



# DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

## Notices of Race ready soon

27th February 2021

Dear Sailors and Friends of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week,

We have been working hard to prepare for this year's Sailing Week. With publication of the Government's road map this week, we are very hopeful that relaxations in the Covid-related restrictions will have been possible by the end of August. But with so much uncertainty we are building in as much flexibility as possible. All entry fees are being held at the same rates as in 2019, and Notices of Race will be published soon.

We understand that you may not be able to confirm your entry plans as early as usual. We are introducing Advance Registration with no commitment and no initial fee, so that you can let us know your intentions early on. This will help us enormously in our planning, and also let other competitors know who else is hoping to enter. Advance Registration will open once the NoRs are published, and we will invite you to confirm and pay the entry fee by the end of July.

For the yacht racing, mustering a full crew may be problematic, although social distancing on board will hopefully be a distant memory! We are offering "non-spinnaker" classes for both the IRC and Cruiser fleets, which may be preferred by those sailing short-handed. These will be competing for separate prizes from the full-rig classes. Your choice of class can be changed up to mid-August.

On shore, hospitality venues such as our yacht clubs may be back to service as normal, and we will update you with plans as they unfold through the summer. Even if large gatherings can go ahead, some competitors may still prefer to keep their distance. We will drop the usual requirement to come in person to register at RDYC, and offer more options using electronic communication, such as the possibility of viewing the skippers' briefing and prize-givings via Zoom. But rest assured that, even if they have to be behind a perspex screen or at the end of a phone line, our usual friendly team of regatta volunteers will still be on hand to help you have the best possible Regatta experience.

Finally, for peace of mind, we will of course give a full refund or the option to carry your entry forward to next year, should we have to cancel the Sailing Week for Covid-related reasons. Do get in touch if you have any questions about these plans.

Wishing you all the best in the current lockdown, and looking forward to getting back out on the water again!

Joint Regatta Sailing Committee