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THE 2025 HTCC

Correction regarding reservations at the Imperial hotel !!

The price for a 2-bed room with breakfast included, from Saturday 2nd August PM to Saturday 9th August AM at the Imperial Hotel, is £930 (which is much less than similar hotels nearby).

At the Imperial 30 rooms are pre-booked and can be reserved until end of March 2025. The hotel will accept a non-returnable deposit of **50% per room** with payment during the event. In order to obtain this discounted offer please use the identifier HTC.

The contact details for the hotels are:

Imperial Hotel Torquay, Park Hill Road, Torquay TQ1 2DG.

+441803294301

Email: reservations@theimperialtorquay.co.uk

In the meantime the organizing committee has been working hard to give the event all chances to success. The registration office is open...

Watch our Facebook page and the event website www.halftonclassicscup.com

Social Media officer Nicky Symonds promises weekly updates regarding the social programme, entries, racing info, ...

SAVE THE DATE !
HALF TON CLASSICS CUP IN TORQUAY
August 3rd - 8th 2025



- Sailing on some of the finest sailing waters in the UK
- An internationally renowned sailing venue
- Panoramic views of the bay from the terraced garden
- Historic clubhouse sitting proudly above the harbour, with a classical bar, stylish restaurant and function room
- Wide range of hotels and accommodation
- Town and local facilities are all nearby



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NEWS FROM THE HTCE BOARD

Enclosed in the email by which we send you this newsletter, you will also find the updated & long awaited 'Class Rules'. These can also be consulted on the Class' website under 'class documents'.

Already presented during the 2024 AGM, these rules have been finetuned after lengthy discussions with the major Class' stakeholders. Wherever there was not a 100% agreement, the board made a decision to the best interest of the entire Class.

This new set of Rules (we hope) offer a clear view of the changes/modifications you can make to your half tonner to be considered as a half tonner -modern or vintage- and authorised to take part in a Half Ton Classics Cup.

Along with the updated Class Rules, we re-publish the list with all known series built half tonners. If you want to see what they all look like, we invite you to check the 'Histoire des Halfs'-website, meticulously maintained and updated each month by Yves Gautier. www.histoiredeshalfts.com

New Class Logo – available to all

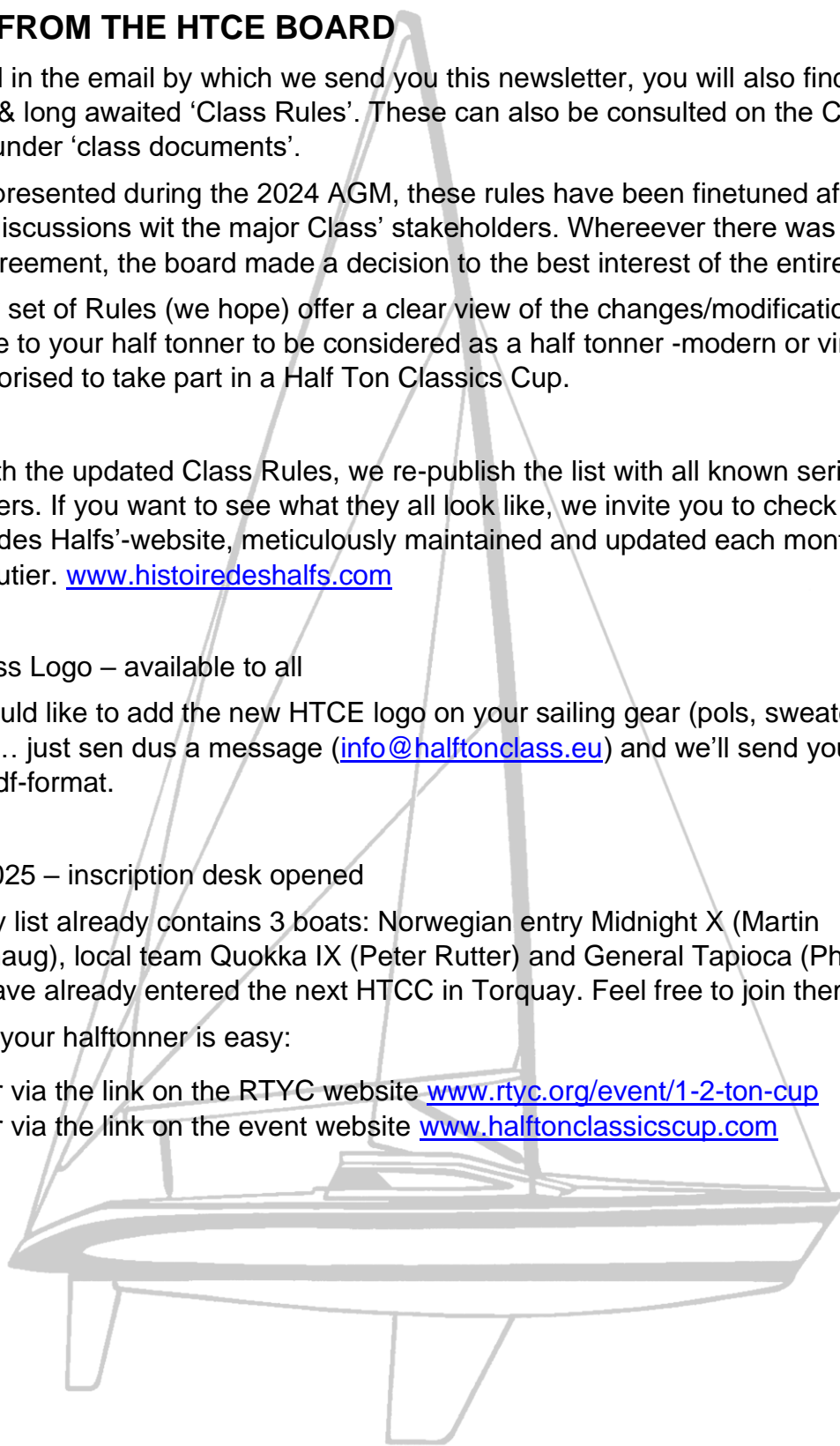
If you would like to add the new HTCE logo on your sailing gear (pols, sweaters, jackets, ... just send us a message (info@halftonclass.eu) and we'll send you the logo in pdf-format.

HTCC 2025 – inscription desk opened

The entry list already contains 3 boats: Norwegian entry Midnight X (Martin Kamperhaug), local team Quokka IX (Peter Rutter) and General Tapioca (Philippe Pilate) have already entered the next HTCC in Torquay. Feel free to join them!

Entering your half tonner is easy:

- Or via the link on the RTYC website www.rtyc.org/event/1-2-ton-cup
- Or via the link on the event website www.halftonclassicscup.com





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FLEET NEWS

IRISH FLEET

All still in the boat shed to shelter from the harsh North Atlantic winter storms battering the isle...

UK FLEET

HTCC 2025 organizer Peter Rutter is actively inviting all known UK-based half tonners to attend the Torquay event this summer. All unknown boats are kindly requested to make themselves ... known.

The beautiful Per Elisa has finally changed hands and we all hope she makes it to Torquay.

Crakajax is finally no longer on the market as the owners & HTCC veterans Richard & Ursula have decided to keep her and aim for victory in the X-Yachts Half Ton Classics Cup in Torquay later this year...

BRITTANY FLEET (FRANCE)

A few months before the next HTCC in Torquay, the Brittany half tonners will gather in La Trinité-sur-Mer at the (long) Easter Weekend (18-21st April) for the traditional Spi-Ouest-France. If they manage to have 8 half tonners entered, the race organizer will create a proper start group and ranking!

Halfajet, Daltoner, Cortegada, Cardiac Blues and Waverider have already confirmed their presence. They hope that the traditional entrants like Collector and Aubépine will join them this year.



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At the same time it's 'fingers crossed' for the refit in progress for Cesma 3 and Freelance to be finished in time...

The Brittany boats are also hoping to attract other international teams from the UK and Ireland... www.spi.ouest-france.fr (website in French only, but if interested contact the Class! We'll guide you).

Come on and join us in La Trinité for a wonderful regatta and after-sail parties!

BELGIAN FLEET

At a ceremony in the Brussels' town hall on 25th January, organized by Belgian Sailing, the team of RED CLOUD was awarded the '2024 Yachting Team of the Year' award, following their tremendous victory at the last HTCC in Nieuwpoort.

In the final 'popular vote' the team finished 3rd, behind Belgian IMOCA sailor Denis Van Weynberg and upcoming windsurf talent Johnjohn Vanderick. Thank you all for voting Team Red Cloud to this fantastic podium position!



Apart from that we can tell you that Concorde is preparing for a new mast, The Big Picture has been sold to another Belgian team, Halfajet now flies the Belgian flag, the Farther Bruin team is pursuing training sessions throughout the winter, and Tom Pouce, well yeah... is loosing weight let's say... 😊



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SCANDINAVIAN FLEET

The Norwegian halftonners have just published their 2025 sailing program – feel free to travel over to Norway to joint hem – Martin will find you a boat!

26-27 April	Training sessions / Grimsøy
3 May	Hvaler Rundt / Løkkevika
9-11 May	National Championship ½ Ton / Løkkevika
31 May	Kostervalsen / Strømstad (Sweden)
13-14 June	Faerderseilasen
26-28 June	Grundig Hankø Race Week / Hankø
13 Sept	MK Båt Cup / Løkkevika

Apart from this the Norwegian fleet continues their training sessions and go out sailing (from Grimsøy marina) as long as thichk ice is not barring their way... Gotta love it...

CLASS EVENT DATA

Half Ton Classics Cup 2025: 4-8 AUG 2025 – Torquay (UK)

Half Ton Class Europe AGM: 22 NOV 2025 – Antwerp (BEL) upon popular demand

Half Ton Classics Cup 2026: dates to be confirmed – Hankø (NOR)

Half Ton Classics Cup 2027: open for suggestions

Half Ton Classics Cup 2028: open for suggestions

→ If you have other events to suggest, please contact us





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CLASS MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025

Yes indeed it is about time to renew your membership...

By paying your membership fee you give a strong signal to the Class in general and more specifically to the board. The Half Ton Class is a story about you and us, and we write that story together!

Also you can only participate in the Half Ton Classics Cup when you have paid your membership fee...

The fee of 100 EUR is to be paid by bank transfer only, to:

Half Ton Class Europe

IBAN: BE78 0018 1280 2886 -- BIC: GEBABEBB

Communication: 'member 2025' + boat name + sail number + your name

That's all for now...

Fair winds & following seas...

Bert – Ward – Jeremy - Philippe

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