

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority.

The Royal Dart Yacht Club is the Organising Authority (OA) for the yacht races specified in this Notice of Race.

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1. Rules

1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The RRS are changed as follows: Waypoint marks may be used and Appendix WP of the RRS shall apply where applicable.

1.3 Competitors shall abide by the RYA Racing Charter.

1.4 The following rules are changed by this Notice of Race: 60.1(a) and 64.2 (see preamble).

2 Sailing Instructions

2.1 The Sailing Instructions are on page 4.

3. Communication

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

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make information broadcasts to competitors on VHF.

3.4 [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 Eligibility

Races are open to members of local yacht clubs. All boats competing shall complete a 'May Regatta Entry Form' available from the RDYC website. and send via email to office@royaldart.co.uk with copy to racingsecretary@royaldart.co.uk no later than 24th May 2021 if they intend to race in any races in this programme.

4.2 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 10.

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

4.5 Fees

The entry fee is £10 for Saturday and £10 for Sunday payable through the 'Events' section of the RDYC website. Fees shall be paid before an entry is accepted.

5. Classes

5.1 IRC Class

Yachts, other than Dayboats, shall race in this class.

The IRC Rules 2019 Parts A, B and C shall apply.

Race results will be calculated using IRC ratings.

Yachts may declare 'Non-spinnaker' for the event and race under their non-spinnaker TCC. No changes to spinnaker status will be accepted during the regatta.

5.2 YTC and Non-rated Class

Yachts, other than Dayboats, without an IRC rating will race in this class.

An overall result will be calculated using the RDYC TCF-Regatta handicap.

A YTC result for YTC rated yachts will also be calculated.

Yachts may declare 'Non-spinnaker' for the event. No changes to spinnaker status will be accepted during the regatta.

5.3 Dayboats

The Dayboat Class will comprise the following classes:

- Tofinou 7
- Devon Yawls
- Spissgatter 19.5 Sq m
- Squibs
- Similar boats may also be allocated to this class.

Results will be calculated using the RDYC TCF-Regatta handicap.

5.4 RDYC TCF-Regatta

- Yachts will be allocated a handicap determined by Halsail from races in 2020.
- Boats with no racing history will be allocated a fair handicap by the Regatta Committee.

5.5 Classes may be amalgamated if there are insufficient entries.

5.6 Clubs may appoint teams consisting of three boats in the IRC or YTC and Non-Rated classes to race for the Commodores Cup. At least one boat in each team must be IRC rated.

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

7. Schedule of Races

7.1 The racing programme will comprise a 4 race series on Saturday and Sunday.

Day	Start Time	HW
Saturday 29 th May	Race 1: 1100	0908 / 4.8
	Race 2: back to back	
Sunday 30 th May	Race 3: 1100	0955 / 4.5
	Race 4: back to back	

7.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8. Venue

8.1 The racing venue is Start Bay and the River Dart.

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

9. Courses

Courses will be communicated to competitors by the Committee Boat using VHF channel designated in the Sailing Instructions.

Marks to be used are described in the attachment 'Marks'.

10. Scoring

10.1 Series will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

10.2 One discard will be allowed if 3 or more races are completed.

10.3 One race is required to constitute a series.

10.4 The Commodores Cup shall be awarded to the team with the lowest aggregate score from all completed races.

11. 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 regatta and the skipper will apply the RYA Guidance on sailing & racing with participants from different households during COVID-19 in England.
- 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 10.

12. Insurance

All boats shall have adequate third party insurance of at least £3 million which must include third party racing risks.

13. Prizes

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

14. RDYC Website. A copy of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and entry forms is on the RDYC website (www.royaldart.co.uk). In the event of a discrepancy the printed version as amended by any changes to the sailing instructions posted on the RDYC Club Notice Board shall be the definitive version.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Rules

1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The following rules are changed by these sailing instructions: 60.1(a) and 64.2 (see preamble). 62.1(a) (see 4.3 and safety briefing (i)), A4 (see 9.3), 35 (see 12), 61.3 and 62.2 (see 13.2), 63.1 (see 13.4), 61.1b (see 13.7), 66 (see 13.9), 1.2 (see Safety Requirements 8).

2 [DP] [NP] Social Distancing

Skippers shall draw their crew's attention to Social Distancing regulations in force at the time of the regatta.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions Made Ashore

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 the Sailing Instructions may be communicated verbally or on the VHF Channel designated in section 4.3 by the committee boat in accordance with Rule 90.2(c).

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 The following are additional to the Race Signals in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Signal Flag	Time	Meaning
Flag H	30 mins before start	All Classes start from RDYC Club line
H over Class Flag	30 mins before start	Class start from RDYC Club Line
Flag D	60 mins before start	Boats are requested not to leave harbour until this signal is removed

4.3 The following communications shall be made by the race committee on VHF channel 37a or, if unavailable, channel 72 or 77:

- 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.

Failure to receive any transmission shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

4.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the RDYC terrace.

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. Schedule of Races

Day	Class	Start Time	
Saturday 29 th August	IRC	Race 1: 1100	Race 2 will start as soon as possible after the finish of Race 1.
	Non-rated	Race 1: 1105	
	Dayboat	Race 1: 1110	
Sunday 30 th August	IRC	Race 3: 1100	Race 4 will start as soon as possible after the finish of Race 3.
	Non-rated	Race 3: 1105	
	Dayboat	Race 3: 1110	

Warning signals are 5 minutes before the advertised start time of all races.

7. Class Flags

- IRC Class: NP 1
- YTC and Non-Rated Yachts: NP2
- Dayboats: NP3

Yachts, except Squibs, shall fly their Class Flag from their backstay or equivalent position.

8. Racing Area and Courses

8.1 Marks

The marks used are described in the attachment 'Marks'.

8.2 Signalling the Course

The course will be communicated on the VHF channel designated in section 4.3. Note that different courses may be used for different classes.

8.3 Restrictions on Sailing Area

While racing, boats shall not pass between any of the following and the shore: Western Blackstone Rock, West Rock Buoy, Mew Stone Rocks, Combe Rocks, Dancing Beggars Rocks, Cod Rock (off Berry head) and Blackstone Rock (off Start Point). West Rock Buoy is always to be regarded as an obstruction and must always be passed to seaward whether it appears in the course instructions or not.

9 The Start.

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a mark

9.3 [DP] A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

10. The Finish

10.1 The finishing line is between the staff flying an orange flag on the committee boat and a mark.

10.2 [DP] All competitors shall record their own elapsed time at the finish as a back-up in case restrictions on Committee boat personnel mean that they lose track of finishers at busy times.

11. Penalty System

Where no serious damage or injury has resulted, a boat that accepts she has broken a rule of RRS Part 2 or Rule 31 and has not already exonerated herself may, after the race has finished, accept a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RRS 44.3 (c) but with a minimum penalty of 2 places. If she accepts this penalty prior to commencement of a Protest Hearing convened to consider the matter, she may not be penalized further.

12. Time Limit (Changes rule 35)

The following time limits shall apply:

Classes	Time Limit for First Boat	Time Limit for Subsequent Finishers
All classes	2 hours	30 minutes after first boat

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.

13. Protests Arbitration and Requests For Redress

13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office or the online official notice board. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

13.3 When a protest is lodged for an incident involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, and rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

13.4 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call an Arbitration Hearing. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule, the party will be invited to accept a Post-Race Penalty and, if accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

13.5 When there is not agreement to use RYA Arbitration or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Post-Race Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rules 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to an arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept a Post-Race Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.

13.6 Notices will be posted on the online official notice board within 30 mins of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at RDYC, as soon as possible after completion of the last race.

13.7 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

13.8 A list of boats that, under instructions 9 and 10 failed to start or finish, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.

13.9 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of ^[11]_[SEP] the decision

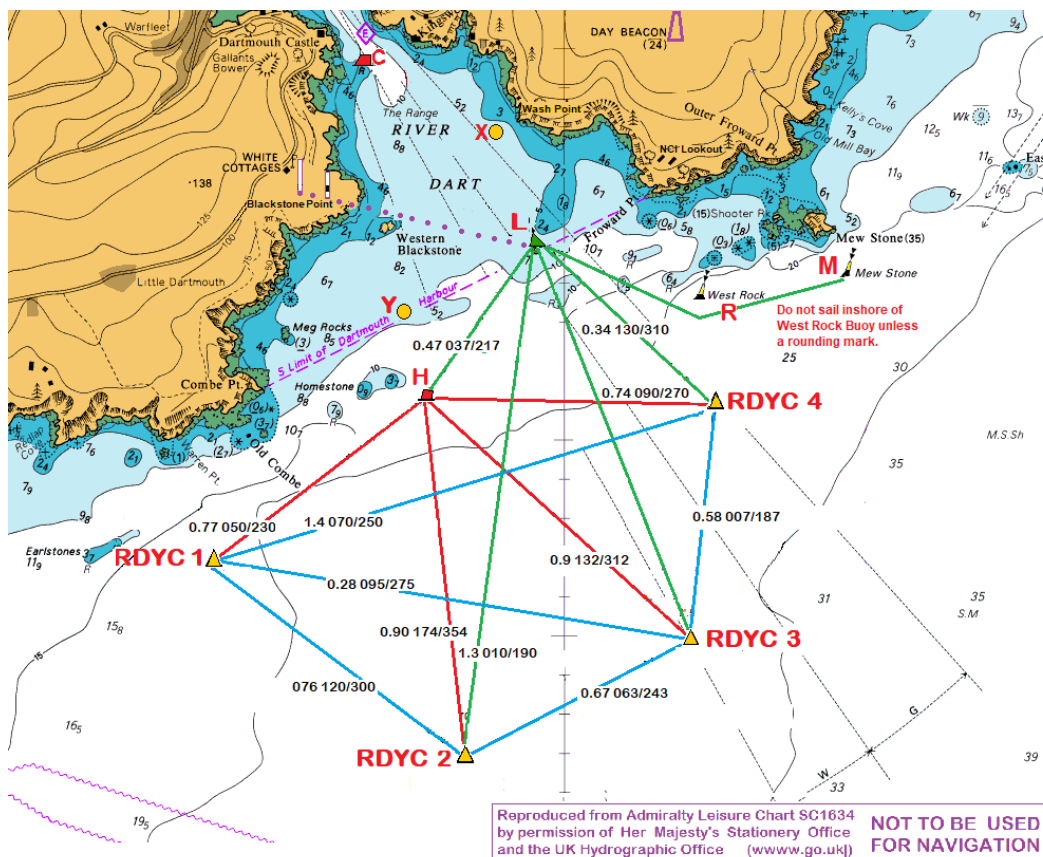
on the previous day:

(b) No later than 30 mins after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

Marks

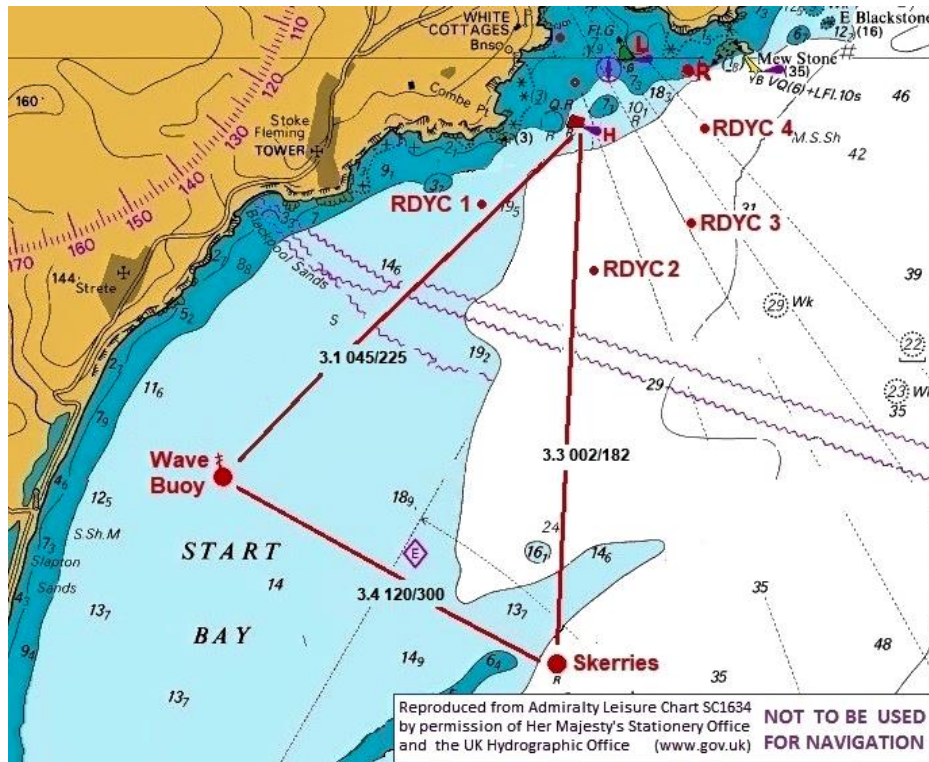
COURSE MAP (Inshore Buoys)



Marks and approximate positions (WGS84).

H	Homestone, red can buoy,	50d 19'61"N, 3d 33'55"W
R	West Rock Buoy, south cardinal buoy (an obstruction which must always be passed to seaward)	50d 19'86"N, 3d 32'47"W
ODM	Nearest mark to the CB	(which may be H, L, C, T, Y, Z, 1, 2, 3, 4)
L	Castle Ledge Buoy, green conical buoy	50d 19'99"N, 3d 33'11"W
S	Skerries, red can buoy	50d 16'35"N, 3d 33'78"W
M	Mewstone, south cardinal buoy	50d 19.92'N, 3d 31.89W
W	Wave Buoy (3m SW of Home)*	50d 17'50"N, 3d 36'97"W
1	RDYC 1, yellow conical buoy with number	50d 19.11'N 3d 34.49'W
2	RDYC 2, yellow conical buoy with number	50d 18.7'N 3d 33.4'W
3	RDYC 3, yellow conical buoy with number	50d 19.0'N 3d 32.5'W
4	RDYC 4, yellow conical buoy with number	50d 19.6'N 3d 32.4'W

COURSE MAP (Offshore Buoys)



- T Temporary orange tetrahedral or lozenge buoy
- T1 Temporary orange tetrahedral or lozenge buoy
- T2 Temporary orange tetrahedral or lozenge buoy

There are now six speed limit buoys in the entrance to the river.

Buoy Y (DHNA designation B) is midway between Homestone Buoy

Buoy Z (DHNA designation E) is 0.1NM North of Western

***The wave buoy** has a 2m triangular metal frame around the visible

should be given adequate room.

may also replace Y or Z near Kingswear Castle laid upriver



and W Blackstone Rocks. Blackstone Rocks portion of the buoy and

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 12(g)*).

5. VHF Radios

All boats shall carry either a portable or permanently installed waterproof Marine VHF Radio and be monitoring the channel designated in Sailing Instruction 4.3 at all times whilst racing unless advised of an alternative channel.

6. Engines

All 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. Safety Equipment

IRC, YTC and Non-rated classes shall comply with Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B.

Dayboats shall comply with Part B of Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B except that the lifebuoy, drogue and heaving line are not required.

8. Personal Buoyancy and Flag Y

The Dayboat Class must wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 1.2.

Additionally, if the wind strength is expected to be Force 5 or above the Race Officer will fly Flag Y when all yacht crews (but not Dayboats) shall wear a lifejacket to EN 150. This changes the meaning of flag Y in RRS Race Signals.

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 or serious injury, the yacht shall call for help, e.g. by radio Channel M1 (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) In the event of an injury to any crew member, the skipper should inform the Committee boat and **DHNA on Channel 11** (callsign Dartnav) to inform them of the need for medical assistance and, unless instructed otherwise, make his way to the inner short stay visitors pontoon at Darthaven Marina – **post code TQ6 0SG** - where appropriate support will be available on arrival. DHNA VHF reception can be constrained by topography when calling from beyond the river mouth. An alternative option is to call **DHNA Office on 01803 832337**. Note that the cottage hospital is no longer in operation.
- i) Yachts rendering assistance will be entitled to claim redress (RRS Rule 62.1(c)).