

INTERNATIONAL FIREBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Saturday 25th July to Friday 31st July



Royal Torbay Yacht Club

12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH, England

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC) in conjunction with the International Fireball Class Association (IFCA).

The Fireball UK National Championship will take place at the same venue from Monday 20th July to Friday 24th July. A separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions applies.

The notation [DP] in a rule in this Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification. [NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 including Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 65.1, 86.3, 88.2.
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the International Fireball Class Association shall apply. [DP]
- 1.3 Rule 23 of the Class Rules (limitation of equipment) shall apply. [DP]
- 1.4 Appendix P applies and,
 - a) In accordance with Fireball Class Rule 25, the following RRS rule is changed: RRS 42.3(i). When the wind speed is clearly over 12 knots across the course, the Race Committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P that pumping, rocking, and ooching are permitted after the starting signal. This changes RRS 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).
 - b) P2.1 will apply to all penalties
 - c) P2.2 and P2.3 do not apply. This changes Appendix P.
- 1.5 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.
- 1.6 RRS 40 Personal Flotation Devices – RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat. [DP]
- 1.7 Competitors should note that the OA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found on the RYA website at: [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](https://www.rya.org.uk/racing-charter)
- 1.8 Torbay Harbour Bye-Laws apply. [DP][NP]

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions (SI's) will be available by Friday 10th July 2026 on the Official Notice Board (ONB) [FIREBALL WORLDS 2026](#)

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online at [FIREBALL WORLDS 2026](#)
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.3 A voluntary sign-up WhatsApp group will be used to provide notifications and RC communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1.

4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Fireball Class Association whose helm and crew are members of a National Fireball Class Association recognised by International Fireball Class Association (IFCA) or a member of IFCA if there is no National Class Association in the country of origin of that boat.
- 4.2 A Youth Entry applies where both the Helm and Crew are under 26 on Friday 31st July 2026, see entry fees 5.1 below.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at [FIREBALL WORLDS 2026](#) and paying the required fee.
- 4.4 The OA will acknowledge receipt of entry and payment, and entry information will be published on the event website.
- 4.5 Entries will not be accepted after 23:59 hrs. on Friday 17th July 2026.
- 4.6 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 registration process and submit details of the parent(s) acting in loco parentis.

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Full entry fees.	Worlds only	UK Nationals only	Both events
Early bird. Up to 30.04.2026	£450	£270	£695
Standard. 01.05 to 30.06.2026	£500	£300	£775
Late 01.07 to 17.07.2026	£590	£330	£895
Youth entry fees.			
Early bird. Up to 30.04.2026	£300	£230	£495
Standard. 01.05 to 30.06.2026	£350	£260	£575
Late 01.07 to 17.07.2026	£440	£290	£695

- 5.2 The entry fee includes trailer parking, the Welcome Reception, and Gala Prizegiving Dinner for both the Helm and Crew.
- 5.3 Entry cancellations before 23:59 hrs. on Friday 17th July 2026 will be charged a £15 administration fee and the balance refunded. For later cancellations from Saturday 18th July, any refunds made will be at the sole discretion of the OA.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS [DP]

6.1 See class rules.

7 ADVERTISING [DP][NP]

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 Does not apply.

9 EVENT SCHEDULE

9.1 All boats are required to complete registration by 10.00 hrs. on Sunday 26th July. The race office will be located in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

9.2 Registration and Inspection

Date	Boats entering both UK Nationals and World Championship	Times
Monday 20 th July	Registration and Inspection	10.00 – 17.30
Tuesday 21 st July	Registration and Inspection	09.00 – 17.30
Wednesday 22 nd July	Registration and Inspection	08.30 – 10.30
	Boats entering only the World Championship	
Thursday 23 rd July	Registration and Inspection	09.00 – 17.00
Friday 24 th July	Registration and Inspection	09.00 – 17.00
Saturday 25 th July	Registration and Inspection	09.00 – 17.00
Sunday 26 th July	Late Registration and Inspection	08.30 – 10.00

9.3 A competitors briefing will be held at 10.30 on Sunday 26th July in the Corinthian Room of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

9.4

Date	Intended Number of Races	Intended First Warning Signal
Sunday 26 th July	2 races	12.55 hrs.
Monday 27 th July	2 races	11.55 hrs.
Tuesday 28 th July	2 races	11.55 hrs.
Wednesday 29 th July	Reserve day	
Thursday 30 th July	2 races	11.55 hrs.
Friday 31 st July	2 races	11.55 hrs.

9.5 It is the intention to complete a single series of ten races with no more than three races on any one day.

9.6 The designated reserve day may be changed or used for racing in order to complete the series.

9.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be displayed after 15.00 hrs.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

- 10.1 A valid measurement certificate shall be held at all times for each boat and shall be produced at inspection. Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.
- 10.2 Boats shall have completed inspection before racing.
- 10.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with Class Rules, NoR, and SI's. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NoR.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 11.1 See class rules.

12 RACE AREA

- 12.1 Racing will take place in Tor Bay.

13 COURSES

- 13.1 Courses to be sailed will be described fully in the Sailing Instructions.

14 INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 14.1 It is intended to appoint an International Jury as provided in RRS 91(b)
- 14.2 The right of appeal from a decision of the International Jury is denied as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A applies except where changed in 15.3 below.
- 15.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 RRS A2.1 Series Scores is changed to read as follows:
 - 15.3.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.3.2 When five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 15.3.3 When nine or more races are sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst two scores.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP]

- 16.1 Boats intending to bring a Support Vessel shall notify the OA in advance by email to events@rtyc.org to secure a berthing space
- 16.2 All support vessels and operators shall register with the OA upon arrival and before launching, and pay all fees determined by the OA
- 16.3 Support vessel trailers shall be parked at Daddyhole Plain, Daddyhole Road, Torquay, under the direction of the OA Beachmaster team.
- 16.4 All support vessels shall display identification flags provided by the OA.
- 16.5 All support vessels shall hold full public liability insurance and be able to provide evidence of this if requested by the OA.
- 16.6 All support vessel crews shall wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) whilst afloat.
- 16.7 All support vessels shall have a kill cord type device fitted and operational at all times whilst the engine is running.

- 16.8 The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities and area of operation of support vessels.

17 CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS

- 17.1 A chartered or loan boat may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules and RRS Appendix G3, provided the Race Committee (RC) has approved her sail identification during registration.

18 BERTHING [DP] [NP]

- 18.1 Boats shall be kept in their designated areas on Haldon Pier, Torquay and as directed by the OA and Beachmaster.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your National Authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 21.2 The Privacy Policy of the RTYC may be found at <https://rtyc.org/privacy>.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 22.2 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, 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 venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 The event prizegiving will take place at the Gala Dinner on Friday 31st July
- 24.2 Trophies will be awarded in accordance with Addendum 1.
- 24.3 Individual prizes will be awarded to the Helm and Crew of the first 10 boats.
- 24.4 Daily prizegiving will take place after racing in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club
- 24.5 The OA may at their discretion award additional prizes.

25 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESS

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

Event website: [FIREBALL WORLDS 2026](#)

Email: events@rtyc.org

ADDENDUM 1

PRIZES

World Champion Helm	Worlds Trophy
World Champion Crew	Humboldt Trophy
Race 1 First Place	Moore Trophy
Race 2 First Place	Rondar Trophy
Race 3 First Place	Volvo Trophy
Race 4 First Place	Certina Trophy
Race 5 First Place	Mildera Wines Trophy
Race 6 First Place	Bell Bowl
Race 7 First Place	Sponsor Trophy
Race 8 First Place	RVYC
Race 9 First Place	Safaricom Kenya Trophy
Race 10 First Place	P & B Trophy
First Youth Helm	Tom Gillard Trophy
First Youth Crew	Vyv Townsend Trophy

OTHER EVENT AND VENUE INFORMATION



- **Dinghy and Trailer Parking** on Haldon Pier
[Tor Bay Harbour - Home \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](http://tor-bay-harbour.co.uk)
- **Public Car Parking above Beacon Quay** for information and passes visit
Beacon Quay - Torbay Council
- For **Accommodation and Camping** visit englishriviera.co.uk/accommodation
- **Royal Torbay Yacht Club** bar and restaurant will be open all day and evening throughout the event serving meals, bar snacks and refreshments. Detailed information, including menus will be published on the event website.
- **Club Entry Access Code** – At registration competitors and their supporters will be given a door entry code to gain access to the club throughout the event. The front door must remain closed at all times, for security reasons.
- **Class Social Events** will take place in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Details and menus for all social events will be published on the event website. Additional tickets for family and friends will be available.

RACE AREA

