



DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week 2019
including the IRC South West Area Championship



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NOTICE OF RACE – YACHTS and KEELBOATS

Wednesday 28th August to Saturday 31st August 2019

(Please note there is a separate Notice of Race for the stand-alone Passage Race from Torbay to Dartmouth on Tuesday 27th September.)

Organising Authority (OA):
Joint Regatta Sailing Committee
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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 will be required to display a red flag.

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

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

1.3 IRC classes

IRC part C shall apply (advertising permitted)

In accordance with IRC Rule 11 the following are changed:

- (a) IRC Non Spinnaker Ratings shall not be used during the regatta (IRC rule 8.6 refers)
- (b) IRC Rule 15.1 is modified: RRS 52 shall apply.
- (c) IRC Rule 21.1.5 (e) is amended to “a spare mainsail may be on board but must not be used without the written authority of the OA”
- (d) IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply, with the exception of boats racing in a one design class (see 1.4 below). For all other boats there will be no limitations on crew number or weight.

1.4 One Design classes

- (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 11](#)

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 pennants according to class or division. A list of the pennants will be published on the website www.dartmouthsailingweek.com by 1st August 2019.
- (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 yacht and keelboat regatta series.

1.9 Boats exceeding 6m LOA shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (2018-2019), Appendix B for Inshore Racing. 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. ([Click here to view the regulations](#))

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising may be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. ([Click here to view the regulations](#))

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats under 20m LOA. Please also note [NoR 9](#).

3.2 The following classes are proposed:

Type/group	Definition	Divisions/Classes	Initial entry as:
IRC	Boats with a valid IRC rating	Up to 6 divisions according to entries	IRC
NHC	Boats not having an IRC rating	Up to 3 divisions according to entries	NHC
Classic Yachts (JCH &/or IRC*)	Boats conforming to NoR 6.3	Up to 3 divisions according to entries	Classic Yacht
National Squib	One design class	Class racing	National Squib
Small day sailing boats	e.g. Devon Yawl, Hawk 20 and similar	PY handicap	PY
Possible One Design classes	J109, J24s, Etechells	Separate classes if sufficient entries	Appropriate handicap class as above

*Classic Yachts with an IRC TCC will also be included in the SW Area championship

If you are unsure which type/group your boat falls into, please email info@dartmouthsailingweek.com

Boats with a valid IRC rating shall enter as IRC, with the exception of boats entering as Classic Yachts.

The OA reserves the right to re-allocate boats to the most suitable class.

Other classes or interested groups not listed above are invited to apply to the OA for class racing. For contact details see [NoR 15](#).

3.3 The minimum number for any class will be at the OA's discretion. Boats hoping to race in a possible One Design class and Classic Yachts should initially enter as indicated above. Once sufficient entries have been received and the OA has made the decision to establish the proposed class(es), the entrants will be informed by e-mail and shall sail under their own class rules. In the event there are insufficient

entries to form a proposed class, entrants may elect to sail in an IRC or NHC division if appropriate or cancel their entry and receive a full refund.

3.4 **Entry cancellations:** Other than those covered in NoR 3.3, prior to 1st August 2019 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.

3.5 **Change of class:** Boats cancelling their IRC certificate and requesting to sail as an NHC entry after 00:01 on 1st August will be subject to an administration charge equivalent to the full daily entry fee.

3.6 **ENTRY OPTIONS** [click here](#). Entries will open from 1st January 2019.

3.7 **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 The entry fee is determined by LOA and is irrespective of the class or division a boat will be allocated to.

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

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

For all other classes the LOA to determine the entry fee shall be the length of a box the hull would fit into, excluding pulpit, pushpit, bowsprits and transom hung rudders.

5 SCHEDULE

Regatta Series – Wednesday 28th August to Saturday 31st August 2019 inclusive.

5.1 Registration for the series (mandatory).

Prior to the regatta the Cadet Room at RDYC will be open for registration from 09:00 to 19:30 on Monday 26th and 09:00 to 20:00 on Tuesday 27th August 2019.

5.2 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. The last warning signal on the final day will be no later than 13:00.

A briefing will be held on Tuesday 27th August 2019 at 19:00. **Please make every effort to attend.**

5.3 Either on Thursday, Friday or Saturday some boats may sail a longer coastal race (The Bay Race). On that day those boats will sail one race only, but for scoring purposes, it will count as two races - See section 10 of this NoR for full details of the scoring. 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 Committee's decision to run the Bay Race is final and shall not be subject to redress – this amends RRS 62.1(a).

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

CLASS	Normal races per day	Eligible for Bay Race
IRC divisions (over 7.5m LOA) One Designs (over 7.5m LOA)	Two races	YES
NHC divisions (over 7.5m LOA)	Two races	YES
Classic Yacht divisions	Two races	YES
All other classes/divisions	Two races	NO

One extra normal race per day may be run, dependent upon the weather, either forecast or experienced.

5.5 Prize giving location and times: Will be posted on the website www.dartmouthsailingweek.com prior to the regatta.

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 IRC ENTRIES

Boats with an IRC 2019 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. No alteration to a boat's TCC made after 31st July 2019 will be accepted, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors.

6.2 NHC YACHT ENTRIES

6.2.1 All entrants are encouraged to consider obtaining an IRC rating. For more information please email the OA (info@dartmouthsailingweek.com).

6.2.2 The OA will allocate an NHC TCF based on the information given on the entry form. The OA's decision shall be final and not subject to protest.

6.3 CLASSIC YACHTS

For the purposes of this regatta a Classic Boat is defined as having a design date before 1975. More recent boats of classic and traditional design may be accepted at the discretion of the OA, whose decision shall be final. All boats will require a current JCH (see www.jch-online.org for more information) and/or current IRC certificate and may have separate starts subject to entries.

6.4 NATIONAL SQUIBS

6.4.1 National Squibs shall sail as a one design class and conform to class rules except as described in 6.4.2.

6.4.2 Class rule C.10.2(b) shall apply, except that either spinnaker may be used, but only one spinnaker may be used in an individual race. (Change agreed by the Class Association in compliance with RRS 87)

6.5 SMALL DAY SAILING BOATS

Small Day Sailing boats shall enter the Regatta Series quoting the generic PY number for their design. This number will be used in the Small Day Sailing Boat races regardless of whether boats have individual rating.

6.6 ALL ENTRIES

Boats shall produce to the OA, where applicable, a valid measurement or rating certificate, along with their insurance policy provider and policy number, at any time during the Regatta if required to do so.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Printed copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available after 09:00 on 26th August 2019 at RDYC.

The Sailing Instructions will also be available on www.dartmouthsailingweek.com from 1st August 2019 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 In Start Bay the following courses may be set at the Race Officer's discretion: windward/leeward; triangle + windward/leeward.

8.2 The Bay Race for the relevant divisions (see 5.3 and 5.4) may be round navigational marks and features and fixed and specially laid racing marks.

8.3 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 BERTHING

Except for boats exceeding 15m LOA berthing will be allocated by the respective providers and is not normally bookable in advance. The berthing providers on the river Dart are Darthaven Marina (max LOA 12.2m and no 'Mother Ships'), Noss Marina and the harbour authority, Dart Harbour. Reservations for mooring on the Dart Harbour deep water pontoon can be made for a fee of £30. Boats over 15m LOA are strongly advised to contact Dart Harbour (info@dartharbour.org or 01803 832337) in advance of the regatta to ensure a berth will be available.

Harbour dues, (but not berthing fees) will be waived by the Dart Harbour from Tuesday to Sunday night inclusive.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Berthing-information>

10 SCORING

10.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

10.2 For scoring purposes the Bay Race shall count as two races with equal placing; e.g. a boat finishing second in the coastal race will receive two individual second place scores. As defined in 10.3(c) below, one of the two scores may be excluded to arrive at a boats series score.

10.3 Regatta Series:

- (a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When six or more have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 Regatta Overall Trophies:

A boat's series score shall be used, except if one division has fewer races to count for their series score, then the lesser number of races will be used to compare the series scores of all boats in the divisions competing for the trophy i.e. one or more divisions may exclude their next worst score(s) until the races completed are equalised.

For Overall Trophies RRS A8.2 shall not be used. If a tie remains after the implementation of RRS A8.1, the trophy shall be shared.

10.5 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.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 Except in an emergency or to communicate with the Race Committee, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

11.2 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.

12 PRIZES

Daily and overall prizes and trophies will be awarded according to entries.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent. Please note the requirement in [paragraph 6.6](#) of this NoR.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week Office on 01803 752704.

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