



Minnis Bay Sailing Club F18 TT/A-Class TT Incorporating International Tornado National Championship Event

Organising Authority: Minnis Bay Sailing Club (MBSC)

Dates: 30 September 2023 and 1 October 2023

Location: Minnis Bay Sailing Club, Hengist Road, Minnis Bay, CT7 9QP

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

1. Rules

- 1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 as defined in the current rules of sailing, national prescriptions and class rules
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024 or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
- 1.3 The RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. This changes RRS Part 5B, Rule 63.1
- 1.4 The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply
- 1.5 The sailing instructions may also change the Racing Rules
- 1.6 The notation '(NP)' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7 Rule 40.1 always applies while afloat

2. Code of Conduct

- 2.1 (NP) Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials
- 2.2 (NP) Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment, or place advertising, provided by the organizing authority with care, in accordance with any instructions for its use, and without interfering with its functionality

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at least one hour before the first warning signal of the day it will take effect
- 3.2 (NP) Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by drawing competitors' attention by a hail, flag or whistle from a Patrol Boat and verbally communicated to a boat before her warning signal

4. Communication

- 4.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located in the wet bar area of Minnis Bay Sailing Club
- 4.2 The Race Office is located in the wet bar area at Minnis Bay Sailing Club, Hengist Road, Minnis Bay, CT7 9QP
- 4.3 While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the MBSC Race Box situated above the slipway
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag AP is removed

6. Schedule

- 6.1 Registration at the Race Office between 0830 and 1030 on Saturday 30 September to collect tally numbers etc.
- 6.2 Parents of competitors under 18 are to complete parental forms at registration
- 6.3 Dates of racing: 30th September and 1st October 2023
- 6.4 6 races are scheduled and the maximum number of races per day is 5
- 6.5 Racing will be "Back-to-Back" (B2B), without coming ashore between races, although this may be modified at the organiser's discretion
- 6.6 The scheduled time of the first start on Saturday 30 September is 12:00 and on Sunday 1 October is 10:30
- 6.7 An event briefing will be held on Saturday 30 September at 10:30
- 6.8 On Sunday 1 October 2023, no race will be started after 15:30

7. Fleet flags

- 7.1 Fleets are defined as follows:
 - 7.1.1 Purple with numerals '18': F18
 - 7.1.2 Yellow with letter 'T': Tornado
 - 7.1.3 White with letter 'A': A-Class
- 7.2 Fleets may be merged depending on the number of boats at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 7.3 Changes to the Fleet splits or class allocations to the Fleets will be advised at the briefing and/or posted on the Official Notice Board

8. Courses

- 8.1 Courses will be a Windward/Leeward (see Appendix 1). This is indicative only. The exact course configuration for each fleet will be advised at the briefing
- 8.2 The race course, number of laps, start line, and finish line will be described at the event briefing

9. Marks

- 9. Racing marks shall be:
 - 9.1.1 Large yellow or orange inflatable triangular buoys, and/or
 - 9.1.2 Inflatable cylindrical, pyramidal or spherical buoys

10. Obstructions

- 10.1 (NP) Competitors must keep clear of any commercial shipping
- 10.2 Other objects or areas will be advised during any briefing or by the RO on request

11. The Start

- 11.1 All race starts will be held from a Committee Boat (CB) line, within approximately a 1-mile radius of MBSC.
- 11.2 Races will be started as follows and this changes RRS 26:
 - 11.2.1 A general warning will be sounded a short time before the first start and an orange flag displayed
 - 11.2.2 There will be up to 3 Fleet starts
 - 11.2.3 The warning signal for each succeeding fleet will be the starting signal of the preceding fleet
- 11.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark, which will be an orange inflatable cylindrical buoy with a flag. An inner limit mark may be laid between the committee boat and the port end starting mark. Boats may not pass between the inner limit mark and the committee boat
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets
- 11.5 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2
- 11.6 General Recalls
 - 11.6.1 In the event of a General Recall, the starting order of the fleets will be maintained

12. The Finish and Finishing

- 12.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.
- 12.2 An inner limit mark may be laid between the committee boat and the port end starting mark. Boats may not pass between the inner limit mark and the committee boat
- 12.3 Races may be shortened; RRS 32 is changed as follows:

- 12.3.1 Flag S (and if not all fleets are having their race shortened, their fleet flag) will be displayed on the committee boat and two sound signals will be made when a boat in the fleet for which the course is to be shortened is approaching the finish
- 12.3.2 When a boat in the fleet has finished, the rest of that fleet will finish on the next occasion of crossing the finishing line irrespective of the number of laps completed
- 12.4 After the first boats have finished, a boat may be finished on a leg if the Race Committee points IC Flag 'W' at her or otherwise communicates this decision to her orally on the water. She should return to the starting area immediately. This changes RRS 28, 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10

13 Penalty system

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

13 Time Limits

- 13.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Target time and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race target time (first boat)	Finishing Window
20 minutes	40 minutes	20 minutes

- 13.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. A boat scored DNF shall be scored points for their finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35
- 13.4 The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35

14 Hearing Requests

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office at MBSC
- 14.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses
- 14.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted
- 14.5 Request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

15 Scoring

- 15.1 Results for fleets will be in the placement order of finishing boats
- 15.2 Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined in RRS A4
- 15.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 15.4 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.5 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores but excluding her worst score
- 15.6 Rule A5.3 applies

16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times whilst afloat. International code flag Y will not be displayed. This changes the preamble to Part 4
- 16.3 Parents, guardians, and those acting in loco parentis, are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction and RRS 40
- 16.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity

17 Replacement of crew or Equipment

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed after Registration without prior written approval of the Race committee

18 Equipment and Measurement checks

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions

19. Official Vessels

- 19.1 Official vessels must be identified directly to the Race Officer (or via a MBSC Patrol Boat) before they communicate with or assist a competitor (unless in an emergency or directed)

20. Support Teams

- 20.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment (unless in an emergency or directed)

21. Trash Disposal

- 21.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels but must not be dropped overboard
21.2 Trash must not be placed aboard the committee board during any start time sequence

22. Prizes

- 22.1 MBSC Prizes will be given (depending on numbers) for the leading 3 boats in each fleet
22.2 Additional prizes may be made available by MBSC or by Class associations
22.3 The prize giving ceremony will be as soon as possible after the completion of the last race

23. Risk Statement

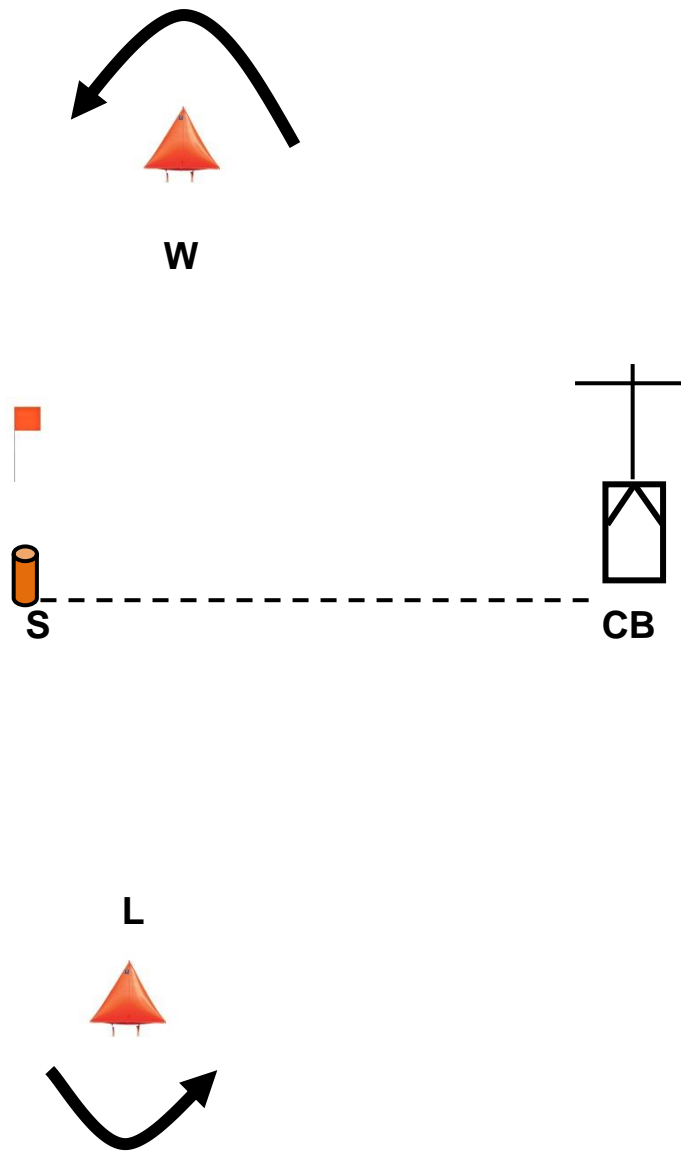
- 23.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on the unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes

24. Insurance

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent

Appendix A

Windward Leeward



Course

Start between S to Port and Committee Boat (CB) to Starboard

Round W to Port

Do not pass between S and CB

Round L to Port

Finish between CB to Starboard and S to Port