years <sup>3</sup>	The under 21 Crew Trophy
Under 21 years <sup>3</sup> who exhibits character, perseverance and positive attitude	The Toby Hamer Memorial Trophy

<sup>1</sup> to be awarded to the overall highest-placed helm/crew who is at least 50 years of age, but less than 60 years, on the date of the first race of the championship.

<sup>2</sup> to be awarded to the overall highest-placed helm/crew who is at least 60 years of age on the date of the first race of the championship.

<sup>3</sup> to be awarded to a helm/crew who has yet to attain the age of 21 on the date of the last race of the championship.