

Advisory Note: *The Notice of Race contains information competitors may require before racing and the Sailing Instructions are principally an 'on the water' document. In general Rules in the NoR and SI are not duplicated, therefore competitors should read both documents prior to racing. Text in these documents in 'Italics' is advisory.*

Organizing Authority.

The Royal Dart Yacht Club is the Organising Authority (OA) for the races specified in the RDYC 2025 Racing Programme except as noted in **Exclusions** below.

Exclusions

The following Notice of Race and associated Sailing Instructions do not apply to Dartmouth Royal Regatta and events organised by other yacht clubs. These events are all subject to separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The NoR and Sis for Pursuit Races follow.

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) 2025

(All races except Pursuit Races)

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 a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

1.1 All races are governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**, including Appendix WP. Competitors are expected to abide by the RYA Racing Charter.

Advisory note: RDYC Corinthian Class boats race under the RRS and may be in the same area as boats covered by this NoR. Therefore RRS Part 2 rules apply when boats meet.

1.2 The RRS are changed as follows:

1.2.1 RRS63 (Hearings) is amended to allow Arbitration.

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

1.2.3 RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall not apply.

1.2.4 For races started from the club line only:

World Sailing Development Rule DR25-01 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 2 minute 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.

1.3 IRC classes:

1.3.1 IRC part C shall apply (*advertising permitted*)

1.3.2 IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply; there will be no limitations on crew number or weight.

1.3.3 IRC rule 15.2(d) shall not apply. *Stored power may be used for steering in all races.*

1.3.4 IRC Rule 8.2.1(c) – a boat shall declare use of a secondary certificate in accordance with IRC8.2 when entering a series.

1.4 National Squibs shall comply fully with their class rules.

1.5[NP]Safety Regulations

1.5.1 Safety equipment

(a) Races East of Start Point

Squibs, Devon Yawls, Tofinou 7's and other day boats shall comply with their class rules regarding internal buoyancy and safety.

All other boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Appendix B for inshore Racing.

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

Personal flotation to 150N for each crew, 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>

(b) 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 includes (but is not limited to):

Navigation Lights, anchor, VHF Radio, lifelines, 2 fire extinguishers, inflatable personal flotation devices to EN150, Bilge Pump, 2 buckets, flares, foghorn and first aid kit.

1.5.2 Personal Flotation Devices

- RRS 40.1 (*Personal Flotation to be worn*) applies at all times to National Squibs, open decked boats and boats without guardwires.

1.5.3 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 alternatively their own support team.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions follow.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at:

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

3.2 Alerts for new postings on the online official notice board and pre-race information will be broadcast on the WhatsApp Group 'RDYC Racing'. Membership of the group can be arranged via racing@royaldart.co.uk.

3.3 VHF radio: All boats shall carry a Marine VHF radio, either permanently installed or a waterproof portable. Boats shall monitor the designated race management channel at all times while intending to, or participating in racing.

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, ENTRY AND FEES

4.1 Races are open to boats entered by a **RDYC full member only**, with the following exception:

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

4.2 All boats competing in any races in this programme shall complete an online Race Entry Form no later than 1st April 2024. The link to the online form is available from the RDYC website.

4.3 All boats shall, by entering any race, confirm their acceptance of and compliance with the Notice of Race and understanding of the Safety Briefing Appendix (which follows).

4.4 There are no race fees.

5. CLASSES, HANDICAPS AND SERIES

5.1 Class 1 and Class 2

5.1.1 The Racing Committee will allocate boats to Class 1 or 2 at its discretion.

Race results will be calculated using IRC ratings. An additional result may be calculated using TCF-Golf.

5.1.2 IRC Non-Spinnaker

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

A boat 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.

5.1.3 Class 1 Double-handed Division

A boat can qualify for the double-handed division for a series by notifying the Race Committee that it intends to race double-handed for that entire series.

Double-handed boats will also qualify for the fully crewed series.

5.1.4 Boats 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.

5.2 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.

5.3 TCF-Golf

- Yachts will start with the handicap determined by Halsail from races in 2022.
- 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 an estimated rating until enough races have been completed to allow a fairer handicap.

5.4 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

- IRC – see NoR 1.3.2
- National Squib - see NoR 1.4
- Class 1 Double-handed Division – One helmsman plus one crew permitted.

7. ADVERTISING

Advertising may be displayed in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

8. SCHEDULE

The schedule of Races can be found in the **Racing Programme**

<https://royaldart.co.uk/racing>.

9. VENUE

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

Courses are described in the Sailing Instructions Course Appendix.

11. SCORING

11.1

- One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 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.
- Day Race, Autumn and Frostbite Saturday Series: 50% of completed races rounded up shall count.
- Overall series, where more than one series are combined into a result, 50% of completed races rounded up shall count.

11.2 RRS Appendix A5.3 shall apply to all series (*Score for a series longer than a regatta*).

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

11.4 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.*)

12. 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.

13. RIGHTS TO USE THE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in any race in the schedule, 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 before, during or after such race, without compensation.

14. 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 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 while taking part in the event:
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property when 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f. Patrol boats and safety 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 read the Safety Briefing on which follows.
- h. 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

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. Allocations for duties are in the **Sailing Programme**.

If a boat is unable to fulfil her duty, in the first instance she shall try to arrange a swap with another boat. 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 this 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 the online official notice board shall be the definitive version.

(Regatta documents are on Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week website <http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/>.)

End of Notice of Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2025

(These SI apply as defined in the preceding NoR)

1. RULES

All races are governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the online official notice board at least one hour prior to the scheduled start time of the first race to which the change applies, with an alert on the 'RDYC Racing' WhatsApp group. Flag L will not be displayed – this changes RRS Race Signals.

2.2. Changes to Sailing Instructions may be made on the water by communicating verbally or on VHF radio by the race committee in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on

VHF radio channel 37a (M1).

If the race committee boat displays flag L or informs competitors on VHF Ch 37, alternative VHF channel 72 will be used. This adds to the meaning of flag L in Race Signals.

Failure to receive any transmission shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.1(a).

3.2 The following communications will be made by VHF radio:

- Course information
- Time checks
- Changes to starting sequences

3.3 The following communications may be made by VHF radio:

- Mandatory requirement to wear a personal flotation device.
- Changes to Sailing Instructions.
- Starting signals, recalls, postponement, shorten course and abandonment signals.

3.4 Visual signals may not be used - This changes RRS26, RRS29 and Race Signals.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

The following pre race flag signals may be displayed on the RDYC signal mast:

Flag H (with individual class flag(s) where appropriate) - All or designated classes will start from the RDYC club line.

Flag Y – personal flotation devices to be worn – see also NoR 1.5.2

Flag N over A (and class flags where appropriate) – Races for all or designated classes are abandoned.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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

6.2 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*).

6.3 Wednesday Evening starting sequence (except the Start Up series)

Starting Order	Class	Class Flag	Time after first start
First	Class 3/Squibs	NP 3/NN9	0
Second	Class 2	NP 2	+5 mins
Third	Class 1	NP 1	+10 mins

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

Class(es) subject to a general recall shall start in sequence after the last scheduled start.

6.4 Wednesday Start Up, Coastal, Autumn and Frostbite Series: All classes will start together.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 See table in SI 6.3.

7.2 Boats other than Squibs shall display their class flag on their backstay (or close to the stern if no backstay available).

Advisory note:

For identification purposes, RDYC Corinthian class boats will display Numeral 5 – see NoR1.1.

8 Courses, Marks and Restricted Areas.

8.1 Courses will be selected from those given in the Courses Appendix.

<https://royaldart.co.uk/sail/racing-1/racing-information>

8.2 Marks are described in the Courses Appendix.

8.3 Restrictions in the Racing Area are defined in Section 4 of the Courses Appendix. Other hazards to navigation exist and safe navigation is the sole responsibility of a boat's crew.

9 THE START

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

9.2 Starting arrangements are given in the Courses Appendix.

9.3 When a race committee boat is not available, a designated RDYC competitor will act as the starting boat by broadcasting a time check, course and RRS26 times on VHF Ch M1 (37a). Visual and sound signals will not be made. This changes RRS26, RRS29 and Race Signals.

9.4 For races involving a series of starts only, a boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A 5.2

Advisory note: if the majority of boats have not started after 4 minutes, the RO may Abandon and restart the race – see RRS32.1(d)

10 THE FINISH

10.1 Finishing arrangements are given in the Courses Appendix.

10.2 When a race committee boat is not available at the finish, boats shall note their own finish time using GPS time. Where practicable, boats ahead and astern shall be noted. Times shall be advised by email to racing@royaldart.co.uk or WhatsApp as soon as possible after finishing.

11. POST-RACE PENALTIES

A post race penalty shall be a boat's score made worse by three points, but not worse than Did Not Finish. This changes RRS44.3(c)

12. TIME LIMITS (CHANGES RRS 35)

The following time limits shall apply:

Series	Time Limit	Extension
Wednesday	20:15	30 minutes, i.e to 20:45
Round the cans day race	3 hours	1 hour, i.e. to 4 hours
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 Coastal Series'	

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 a shorter or no extension if conditions require it, (*e.g. the time limit or it's extension would be after sunset.*) 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. HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 The protest time limit is two hours after the last boat has finished the race of the day.

13.2 Hearing request forms are available from the online notice board or on request from the sailing committee.

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

13.4 Arbitration

When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration.

ADDITIONAL SIS FOR COASTAL SERIES 2025

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 A designated RDYC competitor will act as the starting boat by broadcasting a time check and RRS26 times on VHF Ch M1 (37a). Visual & sound signals will not be made - This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals. Failure to receive any transmission shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

2. SELF-TIMING, TIME LIMITS, REPORTING TIMES

2.1 Boats shall record their finishing time using GPS time. Where practicable, boats ahead and astern shall be noted.

2.2 Time limits are specified in the Courses Appendix. The time limit will be extended by two hours if one or more boats finish the course within the time limit - This changes RRS 35.

2.3 Finishing times shall be notified no later than 14:00 on the Monday following the race by one of the following means:

- email to racing@royaldart.co.uk
- 'RDYC Racing' WhatsApp group
- Telephone RDYC office (01803 752496)
- Direct to the RDYC representative by VHF or Text Message.

3. HEARING REQUESTS

Protests forms 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 sailing committee's discretion

NOTICE OF RACE FOR PURSUIT RACES 2025

The Pursuit race series on Saturdays and Wednesdays are designed as a less formal style of racing in the Corinthian spirit. That is to say that allowances shall be made for shorthanded and less nimble craft, close quarters manoeuvring is avoided, and any disagreements are settled amicably.

1. RULES

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

1.2 'White Sail' configuration is defined as sails complying with the boats 'Upwind Sail Area'.

2. COMMUNICATION

2.1 All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio.

2.2 Pre-race information may be broadcast on the WhatsApp group 'Corinthian Racing'.

Membership of the group can be arranged via R. Balfry or C. Mackie.

2.3 On the water, racing information, e.g. the course to be sailed, will be broadcast on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEES

3.1 Races are open to all RDYC full members.

3.2 All boats competing in any races in this programme shall complete an online Race Entry Form no later than 1800 on the day before their first race. The link to the online form is available from the RDYC website. Early completion before 1st April 2025 would be appreciated.

3.3 All boats shall, by entering any race, confirm their acceptance of and compliance with the Safety Requirements in section 1.5 of the general Notice of Race and understanding of the Safety Briefing (which follows).

3.4 Boats without an IRC will be allocated a suitable RDYC club handicap by the organisers.

3.5 There are no race fees.

4. CLASSES AND HANDICAPS

4.1 The **Pursuit Races** will have 2 divisions:

- IRC using IRC ratings to determine start times
- Corinthian using RDYC club handicap to determine start times

4.2 IRC Class start times will assume 'Spinnaker' configuration. Boats may opt to sail 'White Sail' and start 1 minute before their designated start time.

4.3 Corinthian Class boats are restricted to 'White Sails Only'

4.4 Corinthian Class crew shall remain in the cockpit, except briefly to perform a necessary task (this changes rule 49.2).

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule can be found in the **Racing Programme**.

6 COURSES

Courses are described in the **Pursuit Race Course Appendix**.

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 applies. (*One turn and two turn penalties may be taken*).

8. SCORING

8.1 50% of completed races rounded up shall count in a series.

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

9. MANUAL POWER

9.1 RRS 52 shall not apply (*Auto pilots and electric winches are permitted*).

10. Data Protection

Section 13 of the above Notice of Race applies.

11. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

Section 14 of the general Notice of Race applies.

12. Risk Statement:

All crew shall read the statement in section 15 of the Notice of Race.

13. 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.

14. PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PURSUIT RACES 2025

1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 Changes will be advised on the 'Corinthian Racing' WhatsApp group.

1.2. Changes may exceptionally be made on the water by communicating verbally or on Channel 72 by the duty boat.

2 Communications with Competitors

2.1 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72. Alternative channels may be used to avoid interference.

2.3 The following communications may be made:

- Course information
- Mandatory requirement to wear personal flotation devices.

2.4 Flag signals will not be used.

3 Signals Made Ashore

3.1 Pre-race information such as postponement or abandonment will be communicated on the 'Corinthian Racing' WhatsApp group.

4. Schedule of Races

4.1 The schedule can be found in the **Racing Programme**. The start times shown are for the scratch boat.

4.2 Pursuit Race Procedure.

4.2.1 Race duration is specified on the Start Times List. *Note that Saturday and Wednesday races may have different durations.*

4.2.2 Entrants will be allocated a start time based on their IRC or RDYC Club Handicap. *Note that boats will have Wednesday and Saturday start times.*

4.2.3 Start times will be listed on the RDYC website and broadcast on the 'Corinthian Racing' WhatsApp group.

4.2.4 The Duty Boat will announce the course at least 10 minutes before the first start.

4.2.5 The Duty Boat may decide that conditions are unsuitable for racing and cancel or abandon racing.

4.2.6 Yachts will start at, or after, their start time.

4.2.7 Yachts will sail the designated course until the finish time is reached.

4.2.8 When the race is complete, yachts shall note sail numbers of the boat behind and the boat in front and also record their GPS position. This data to be communicated on the 'Corinthian Racing' WhatsApp group.

4.2.9 If there is doubt over a position, the distance to the next mark shall be used.

5 Class Flags

5.1 Corinthian competitors shall fly NP 5 to identify them as racing. Ensigns shall not be worn.

6 Courses, Marks and Restricted Areas

6.1 Courses, marks and restricted areas are described in the Courses Appendix

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

7 Penalty System After Finishing RRS Appendix T1 applies.

8. Hearing Requests Section 13 of the general Sailing Instructions applies.

SAFETY BRIEFING APPENDIX to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

- a) All crew must read and acknowledge understanding of the NoR Risk Assessment.
- b) The person in charge and their deputy shall be identified before participating in racing.
- c) Coastal hazards to navigation exist in the racing area(s). Safe navigation of the boat is the crews' responsibility.
- d) Competitors are reminded that patrol boats are not provided; therefore it is a condition of racing that all RDYC boats shall carry a VHF radio and a means of returning to the river (i.e. an engine or support boat).
- e) The safety equipment for the intended race area shall be indentified. 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.
- f) In the first instance, a yacht shall try to rectify a minor safety incident itself, without recourse to external help.
- g) If the safety incident cannot be rectified immediately by the boat itself, and always in the event of a man overboard, the yacht shall call for help, e.g. by VHF radio Channel 37a (M1).
- h) All competitors are bound to render assistance on receipt of such a call – RRS Rule 1.1.**
(Yachts rendering assistance will be entitled to claim redress (RRS Rule 61.1(a)).
- i) 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.
- j) 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. If giving directions to the ambulance service, postcode **TQ6 0SG** can be used. The Harbour Master has a reserved space here which is kept vacant. 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.
- k) 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.pdf>.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Coastguard	VHF 16	999	Falmouth 01326 317 575,	Solent 02 392 552 100
National Coastwatch Institute			VHF Ch 65	01803 262173
Ambulance, Fire, Police	999		NHS Direct for advice	111
Race officer	VHF Ch 37 (M1)		Pursuit Races Ch 72	Class 1 may use Ch77
DHNA	VHF Ch 11		Yacht Taxi Ch 69	07968 839846
Darthaven Marina	VHF Ch 80			(for emergency lift) 07887 726101