

NOTICE OF RACE 2021

Organizing Authority.

The Royal Dart Yacht Club is the Organising Authority (OA) for the yacht races specified in the RDYC Racing Programme except as noted in **Exclusions** below. Any variations considered appropriate by the Race Committee shall be posted on the online official noticeboard <https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-noticeboard>.

Exclusions

This NOR does not apply to the J24 Spring Regatta, the May Regatta / Commodores Cup, the Dartmouth Regatta and events organised by other yacht clubs. These events are all subject to separate NOR and Sailing Instructions.

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR or SI 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 or SI means that this rule will not be open for a protest by a boat.

1. Rules

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix WP, and for IRC yachts, the IRC Rule 2021. Competitors are expected to abide by the RYA Racing Charter.

1.2 Rules 40 (see Safety Requirements #8) and 52 (see 13) are changed by this NOR. The Sailing Instructions may change other rules.

1.3 RRS Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility, replaces RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise.

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1 The Sailing Instructions are on page 5.

3. Communication [DP]

3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-noticeboard>.

3.2 Pre-race information may be broadcast on the WhatsApp group 'RDYC Racing'. Membership of the group can be arranged via the Racing Secretary.

3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on a minimum of channels 16 and 37a.

3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

3.5 [DP] While racing, 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.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 Races are open to all RDYC members. Coastal Series events are open to members of local clubs subject to completion of the RDYC Entry Form no later than 1800 the day before the race.

4.2 All boats competing in any races in this programme shall complete a Race Entry Form available from the RDYC website or the Sailing Office and either send via email to racingsecretary@royaldart.co.uk or deliver to the club FAO the Racing Secretary no later than 2nd April 2021.

4.3 All boats shall, by entering any race, confirm their acceptance of and compliance with the Safety Requirements on page 9 and understanding of the Safety Briefing on page 8.

4.4 Each boat racing under IRC shall provide a valid rating certificate with her entry form. Squib class yachts shall hold a valid class certificate.

5. Classes, Handicaps and Series

5.1 Class 1 and Class 2

The IRC Rules 2019 Parts A, B and C shall apply to all races in this programme for which RDYC is the OA. The racing Committee will allocate boats to Class 1 or 2 at its discretion.

Race results for Class 1 and 2 will be calculated using IRC ratings. An additional result may be calculated using TCF-Golf.

5.2 Non-Spinnaker and Short-Handed Ratings

A yacht may declare herself 'Non-spinnaker' and race under her non-spinnaker TCC for a series by advising the Racing Secretary before the first race in that series.

A yacht may declare herself 'Non-spinnaker' for a race, and obtain a time allowance, provided she declares 'Non-spinnaker' on the RDYC Racing WhatsApp group before the warning signal. The Non-spinnaker time allowance shall be 1 minute for races in Start Bay and 3 minutes for Coastal races.

Short-Handed TCCs will not be used.

5.3 Class 3

Will comprise Squibs and any similar boats which are below the 5m minimum length for IRC.

Race results for Class 3 will comprise

- Separate class results for Squibs.
- An overall result based on PY or its local equivalent.
- An additional result may be calculated using TCF-Golf.

5.4 Yachts without an IRC Rating.

Yachts without an IRC rating will be allocated to Class 1 or 2 at the Racing Committee's discretion. Their results may be calculated using the TCF-Golf, but will not be eligible for series trophies.

5.5 TCF-Golf

- Yachts will start with the handicap determined by Halsail from races in 2020.
- Handicaps for Wednesday racing will be revised on completion of each Wednesday series as indicated by Halsail.
- New boats will start with their IRC rating until enough races have been completed to allow a fairer handicap.
- Boats with no rating will start with their NHC base rating until enough races have been completed to allow a fairer handicap.

5.6 Combined Results for a Series with Insufficient Entries

Class 1, 2 and 3 results may be combined into a single IRC and a single TCF-Golf result where entries in a series are insufficient to warrant separate class results.

6. Crew Limitations

6.1 Crew limitations shall be in accordance with IRC regulations or, for Squibs, class rules.

6.2 Additional crew restrictions may be imposed in accordance with government regulations. Such additional restrictions shall be advised on the [online official notice board](#).

7. Advertising

7.1 Advertising may be displayed in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code and IRC rules part C.

8. Schedule of Races

8.1 The schedule can be found in the **Racing Programme** <https://royaldart.co.uk/racing>.

9 Venue

9.1 The racing venue is Start Bay and the River Dart. For the Coastal Series the venue is extended to include coastal waters between Teignmouth and Plymouth.

10 Courses

10.1 Courses are described in the Course Addendum <https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-information>.

11 Penalty System

11.1 Rule 44.1 applies.

12. Scoring

12.1 Series will be scored in accordance with RRS 90.3.

- Wednesday Series: one discard will be allowed if four or five races are completed and two discards if six, seven or eight races are completed.
- Summer, Autumn and Frostbite Saturday Series: 50% of completed races shall count.
- Overall series, where more than one series are combined into a result, 50% of completed races shall count.

12.2 All series will be scored as *series longer than a regatta* (see RRS Appendix A9 which replaces A4.2).

12.3 Results will be posted on the RDYC Website <https://royaldart.co.uk/racing-results>.

12.4 See NOR 17 for allocating score to Race Officers.

13. Electronic Self Steering Gear may be used in all races This changes Rule 52 and IRC Rule 15.

14. Risk Statement: All crew shall read this 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 acknowledges that:

- a. They will abide by social distancing regulations in force at the time of the race.
- b. 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 while taking part in the event:
- c. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property when afloat or ashore:
- d. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions:
- e. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate:
- f. The provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- g. Patrol boats and safety boats are not provided.
- h. 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 read the Safety Briefing on page 8.
- i. For offshore races 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 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.

15. Insurance

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

16. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each series and may also be awarded to second and third places.

17. Race Officer Duty

Competing boats shall be prepared to supply a team to start and manage a race as indicated in the programme. When an owner acts as Race Officer and, as a consequence, his boat is unable to compete, the boat will be scored her average points (less discards) for that series. This is entered as 'RDG Av excluding DNC' on the HAL system. Allocations for duties are in the **Sailing Programme**.

If a yacht is unable to fulfil her duty, in the first instance she shall try to arrange a swap with another yacht. If a swap is not possible, contact the RDYC office for assistance.

Inexperienced race teams may contact the RDYC office to request help.

18. RDYC Website. Copies of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and entry forms are on the RDYC website (<https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-information>). In the event of a discrepancy the printed version as amended by any changes to the sailing instructions posted on Online Official Notice Board (<https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-noticeboard>) shall be the definitive version. Regatta documents are on Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week website <http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/>.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2021

1. Applicability

These sailing instructions apply to all races organised by the RDYC in this programme but do not include races at the J24 Spring Regatta, the May Regatta / Commodores Cup, Dartmouth Royal Regatta or races organised by other Clubs, for which specific Sailing instructions are issued. Information included in the Notice of Race is not duplicated in the Sailing instructions.

2. Rules

2.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

2.2 The following rules are changed by these sailing instructions: 35 (see 14), 62.1(a) (see 3.2 and 11.3).

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the online official notice board (<https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-noticeboard>) at least one hour prior to the scheduled start time of the race.

3.2. Changes to Sailing Instructions may be made on the water by communicating verbally or on VHF Ch M1 (37a) by the committee boat in accordance with Rule 90.2(c). Course information and shorten course signals may a be broadcast on VHF Ch M1 (37a). Alternative channels may be used. Failure to receive any transmission shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

4 Communications with Competitors

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board

(<https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-noticeboard>).

4.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 37a. Alternative channels may be used to avoid interference.

4.3 The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF channel 37a:

- Course information
- Shorten course signals
- Starting signals, recalls, postponement and abandonment signals
- Time checks
- Changes to starting sequences
- Mandatory requirement to wear personal flotation devices

4.4 Flag signals may not be used.

5 Code of Conduct

5.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5.2 [DP] Competitors shall abide by the RYA Racing Charter.

6 Signals Made Ashore

6.1 Pre-race information such as postponement, alternative start lines, etc will be communicated on the 'RDYC Racing' WhatsApp group.

6.2 Where more than 12 hours' notice can be given; pre-race information will also be available on the online official noticeboard.

7. Schedule of Races

7.1 The schedule can be found in the Racing Programme <https://royaldart.co.uk/racing>.

7.2 Start times for the first start are in the Racing Programme. Note the early start times for Wednesday Evening races at each end of the season.

7.3 Wednesday Evening starting sequence

Starting Order	Class	Class Flag	Time after first start
First	Class 1	NP 1	0
Second	Class 2	NP 2	+5 mins
Third	Class 3	NP 3	+10 mins

A general recall, or postponement, may cause the starting interval to be extended.

A class subject to a general recall will start last.

7.4 Summer, Autumn, Frostbite, Dayboat River and Coastal Series: all classes will start together.

8 Class Flags

8.1 See table in #7.3 above.

8.2 Yachts other than Squibs shall fly their class flag.

9 Racing Area

9.1 The racing area is Start Bay and the River Dart. For the Coastal Series the venue is extended to include coastal waters between Teignmouth and Plymouth.

9.2 Coastal hazards to navigation exist in the racing area. Safe navigation of the yacht is the crews' responsibility

10 Courses, Buoys and Restricted Areas.

10.1 Courses will be selected from those given in the separate Courses addendum

<https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-information>. Restrictions in the Sailing Area are defined in Section 4 of the Courses addendum.

11 The Start

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 Starting arrangements are given in the Courses addendum <https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-information>.

11.3 When a Committee Boat is not available, a designated RDYC Yacht will act as the starting yacht by broadcasting start times on VHF Ch M1 (37a) and making a sound signal. Visual signals may not be given. Failure to receive any transmission shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a). Alternative channels may be used.

12 The Finish

12.1 Finishing arrangements are given in the Courses addendum <https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-information>.

12.2 When a committee boat is not available at the finish, yachts shall certify their own times using GPS time of finishing. Please note sail numbers of boats ahead and astern. Times shall be advised to the Racing Secretary by email of WhatsApp as soon as possible after finishing.

13. Penalty System After Finishing

13.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a Post-Race Penalty – a 20% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is two places, and she shall not be scored worse than the score for did not finish. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

13.2 When a Post-Race Penalty is accepted:

(a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules

14. Time Limit (Changes rule 35)

The following time limits shall apply:

Series	Time Limit	Extension
Wednesday	2015	30 minutes, i.e. to 2045.
Summer and Autumn	3 hours	1 hour, i.e. to 4 hours
Frostbite	2 hours	30 minutes, i.e. to 2½ hours
Coastal	Specified in 'Courses for Long Day Races'	

The extension shall apply if at least one boat in that class has finished within the time limit. The Race Officer may, before the start, impose an earlier time limit with no (or a 20 minute) extension if conditions require it.

If no boat finishes within the time limit, or the Race Officer decides that it is unlikely that any boat will finish within the time limit, the race may be retrospectively shortened by an announcement on VHF and times for completion of the previous lap may be used to determine results.

15. Protests

15.1 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the finish of the race.

15.2 Protest forms are available from the online noticeboard <https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-noticeboard>.

15.3 Notices will be posted on the online noticeboard no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.4 When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

15.5 An arbitration hearing in accordance with RYA guidance shall only be held if all parties to the protest, and a member of the protest committee agree to it.

ADDITIONAL SIs FOR COASTAL SERIES

1. Race Control, RDYC Representative and VHF Radio Communication

1.1 There will be a single start for Class 1 and Class 2.

1.2 An RDYC competitor may act as starting yacht. Start times will be broadcast on VHF Ch M1 (37a) with a sound signal. Visual signals may not be given. Failure to receive any transmission shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a). Alternative channels may be used.

2. Self-Timing, Time Limits, Reporting Times

2.1 Yachts are to certify their own times using GPS time of finishing. Please note sail numbers of boats ahead and astern. Time limits are specified in the Courses Addendum.

2.2 The time limit will be extended by two hours if one or more yachts finish the course within the time limit. This alters Rule 35.

2.3 Times are to be notified to the RDYC Office by e-mail or telephone by 14:00 on the Monday following the race or direct to the RDYC representative by VHF or Text Message.

3. Protests

Protests must be handed to the RDYC Representative, or notified to the RDYC Office by e-mail or telephone by 14:00 on the Monday following the race.

4. Results and Prizes

Results will be displayed on the RDYC website <https://royaldart.co.uk/racing-results>. Prizes will be awarded to the winning yacht and subsequent places at the Race Committee's discretion

Torbay and Dart Combined Clubs Series

RDYC yachts are welcome to enter BYC and RTYC races shown in the programme, provided they complete an entry form for the relevant club / race. These events may be scored under the SWTC handicap system, so IRC yachts wishing to compete are advised to obtain an SWYTC rating. This is available free of charge from <https://www.swytc.org.uk/index.asp>.

NoR, Sailing Instructions and results for Races organised by other clubs appear on their own websites:

Exe Sailing Club www.exe-sailing-club.org

Teign Corinthian Yacht Club www.tcytc.org.uk

Royal Torbay Yacht Club www.rtytc.org

Brixham Yacht Club www.brixhamyachtclub.co.uk

Royal Dart Yacht Club www.royaldart.co.uk

Salcombe Yacht Club www.salcombeytc.org.uk

TDCCS Facebook Page

<https://m.facebook.com/Torbay-and-Dart-Combined-Coastal-Series-947697018756093/?tsid=0.302495682738668&source=result>

SAFETY BRIEFING

- a) Competitors are reminded that rescue boats are not provided, therefore it is a condition of racing that all RDYC yachts shall carry a VHF radio and a means of returning to the river (i.e. an engine or support boat).
- b) Coastal hazards to navigation exist in the racing area. Safe navigation of the yacht is the crews' responsibility.
- c) It is the responsibility of each yacht to ensure that crew are able to use key safety equipment (e.g. the VHF radio).
- d) In the first instance, a yacht shall try to rectify a minor safety incident itself, without recourse to external help.
- e) If the safety incident cannot be rectified immediately by the yacht itself, and always in the event of a man overboard, the yacht shall call for help, e.g. by radio Channel 37a.
- f) All competitors are bound to render assistance on receipt of such a call – RRS Rule 1.1.**
- g) If the victim yacht decides that help from another yacht is unlikely to rectify the situation, or help is not forthcoming, then the yacht shall escalate the situation by calling the Coastguard on Channel 16. A MAYDAY should be used if there is imminent danger to life. A Pan-Pan (urgency) call is appropriate to inform the coastguard of the problem and what you are doing about it, and will speed the response if you later issue a MAYDAY.
- h) If a casualty has to be transferred ashore, unless instructed otherwise, the best access to the shore/ambulance is the inner visitors' pontoon at Darthaven. The Harbour Master has a reserved space here which is kept vacant. As an alternative, the Town Jetty can be used. DHNA river officers are on duty (until 1900 in April and October and 2300 between May and September) and can be contacted on Channel 11 to help with berthing.
- i) Yachts rendering assistance will be entitled to claim redress (RRS Rule 62.1(c)).

A fuller Safety Briefing with examples of Safety Incidents and their resolution, can be found on the RDYC website <https://royaldart.co.uk/media/files/site/Safety-Briefing-2021.pdf>.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1. Risk Statement

All crew shall read the Risk Statement in the Notice of Race (*Para 15*)

2. Decision To Race

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Rule 4)

3. General Requirements

All equipment must function properly, be regularly checked, be suitable for the size and intended use of the boat, and the crew appropriately trained in its use. (*Offshore Special Regulations*)

4. Patrol boats and safety boats

Patrol boats and safety boats are not provided. (*NoR para 16(g)*).

5. VHF Radios

All boats shall carry either a portable or permanently installed waterproof Marine VHF Radio with Ch 16 and M1 (37a) and be receiving at all times whilst racing.

6. Engines

All yachts and keel boats shall have a working engine and fuel sufficient to get them back into the river against a foul tide and in the absence of wind, or their own support team.

7.1 Races East of Start Point

Squibs, Devon Yawls and other day boats shall comply with the safety equipment, as required by their class rules.

All yachts shall comply with Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B.

OSR Appendix B; this includes (but is not limited to):

Buooyancy Aid 50N, bucket, anchor, compass, lifebuoy and heaving line.

Boats with electrical systems, cookers or engines must carry fire extinguishers.

Full requirements at <http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>

7.2 Races Passing West of Start Point

All boats in Coastal Races shall comply with OSR Category 4 equipment. Yachts carrying an EPIRB, or a PLB attached to at least one crewmember, may choose to carry an Electronic Visual Distress Signal in place of pyrotechnic flares in accordance with current RYA advice.

OSR Category 4; this includes (but is not limited to):

Navigation Lights, anchor, VHF Radio, lifelines, 2 fire extinguishers, inflatable Lifejackets 150N, Bilge Pump, 2 buckets, flares, foghorn and first aid kit.

8. Personal Buoyancy and Flag Y

Keel boat and dinghy crews must wear a personal flotation device.

When racing outside the castles, if the wind strength is expected to be Force 5 or above the Race Officer will fly Flag Y and dinghy, keelboat and yacht crews shall wear a lifejacket to EN 150. This changes the meaning of flag Y in Rule 40 and the RRS Race Signals.