

Brixham Heritage Regatta

Hosted by Brixham Yacht Club

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Regatta Instructions

Brixham Heritage Regatta, Sunday 24th May 2020, Torbay

REGISTRATION: 1700-1900 Saturday 23rd May at Brixham Yacht Club
0900 – 1000 Sunday 24th May at Brixham Yacht Club

SKIPPER BRIEFING: 10:00 hours Sunday 24th May at Brixham Yacht Club,
Overgang TQ5 8AR

Water Taxi: BYC Brixham “Shuttle” may be available as a water taxi between the Heritage (Town) pontoon and BYC landing steps on both Saturday and Sunday. Call Brixham Shuttle on VHF channel 37 (M1) for assistance.

HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be used by the regatta officer to assist in judging the expertise and quality of individual sailing demonstrations by heritage boats and to identify appropriate trophy awards. Class I Sailing Trawlers will proceed on a level basis (no handicap).

Remainder of fleet will have handicaps allocated based on the OGA Rating Scheme.

All starters must have lodged an entry form by 10:00 hours Sunday 27th May, including a signature, contact details and a declaration of adequate 3rd party insurance.

IDENTIFICATION

All entrants should indicate sail number or other identifier to regatta officer together with number of persons on board prior to the start by VHF radio. Entry pennants should be prominently displayed either on the backstay or from the gaff peak. Please sail past Battery Point starting hut prior to the first start time, so that your boat is identified and registered.

CLASSES & START

The objective is to pass between Battery Point and the start buoy at the time shown below for your class. Information on start times will be given over VHF.

Warning Signal 5 minutes before Start time, for each Class

<u>Time of Start</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
1300, 1305	Sailing Trawlers/Large Vessels	Class I
1310	Working Boats and Pilot cutters	Class IIa
1315	Luggers	Class IIb
1320	Small Working Boats	Class III
1325	Cruisers & Yachts (Gaff rig)	Class IV
1330	Cruisers & Yachts (Bermudan)	Class V,VI

SAIL PAST

All trawlers, working vessels and yachts (Classes I, IIa,IIb,III,IV,V & VI) should leave harbour in sufficient time to sail between harbour entrance and Battery Point Regatta mark, so that we provide an interesting spectacle for viewers ashore. Take care to leave sufficient room and to provide a reasonable fairway for other vessels entering and leaving Brixham Harbour. The recommendation is to pass through the outer harbour fairway from approximately 11:30 onwards. The objective should be to pass near Battery Point and the start buoy prior to the class nominated start time in order to positively identify your vessel to the organisers.

REGATTA RULES

- ❑ Sailing will be organised in accordance with the intent of current Rules of Sailing and in particular with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- ❑ Class I vessels shall also comply with the Class One Rules annexed
- ❑ A starting procedure will be used (see Signals) to provide notice of required starting time for each class.
- ❑ Before and during the Regatta, vessels in Classes II to VI shall give way to all Class I vessels at all times, maintaining a minimum distance of 100 metres. Infringement will result in disqualification from consideration of any awards.

COMMITTEE VESSEL

This is intended to be large RIB “Olympic” which will lay marks and assist in judging finishes. In addition another BYC RIB may be in attendance with call sign “Safety 1”

COMMUNICATION

Regatta communication will be Channel 8, unless otherwise advised. A listening watch shall be kept by all vessels on this channel before and during the event for Regatta announcements from “Heritage Regatta Control “ Communication with Brixham Harbour for berthing, fuel and other facilities should be on channel 14. Communication with BYC launch “Shuttle” may be made on channel 37 (M1)

COURSE

There will be 1 triangular course approximately 5 miles, to be rounded either to port or starboard, according to Red or Green flag flown at Battery Point. Three rounds are planned. Courses will use marks as listed below, but the Regatta Officer may notify changes to the positions of these marks at the Skipper Briefing if he considers that the weather or sea conditions warrant. It is likely that shorten course signals will be made to smaller boat classes as the regatta proceeds, see instructions below.

Marks are large yellow spherical buoys, including start mark outer distance mark. Marks may be changed in position during the regatta, with the new position indicated by a red spherical buoy. Approximate coordinates are as follows:

All vessels

- Battery Point 50°24'.5 N 003°31.1' W Yellow mark (Start)
- Seaward 50°24'.5 N 003°29' W Yellow buoy
- Paignton 50° 25.70 N, 003°32.5' W Yellow buoy

Note that these positions are likely to change on the day and the exact locations will be advised by Regatta Control prior to the first regatta sailing start.

There will be three rounds, total of between 10 and 15 miles. However, the Regatta Officer may shorten course if appropriate – look out for ‘S’ board and class number on Battery Point and radio message (with 2 sound signals) and see Shorten Course below.

START LINE

Start line will be between the fixed mast at the Battery Point start hut and Battery Point Regatta mark.. Vessels not being started within 5 minutes shall keep clear of the Start area. Vessels which fail to keep clear may be penalised.

FINISHING LINE

The finish line will be between the Battery Point yellow round buoy and Battery Point mast. Vessels shall proceed from the preceding Regatta mark directly to cross the finishing line and this may mean that vessels do not “round” the Regatta mark on which the finishing line is based

SIGNALS AND FLAGS

Various sound signals and flags or boards will be displayed at Battery Point in accordance with these instructions. It is intended to use horns for the main sound signals. Note the special start sequence for Class 1. Key general points are as follows:

- **Standard Start Procedure**
 - ❑ **WARNING SIGNAL - Start minus 5 minutes** - sound signal/Class number board
 - ❑ **START – zero minutes** – sound signal/class number board removed/vhf message.
- **Class 1 Special start sequence**
 - ❑ The Order of Start will be determined by lots drawn at the pre Regatta Briefing. Vessels will be started from their designated start time
 - ❑ The standard start procedure will be implemented for all vessels
 - ❑ On the first vessel start, Class number board will be maintained in view. This is **Start minus 5 minutes** for the next vessel
 - ❑ **START – zero minutes** – sound signal & VHF message sent
 - ❑ This 5 minute sequence will be repeated until all Class 1 vessels have started
- **Course rounding**
 - ❑ green flag or board for clockwise (all marks to starboard)
 - ❑ red flag or board for counter clockwise (all marks to port)
- **Over line** - any boat over the line at the start, will be signalled by VHF message, with another sound signal. There will be no opportunity to return and re-cross the line. An expertise penalty will then be applied for “early starters”.
- **Postponement** – answering board (red and white) (2 sounds), followed by a delay. When ‘AP’ is removed (1 sound), the normal start procedure will commence 1 minute later
- **Shorten course** – Board ‘S’ and class number board and 2 sound signals – (note: this may occur near the end of any round at Battery Point, or may occur near end of any leg, where a Committee vessel, or a Committee launch flying a blue flag, will be repositioned). The ‘S’ board will be shown as the leading vessel in the class approaches the final mark. If a class flag(s) is flown below the S flag or class board number shown, the shorten course applies only to that/those class(es). If no class flag or number is shown, it applies to all classes. Wherever the finishing line is placed, vessels which are signaled to finish shall proceed to directly cross the finishing line and then shall then keep clear of vessels still sailing.
- **Cancellation** – board or flag ‘N’ with appropriate Class number board and/or flag, or no boards(s) flag if it applies to all classes (3 sounds)

PROTESTS

It is to be hoped that protests will not be required and misunderstandings will be sorted amicably. In the event of a situation arising where a protest needs to be lodged (perhaps for insurance purposes), then the normal procedure will be followed, in accordance with the Rules of Sailing. The vessel protesting should fly a red flag immediately. Any protests must be lodged in writing with the Regatta Officer, in accordance with Part 5 of the Rules of Sailing, within one hour of finishing the Regatta. The decision of the Regatta Officer (as appointed by the Brixham Heritage Sailing Committee) will be final.

TIME LIMIT

1630 hours is the time limit for the first boat of each Class to cross the Finish Line. There is a further ½ hour to 1700, for **all** boats to finish. Sailing will finish for all classes (in terms of judging results) at latest 1700 hours, when the regatta officers will return to Brixham Yacht Club.

PRIZES

Prizes and trophies will be awarded to those boats judged by the Regatta Officer and his team who have shown the best expertise and sailing skills during the afternoon's event. Prize-giving will be at 1900 hours in Brixham Yacht Club Bar/Lounge. In addition to the perpetual trophies, there are a number of commemorative prizes and plaques presented for first, second and third place in each Class.

Main trophies are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Boat Type</u>	<u>Trophy</u>
Class I	Sailing Trawlers (No Handicap)	King George V Trophy, Perpetual challenge Cup
Class I	All Large Vessels including Trawlers	Brixham Heritage Festival & Carter Cup
Class II	Working boats	Brixham Torbay Royal Regatta Ketch Rigged Trawlers under 40 tons
	Luggers	Lugger half model trophy
	Pilot Cutters	E G Martin trophy
Class III	Small working boats	Brixham Torbay Royal Regatta 1911 trophy
Class IV	Cruisers and Yachts (Gaff)	Brixham Torbay Royal Regatta Alfred Wallace Memorial trophy
Class V,	Cruisers and Yachts (Bermuda)	Brixham Heritage Festival Salver
Class VI	Yachts over 30 years old	Brixham Torbay Royal Regatta August 1912

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Boats will be inspected during Saturday and Sunday. Awards will be made during prize-giving on Sunday evening, trophy to be Brixham Torbay Royal Regatta 1st in Ketch, Class B, 1904.

FASTEST VESSEL

In commemoration of the famous Brixham trawler "Ibex", who won 29 of the 33 races she entered and was awarded the winners trophy in perpetuity, the vessel making the fastest lap of the course will be awarded the "Ibex Cup" with thanks to the friends and family of the former Harry and Daisey Upham.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Administration:	Chris Coote	01803 882074/07899993902
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Organisation:	Penny Jolley	07484 20150257
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Brixham Yacht Club		01803 853332

Regatta Chairman: Chris Coote
Regatta Treasurer: Richard Spreckley

Regatta Secretary: Penny Jolley

PASSAGE SAIL

It is intended to organize a passage sail in company from Dartmouth to Brixham on Saturday 23rd May

Start is to be at 1100 hrs adjacent to Mewstone East Cardinal Bouy.

Finish is to be between BYC mark "F" (white flag) located just North-East of Brixham Breakwater light and the light-house on the end of the Breakwater.

Finish times to be submitted to the organizers at Skippers briefing on Sunday morning for interest and judging.

KING GEORGE V TROPHY **Class 1 Rules**

- 12(a) When two sailing vessels are approaching one another, so as to involve risk of collision, one of them shall keep out of the way of the other as follows:
When each has the wind on a different side *the vessel which has the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way* of the other.
When both have the wind on the same side *the vessel which is to windward shall keep out of the way* of the vessel which is to leeward.
- 13(a) Notwithstanding anything else contained in the rules, *any vessel overtaking any other shall keep out of the way of the vessel being overtaken*
- 13(d) *Any subsequent alteration of the bearing between the two vessels shall not make the overtaking vessel a crossing vessel or relieve her of the duty of keeping clear of the overtake vessel until she is finally clear and past.*
Where one of two vessels is to keep out of the way, *the other shall keep her course and*
- 17(a) *speed.*
The latter vessel may however take action to avoid collision by her manoeuvre alone as soon as it becomes apparent that the vessel required to keep out of the way is not taking appropriate action.
When, from any cause, the vessel required to keep her course and speed finds herself so close that collision cannot be avoided by the action of the give-way vessel alone, she shall take such action as will best aid to avoid collision.
- 17(b) *This rule does not relieve the give-way vessel of her obligation to keep clear.*

In addition to the provisions contained in the Regulations:

- a. *An overtaking vessel shall overtake on the side of the vessel being overtaken which is outside the course*
- b. *It shall be the duty of a vessel which does not have the right of way to maintain a distance of not less than 100 metres from any other vessel.*
- c. *No vessel may conduct any manoeuvre in a manner that will cause her to come within 100 metres of another vessel, if that vessel maintains its course.*

Any infringement will result in disqualification from awards.