



Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week 2017

NOTICE OF RACE - YACHTS and KEELBOATS

Wednesday 23rd to Sunday 27th AUGUST

Organising Authority (OA):
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The Organising Authority implement the RYA Racing Charter and Competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020) and on the RYA website www.RYA.org.uk

1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS).

1.2 The RRS will be changed by the Sailing Instructions as follows:

RRS 61 (Protest Requirements) Boats of less than 6m LOA may be required to display a red flag.

RRS63 (Hearings) Advisory, arbitration or other forms of hearing will be held.

RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.'

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.3 IRC handicap classes:

(a) IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.

(b) IRC Rule 22.1.5 (e) shall not apply. A spare mainsail carried on board may be used during the regatta.

1.4 (a) One Design classes racing for their own prizes and/or trophies as a separate class shall comply fully with their class rules (or as changed in compliance with RRS87).

(b) Where crew weight or other checks are required, the Class Association shall be fully responsible for the implementation of these.

1.5 All boats shall carry at least one orange smoke flare in a waterproof container and a Marine VHF Transceiver (either permanently installed or a waterproofed portable). *Also see NoR 10*

1.6 Boat identification:

(a) All boats shall have, as a minimum, a sail number on their mainsail, overlapping headsail and spinnaker (except as 1.6(c) below). The specification and position of numbers shall comply with the requirements of RRS appendix G.

(b) Boats may be required to display backstay pennants according to class or division. A list of the pennants will be published on the website www.dartmouthsailingweek.com by 1st August.

(c) Boats permitted by their class rules to not have sail numbers on their spinnaker or gennaker are required to display a number dodger on the starboard side, in such a way as to be visible to the race committee at the finish. The specification of the numerals and suffix letters shall be the same as those required by RRS appendix G1.2. The dodger does not need to include national letters. Alternatively, equivalent sized numbers with suffix letters may be displayed on the hull to the same effect.

1.7 For safety reasons Bow Anchors are to be stored within the boat so that there is no protrusion by the anchor beyond the bow or any other part of the boat.

1.8 All boats shall register and CONFIRM ENTRY DETAILS at RDYC before competing in the four day Yacht and Keelboat Regatta series. Boats failing to register will be scored equivalent to DNC and recorded 'Did not register' (DNR) in all races. Boats do not have to register before taking part in the Passage Race.

1.9 Boats exceeding 6m LOA shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 5. Boats 6m LOA and less shall comply with the portable equipment section of the same regulations, except they are not required to carry a lifebuoy and drogue or heaving line.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising may be displayed in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

Boats may be required to display a Regatta sponsor's advertising.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Passage Race from Brixham to Dartmouth

3.1.1 There will be two classes: IRC and Byron handicap. If there are sufficient entries, divisions of each class may be created.

3.1.2 The OA reserve the right to refuse an entry on the grounds that, in their opinion, the boat is unsuitable for this type of coastal race.

3.1.3 Byron handicap boats may elect to sail this race without spinnaker, but will require an appropriate rating separate to the main four day regatta, if they then intend to use a spinnaker or gennaker. Please see paragraph 6.2.3 of this NoR for further information.

3.1.4 Boats allocated to a One Design class for the main regatta but having an individual non class rules compliant IRC rating may elect to sail in the Passage Race in that condition but shall complete a separate entry form.

3.2 The Four Day Regatta

3.2.1 The four day Regatta is open to all boats under 14.7m LOA (48'), except for boats with an existing mooring on the river Dart which may exceed this length restriction. The following classes are proposed:

Type/group	Definition	Divisions/ Classes	Initial entry as:
IRC	Boats with a valid IRC rating	Up to 5 divisions according to entries	IRC
Byron handicap cruisers	Boats with a valid Byron handicap	Up to 5 divisions according to entries	Byron
HP30 Sportsboats	Boats with a valid IRC rating and conforming to HP30 Class Rules	IRC handicap	IRC
Small Sportsboats	Boats classified by the RYA/RORC as Sportsboats	Byron handicap according to entries	Byron (generic class number)
National Squib	One design class	Class Racing	ditto
Day sailing boats	e.g. Devon Yawl, Tofinou 7 & similar	Byron handicap	ditto
Possible One Design classes	J109, J24	Separate classes if sufficient entries	Appropriate handicap class as above

If you are unsure which type/group your boat falls into, please email info@dartmouthsailingweek.com The OA reserves the right to re-allocate boats to the most suitable class

3.2.2 The minimum number for any class will be at the OA's discretion. Boats should initially enter as indicated above. Once sufficient entries have been received and the OA has made the decision to establish one design and other specialist class starts, the entrants will be informed by e-mail accordingly and shall sail under their own class rules. In the event there are insufficient entries to form a proposed one design or other special group, entrants may elect to sail in a handicap division or cancel their entry and receive a full refund.

Other classes or interested groups not listed above are invited to apply to the OA for class racing. For contact details see NoR 12.

3.3 **Entry cancellations:** Other than those covered in NoR 3.2.2, prior to August 1st a 10% administration fee will be charged, rising to 50% for up to one week prior to the races entered. Refunds after the latter date will only be made in exceptional circumstances.

3.4 **ENTRY OPTIONS** [click here](#). Entry will open from April 1st 2017

3.5 **Late entries** will be accepted at the daily fee up to 17:00 on the day prior to the race entered.

4 FEES

4.1 **Passage Race:**

Class	Fee	
	Prior to 00:01 on 1 st August	After 00:01 on 1 st August
All entrants	£20	£25

4.2 **Four day regatta series:**

The entry fee is determined by LOA and is irrespective of the class or division a boat will be allocated to. For definitions of LOA please see the measurement section of this NoR

LOA	Normal Daily Fee	4-day Discounted Entry (if fee received by 00:01 on 1st August)
Over 12.5m LOA	£60	£180
Over 10m to 12.5m LOA	£55	£165
Over 7.5 to 10m LOA	£50	£150
Over 6m to 7.5m LOA	£45	£135
6m and under LOA	£25	£75

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 **Passage Race - Wednesday 23rd August** - Brixham to Dartmouth for IRC and Byron yachts.

First warning signal: 13:55

Prize giving: 17:45 Thursday 24th August at DYC

5.2 **Four Day Regatta Series - Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th August**

5.3.1 Registration for the four day series (mandatory).

Prior to the regatta the Cadet Room at RDYC will be open for registration from 09:00 to 19:30 on Monday 21st, 09:00 to 18:00 on Tuesday 22nd August and 09:00 to 21:00 on Wednesday 23rd August.

5.3.2 There will be up to three course areas in Start Bay. The Sailing Instructions will allocate boats by class or division to an appropriate course area. The earliest warning signal each day will be 10:25. A briefing will be held in the Marquee alongside Darthaven Marina on Wednesday 23rd August at 19:00. **Please make every effort to attend.**

5.3.3 On either Friday or Saturday, to be decided by the Race Committee at the time, some boats may sail the Bay Race. This will be round fixed and specially laid marks. On that day those boats will sail one race only, but for scoring purposes it will count as two races with equal placing - see NoR 9.2(e). If the target number of normal races is unlikely to be achieved due to prevailing or predicted weather conditions, the Bay Race may not be held in favour of maximising the number of individual normal races. The Race Committees decision to run the Bay Race is final and shall not be the subject of applications for redress.

5.3.4 Races per day. Every effort will be made to provide the number of races stated in the table.

CLASS	<i>Normal races per day</i>	<i>Bay Race</i>
IRC divisions (over 7.5m LOA) One Designs (over 7.5m LOA)	Minimum of two races	YES
Byron divisions (over 7.5m LOA)	Two races	YES
All other classes	Two races	NO

5.3.5 Prize giving:

RDYC at 19:00 on Friday and Saturday for the preceding days racing.

RDYC at the times below on Sunday 27th August for the Saturday and Sunday racing and the Regatta Series.

Inner Course - 17:00

Middle Course - 17:45

Outer Course – 18:30

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 IRC ENTRIES

6.1.1 Boats with an IRC certificate listed on the RORC website shall tick the appropriate box on the entry form and need not submit a copy certificate. In the event of a rating change after an entry has been submitted, boats shall notify the OA as soon as possible and no later than prior to racing. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from all races.

6.1.2 Rating changes for alternative sail configurations will not be accepted after 00:01 on 1st August

6.1.3 For IRC boats the LOA to determine the entry fee shall be the LH measurement specified on the boats rating certificate.

6.2 BYRON YACHT ENTRIES

6.2.1 NO ENTRY WILL BE INITIALLY ACCEPTED WITHOUT A VALID BYRON NUMBER SPECIFIC TO THAT BOAT. The handicap quoted on the entry form will be verified by the OA before the Regatta. Before verification, the handicap figure will be annotated with a question mark in the entry tables; once verified this question mark will be removed. To facilitate the validation process, if available, entrants are requested to e-mail a copy of their current Byron assessment to the OA (info@dartmouthsailingweek.com).

Entrants without a specific Byron number for their boat will be allocated a number by the OA based on generic information for that design. This may not be beneficial and entrants are strongly advised to apply as early as possible for a specific number for their boat. (Please [click here](#) for more information on obtaining a handicap figure.)

6.2.2 For Byron boats the LOA to determine the entry fee shall be the length of a box the hull would fit into, excluding pulpit, pushpit, retractable bowsprits and transom hung rudders.

6.2.3 Boats electing to sail as non-spinnaker in the Passage Race, but with spinnaker in the four day regatta shall enter by 00:01 on 1st August and complete two separate entry forms declaring the respective handicaps. Thereafter, boats entering shall sail both the Passage Race and four day regatta using the same handicap and comply with its conditions throughout.

6.2.4 Changes to Byron numbers for alternative sail configurations will not be accepted after 00:01 on 1st August.

6.3 SMALL SPORTSBOATS, DAY SAILING BOATS and NATIONAL SQUIBS

6.3.1 The above boats shall enter the four day regatta quoting the generic Byron number for their design (regardless of whether a one design class is established). This number will be used in the Small Sportsboat and Day Sailing Boat races regardless of whether boats have individual ratings. In the Passage Race, suitable boats holding individual IRC or Byron ratings may sail in the appropriate class under that rating, subject to a separate entry being submitted.

6.3.2 The LOA to determine the entry fee shall be the length of a box the hull would fit into, excluding pulpit, pushpit, retractable bowsprits and transom hung rudders.

6.4 ALL ENTRIES

Boats shall produce to the OA a valid measurement or rating certificate at any time during the Regatta if required to do so.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Printed copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available as follows:

Passage Race after 09:00 on 21st August at Brixham Yacht Club and RDYC

Four Day Regatta after 09:00 on 21st August at RDYC

The Sailing Instructions will also be available on the website www.dartmouthsailingweek.com from 1st August or earlier if possible. In the event of a discrepancy between the printed version and the website, the printed version and any amendments posted on the Official Notice Board shall take precedence. The availability of the Sailing Instructions on the website does not alter the requirement to comply with NoR 1.8.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The Passage Race is between Brixham and Dartmouth, rounding fixed racing and navigational marks.

8.2 In Start Bay the following courses may be set at the Race Officer's discretion: windward/leeward; triangular; triangle + windward/leeward.

8.3 The Bay Race for the relevant divisions (see 5.3.3 and 5.3.4) will be around fixed and laid marks.

8.4 In the event of lack of wind and/or adverse tide, boats must make their own way to and from the race areas either under their own engine power, or by pre-arranged tow from their own support boat or another competitor. Boats involved in race management are not available to tow competitors.

9 SCORING

9.1 The Passage Race is a stand-alone event not being part of any series. Separate prizes will be awarded for Byron non-spinnaker yachts in addition to Division prizes.

9.2 Four Day Regatta Series:

(a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

(b) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

(c) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(d) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

(e) The Bay Race will count as two races for scoring purposes i.e. double points. One or both of the scores may be excluded scores to arrive at a boat's series score.

9.3 For one design classes, series ties shall be decided according to RRS Appendix A8. For handicap classes A8.1 is changed: Excluded scores shall be used.

9.4 Regatta Overall Trophies:

A boat's series score shall be used. If one division completes fewer races than another, abandonments shall be scored Did Not Finish unless a disqualification under Rule 30.3 is applicable.

For Overall Trophies RRS A8.1 is changed: Excluded scores shall be used. RRS A8.2 shall not be used. Any remaining ties shall be decided by the greater number of boats beaten, based on the mean average of boats starting in a division. If a tie then remains, the trophy shall be shared.

9.5 Trophies designated for Royal Dart Yacht Club or Dartmouth Yacht Club boats will be awarded on the basis of the home club declared on the entry form. Only one home club is permissible.

9.6 Classic Boat trophies & prizes (for boats sailing in Byron divisions only) shall be awarded to those built prior to and during 1970.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 Except in an emergency or to communicate with the Race Committee, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and all other forms of personal mobile communication.

10.2 The Race Committee may transmit important course information by VHF radio using channels 37, 72 or 77 according to course area. Boats should ensure they are able to adequately receive such transmissions.

11 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

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, mark layers and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week Office on 01803 752704. Email: info@dartmouthsailingweek.com