



DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

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NOTICE OF RACE – YACHTS and DAY SAILING BOATS

Wednesday 26th August to Saturday 29th August 2020

(Please note there is a separate Notice of Race for the stand-alone Passage Race from Torbay to Dartmouth on Tuesday 25th August.)

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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) and on the RYA website www.RYA.org.uk

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a rule in the NoR means it will not be open for protest by a boat.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (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 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 or Short Handed 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 "Only one mainsail may be used for the duration of the regatta, unless in exceptional circumstances, written permission is granted by the OA"
- (d) IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply; 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 Boat identification:

- (a) All boats shall have, as a minimum, a sail number on their mainsail, overlapping headsail and spinnaker (except as 1.5(c) below). The specification and position of numbers shall comply with the requirements of RRS appendix G.
- (b) All boats, except National Squibs, will be required to display a pennant according to their division or class on their backstay (or by any other means near the stern of the boat, if a backstay is not available), at a height and of a size consistent with the type of boat, except with prior written permission of the OA. A list of pennants will be available on the website version of the Sailing Instructions prior to the regatta.
- (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.

1.6 All boats shall register and CONFIRM ENTRY DETAILS at RDYC before competing in the regatta series.

1.7 Safety Regulations [NP] [DP]

1.7.1 Boats exceeding 7m LOA shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Appendix B for Inshore Racing. Boats 7m 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)

1.7.2 All boats shall carry flares compatible with the size of boat and as a minimum one orange smoke flare in a waterproof container.

1.7.3 A permanently installed or waterproofed Marine VHF Transceiver shall be carried by all boats.

1.7.4 A personal flotation device shall be worn at all times while afloat by crews in National Squib and Day Sailing Boat classes.

2 ADVERTISING [NP] [DP]

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 11](#).

3.2.1 The following classes are proposed:

Class	Definition	Time correction system	Divisions	Entry as:
IRC	Boats holding a current IRC rating	IRC	Up to 6 divisions subject to entries	IRC
Cruiser	Boats holding a current YTC number	YTC*	Up to 3 divisions subject to entries	Cruiser
Day Sailing Boats	e.g. Devon Yawl, Hawk 20, Tofinou 7 and similar	YTC*	Single class	Day Sailing Boat
National Squib	One design	None	Single class	National Squib
Classic Yachts	Boats conforming to NoR 6.4	JCH	Separate class subject to entries	Classic
One Designs	Boats conforming to one design rules – See NoR 1.4	None	Separate class(es) subject to entries	See 3.2.2

*YTC is the South West Yacht Time Correction System – see [NoR 6.2](#) for further information.

Classes and divisions will be determined immediately before the regatta taking into account entry numbers, the range of time correction factors and boat types. Full details will be advised at registration. The OA reserve the right to re-allocate any boat to the most suitable class or division. [NP]

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

- 3.2.2 The minimum number for any class will be at the OA's discretion. IRC/YTC entrants will be informed by email if there are sufficient boats of a particular design to form a one design class.
- 3.2.3 In the event there are insufficient Classic Yachts to form a class the entrants will be informed by email and may elect to sail in an alternative class, or cancel their entry and receive a full refund.
- 3.3 **Entry cancellations:** Other than those covered in NoR 3.2.3 , prior to 1st August a 10% administration fee will be charged, thereafter 50% until one week prior to the races entered. Refunds after the latter date will only be made in exceptional circumstances. Boats having cancelled their entry shall not re-enter in another class.
- 3.4 **Change of class:** Boats shall enter the class in which they want to race. Except as noted in 3.2.2 and 3.2.3, change of class after entry will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.5 **ENTRY OPTIONS** [click here](#). Entries will open from 31st January 2020.
- 3.6 **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 1 st 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 26th August to Saturday 29th August 2020 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 24th and 09:00 to 20:00 on Tuesday 25th August.

- 5.2 A briefing will be held at RDYC on Tuesday 25th August at 19:00. **Please make every effort to attend.**

- 5.3 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 14:00.

- 5.4 Either on Thursday or Friday 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 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 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).

- 5.5 Races per day - Every effort will be made to provide the number of races stated in the table. One extra race per day may be run for any reason decided by the race committee at the time.

CLASS	Races per day	Eligible for Bay Race
IRC divisions (over 7.5m LOA) One Designs (over 7.5m LOA) Cruiser class divisions (over 7.5m LOA) Classic Yachts	Two races	YES
All other classes/divisions	Two races	NO

- 5.6 Prize giving location and times: Will be posted on the website www.dartmouthsailingweek.com prior to the regatta. It is intended as far as is practicable to hold prize givings on the same day as the race involved.

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 IRC

Boats with an IRC 2020 certificate listed on the RORC website can tick the appropriate boxes 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 31st July. No alteration to a rating will be accepted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors. Failure to notify a rating change will result in disqualification from all races.

6.2 CRUISERS and DAY SAILING BOATS

Boats will require a South West Yacht Time Correction (YTC) number. For boats not yet having a current YTC number, please apply online via the website www.swytc.org.uk **before entering** (Note: There is no charge for this service). The OA will check the YTC database for the entrants YTC number. No alteration to a YTC number will be accepted after 31st July, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors.

Late entries, from boats not yet having a YTC number, will be accepted between Friday 21st August and 15:00 on the day prior to the first race entered.

6.3 NATIONAL SQUIBS

- 6.3.1 National Squibs shall sail as a one design class and conform to class rules except as described in 6.3.2.

- 6.3.2 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)

6.4 CLASSIC YACHTS

For the purposes of this regatta a Classic Yacht is defined as having a design date before 1975. More recent boats of classic or traditional design may be accepted at the discretion of the OA, whose decision shall be final. [NP]

All boats will require a current JCH (see www.jch-online.org for more information) and may have a separate start subject to entries.

6.5 ONE DESIGN CLASSES

See [NoR 1.4](#)

6.6 ALL BOATS

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

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Printed Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration.

The Sailing Instructions will also be available on 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. Amendments will also be posted on the website. The availability of the Sailing Instructions on the website does not alter the requirement to comply with [NoR 1.6](#).

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 5.4 and 5.5](#)) 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 PROTESTS

In addition to protest forms being available from the OA, a mobile phone App will be available for on-line protest submission and competitors will be encouraged to use this whenever possible. See www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/single/protests for full details.

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 race will receive two individual second place scores. As defined in 10.3 below, one or both 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 four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When five or six races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (d) When more than six races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

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 BERTHING

Except for boats exceeding 15m LOA, berthing may be allocated by the respective providers. The berthing providers on the river Dart are Darthaven Marina (Not bookable in advance and max LOA 12.2m and no 'Mother Ships'), Premier Marinas' Noss on Dart Marina and the harbour authority, Dart Harbour. 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 Saturday night inclusive.

Further information can be found at:

www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/single/information-for-competitors

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA. This restriction also applies to the use of underwater breathing apparatus around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. [DP]

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 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. [NP]
- 13.2 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. [NP]

14 PRIZES

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

15 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, committee boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

16 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. Boats shall provide the OA with their insurance policy provider and policy number, at any time during the Regatta if required to do so.

17 RIGHTS TO USE THE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority the right to make use and show, at their discretion, any photograph, audio and video recordings and other reproduction of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, before 23rd August please contact the Royal Dart Yacht Club office on 01803 752496, and thereafter Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week office on 01803 752704

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