

THE DARTMOUTH CLASSICS

JUNE 6th TO JUNE 8th 2025

To our Classic Yacht Competitors

It is again a pleasure for the Royal Dart Yacht Club to welcome our Classic Yacht Owners and Crews to the River Dart.

We will be running our usual format with The Regatta beginning on Friday 6th June with registration at the RDYC, a Skipper's briefing followed by a drinks reception and supper for Skippers and Crew.

On Saturday 24th there will be up to two races around fixed marks in Start Bay. In the evening there will be a Regatta Dinner at the RDYC. Finally on Sunday the 8th the intention will be to run a Bay race around fixed marks in Start Bay.

As always the The River Dart is a welcoming place for sailors, the Dart Harbour Authority will make its berths available and including a regular yacht taxi service. In addition there are 3 marinas which can offer a full range of services.

All sizes of yacht can be accommodated. There are excellent shoreside facilities including good hotel and bed and breakfast accommodation with a full range of restaurants some of them in buildings that have wooden beams and windows from sailing ships from a bygone era. Shore parties are encouraged and they will find much of interest in the town.

On behalf of the Royal Dart Yacht Club, we look forward to welcoming you in June 2025 and to a great Regatta.

Organising Committee





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Friday 6th June to Sunday 8th June 2025

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) – Dartmouth Classics

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 <http://www.RYA.org.uk>

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

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

Throughout this document the words “yacht” and “boat” are interchangeable.

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. The RRS are changed as follows:

1.2.1. RRS63 (Hearings) is amended to allow RYA arbitration.

1.2.2. As an alternative to hailing for room to tack or responding, a boat may communicate on VHF channel 72. This changes RRS 20.4(b)

1.2.3. World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01 will be used at the start. The Definition of Start is therefore changed as follows:

Start: A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start to the course side either:

- (a) at or after her starting signal, or
- (b) during the last one minute before her starting signal.

A boat starting under condition (b) will receive a time penalty added to her elapsed time, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63, 35 and A5.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line.

1.2.4. The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.

1.3. [NP][DP] Boat identification:

1.3.1. Boats must have either a valid national sail number or recognised class number. The number shall be displayed in compliance RRS Appendix G with the exception described below.

1.3.2. Where, for reasons of authentic appearance, numbers are not displayed on sails in compliance with RRS Appendix G, the entrant may apply for an exemption, provided the numbers described in NoR 1.3.1 are displayed on dodgers, boards or hull numbers visible from both sides of the boat. The specification of the numbers shall be the same as those in RRS Appendix G. This changes RRS77.

1.3.3. In the event any sail is to be used with a number differing from that confirmed at registration, race committee approval must be obtained prior to every race.

1.3.4. All boats will be required to display a pennant according to their group (see NoR4.2) on their backstay (or by any other means near the stern of the boat, if a backstay is not available), at a minimum height of 1.5m above the sheerline and of a size consistent with the type of boat. The allocation of pennants to groups will be advised at registration and will be from the range International Numerals 6 to 9.

1.3.5. Failure to comply with the provisions of this NoR may result in the boat being recorded DNC.

Advisory note: Boats without a national or class sail number must apply to their national authority for a number. In the case of French boats a unique number for classic yachts may be obtained from the Yacht Club Classique online at <http://yachtclubclassique.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Num%C3%A9ros-de-voile.pdf>. For UK boats, application may be made to the RYA.

1.4. [NP] Safety Regulations

1.4.1. Boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (WS OSR), Appendix B for Inshore Racing with the exceptions described in NoR 4.3

Advisory note: The WS OSR are available at <http://www.sailing.org/offshorespecialregs>

1.4.2. RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation to be worn) applies at all times when afloat to competitors in open deck boats and boats not having a pulpit, stanchions and lifelines.

1.4.3. Drones: No competitor or support person shall operate a drone in or around the racing areas.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Printed Sailing instructions will be available at registration. They will also be downloadable (and printable) at <http://www.royaldart.co.uk> from 5th May 2025. Any amendments after this time will be posted on the online official notice board and signalled by flag L displayed at RDYC.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online official notice board will be available at <http://www.royaldart.co.uk> from 31st March 2025.

3.2. All boats shall carry a Marine VHF radio either permanently installed or a waterproof portable. The race committee will make broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 72 and boats shall monitor this channel at all times during the event.

3.3. All boats shall have on board a mobile phone capable of receiving WhatsApp messages. The phone must be kept charged and switched on for the duration of the event. The phone number must be advised on entry and confirmed at registration.

Advisory Note: It is strongly advised an audible alert is set for received WhatsApp messages.

3.4. While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. Any competitor transmissions on the channel used by the race committee shall be limited to those pertaining to the race(s) taking place.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1. Eligibility:

4.1.1. The event is open to Classic yachts as defined below and having a JCH rating with a minimum on deck length of 5.4 metres. The acceptance of any boat as a Classic is at the OA's discretion.

A boat is probably eligible if it meets one of the following criteria:

- (a) Designed before 1969
- (b) Designed between 1969 and the end of 1974 – for this period, only accepted classic designs are eligible.
- (c) Designed after 1974 as a near replica or in the style of a pre-1969 boat.

Any modifications to boats meeting the above criteria must be sympathetic to the period of the design.

Advisory note: If you think your boat is a Classic and is in one of the above categories, then it probably is. If in doubt please ask the OA.

4.1.2. Boats that have previously sailed in Dartmouth Classics or the Classic Channel Regatta will be “grandfathered” into the 2025 event, regardless of the above criteria. Other boats which do not meet the criteria, but in the opinion of the OA are suitable to race as a Classic may be accepted. In either case a rating adjustment may be applied to that obtained from the JCH system.

4.1.3. Boats with sails which fall into the JCH Type 3 definition and/or have carbon spars (excluding spinnaker poles), may be subject to a rating adjustment applied to that obtained from the JCH system.

4.2. Boats may be divided into groups according to entry numbers, rating and whether they are “one offs” or one of a series of boats.

4.3. Dispensation from NoR 1.4.1

4.3.1. It is acknowledged that many classic yachts, having been built before the introduction of the WS OSR, have difficulty in complying fully with the structural requirements of these rules. Entrants whose boats fall into this category must sign the General Dispensation form at registration, stating that the boat does not comply with the applicable WS OSR, thereby providing a waiver of responsibility to the OA.

4.3.2. Entrants of boats without pulpits, pushpits and guardrails shall sign a declaration at registration that their crew has been fully briefed and trained to sail this style of boat.

4.4. Entry

4.4.1. Eligible boats may pre-register at the RDYC website <http://www.royaldart.co.uk> . Entry forms will be emailed to all pre-registered owners and should be completed and returned to the OA by 5th May 2025. Entries received after this date will be liable to a surcharge fee of 50%.

4.4.2. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and in particular **must have a JCH rating** and pay all fees.

Advisory note: Full information about JCH Classic Ratings and how to obtain a free of charge rating can be found at <http://www.jch-online.org>

4.4.3. The OA may limit the number of entries consistent with berthing availability. The OA's decision in this respect is final.

5. FEES

Fees will be advised by 31st March 2025.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

A minimum of 2 adult persons on board is a requirement to compete in this event.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Advertising may be displayed in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code. Advertising of any other kind shall only displayed with the written approval of the OA.

7.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

All times are BST (UT+1). Warning signals are 5 minutes before a starting signal.

8.1. Friday 6th June 2025

- 12:00 to 19:00: Registration at RDYC
- 19:00: Briefing at RDYC

Saturday 7th June 2025

- 10:25: First warning signal Race 1.
- Race 2 will be held as soon as practicable after completion of Race 1

Sunday 8th June 2025

- 09:55: First warning signal Race 3.
- 18:00 Prize giving at RDYC

8.2. The race committee may run one additional race per day for any reason deemed necessary.

8.3. On the Sunday no warning signal will be made after 13:55.

9. THE VENUE

NoR Appendix A shows the plan of the event venue.

10. THE COURSES

10.1. On the Saturday, at the Race Officer's discretion, windward/leeward, triangular and combinations of these courses will be set in Start Bay for Races 1 & 2.

10.2. On the Sunday a longer distance Race 3 may be held – "The Bay Race" will be round navigational marks and fixed and specially positioned racing marks in Start Bay.

In the event of unsuitable conditions for the "Bay Race", the scheduled races for Saturday may be repeated (except with the earlier first warning signal).

Advisory note: 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.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. The scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply and will be 20%.

11.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. SCORING

12.1. The JCH rating system will apply to all races.

12.2. Separate scoring will be done for each group in each race (except where groups have been amalgamated).

12.3. One race is required to constitute a series..

12.4. Series scores.

RRS A2.1 is changed: Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the sum of her weighted race scores. No score shall be excluded. The score weightings are as follows:

- For races round laid marks (windward/leeward, triangles and combinations of these): 0.5, unless only one race is run on that day, in which case 1.0
- For the "Bay Race" 1.0

12.5. Classics is a qualifying event for the West Country Classics Series. Boats recorded DNC in all races of the Dartmouth Classics will not qualify.

Advisory note: Other qualifying events for the West Country Classics Series are currently Fowey Classics and Falmouth Classics.

13. BERTHING

Berthing arrangements are the responsibility of the boat owner or their representative.

14. HAUL-OUT & DIVING RESTRICTIONS

[DP]Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of 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 event.

Advisory note: The use of underwater breathing apparatus at any time requires Harbour Authority approval.

15. DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

16. 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.

17. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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) Patrol boats are not provided.
- (g) 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.

18. 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 event if required to do so.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded according to entries.

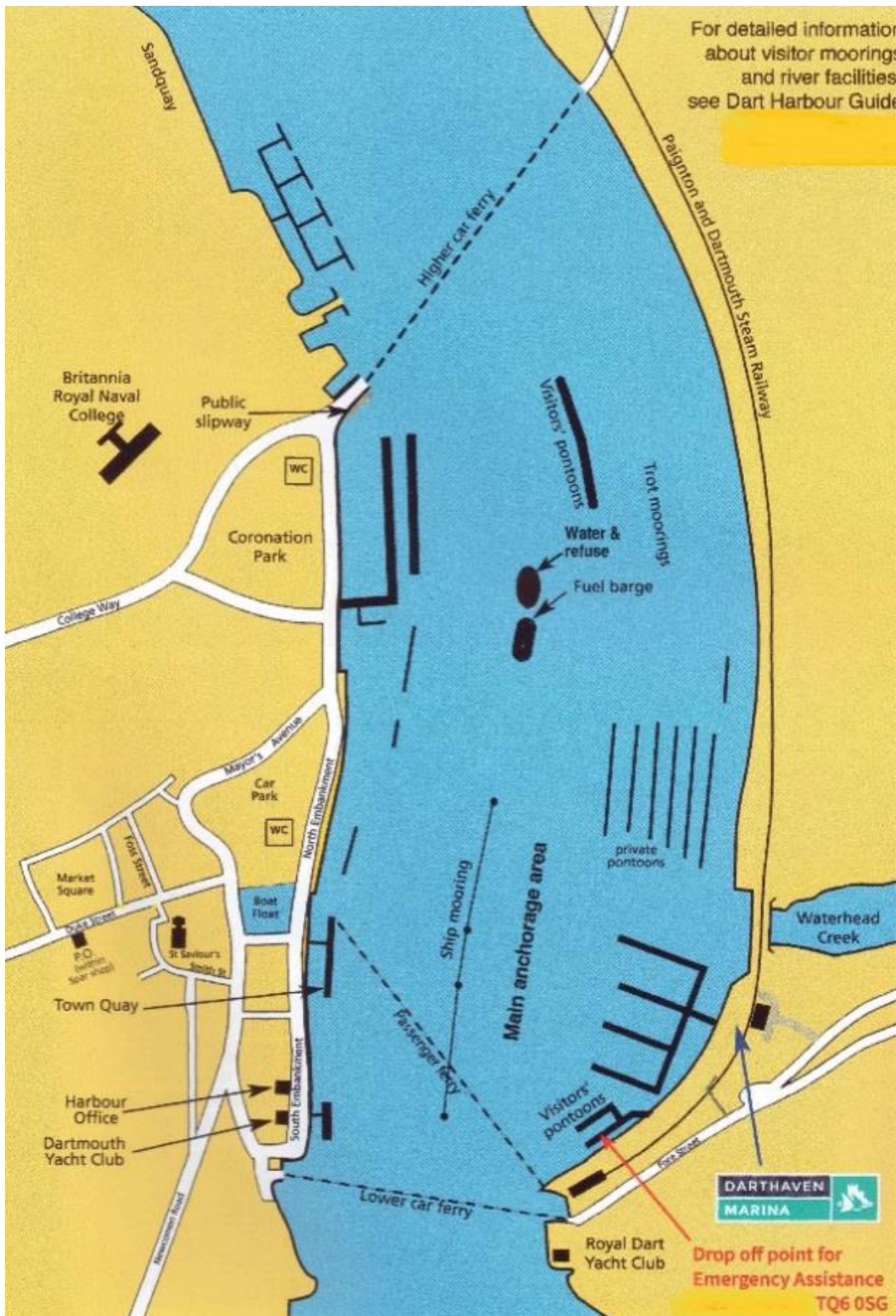
20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the OA on 01803-752496

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Appendix A

Plan of Dart Harbour (not to scale)



End of Notice of Race