



DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

Club catering, yacht berthing and a few reminders

9th August 2023

Dear Friends of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week,

Preparations are well under way for the **178th Dartmouth Royal Regatta**. Entry numbers at the end of the early-bird discount period were well up on 2022, so we are sure of keen competition and a lively atmosphere. The Yacht & Dayboat Series has already exceeded last year's final number, and will once again be taking place on 3 courses in Start Bay.

For those of you who have entered any of the races, **Sailing Instructions** will be available on our website (www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Race-documents) from the 14th. A reminder to Yacht & Day Sailing Boat entrants that any **change of rating or class** should be made by the 14th. Also that all sails, and in particular spinnakers, must have the **correct sail numbers**, or alternatively hull numbers can be used – else boats risk not being recorded.

For yachts looking for some gentler competition, the **White Sail Event** could be for you! On Saturday and Sunday (26th-27th), use your passage planning skills and sail a course in magnificent Start Bay. The event is self-timed and offers lively competition without the stresses of a racing start. Ideal for family or short-handed crews as spinnakers are not allowed. More details at dartmouthsailingweek.com/white-sail-events/. Traditional Gaff-rigged boats are also encouraged to enter the similar **Gaffer Event**, where they can compete away from the modern racing yacht fleets. Online entry at webcollect.org.uk/dartmouthsailingweek.

To get Regatta week off to a flying start, the **Royal Dart Yacht Club** (RDYC) in Kingswear will be holding its Commodore's Cocktail Party for members and invited guests on Saturday evening, with the bar open to all from 21:00. From Sunday 20th – Tuesday 22nd, lunches will be available daily and the bar will be open from 10:00-16:00. All are welcome – particularly friends and family of the Rockfish Junior Dinghy sailors, and we hope many other (perhaps more senior!) sailors will be there on Tuesday afternoon to cheer on the youngsters at their prizegiving.

Meanwhile at **Dittisham Sailing Club**, the Pilot Financial Dinghy Series sailors will be treated to post-racing refreshments which are included in the entry fee, and generous donations to the RNLI are encouraged from those partaking of the liquid refreshments (*please bring plenty of cash!*).

With the yacht racing starting on Wednesday, for the rest of the week the RDYC bar will be open 10:00-22:30 with lunches and "street food" suppers available, PLUS from Thursday there will be breakfast baps and bottomless teas & coffees on the terrace from 08:30-10:00.

On the Dartmouth side of the river, **Dartmouth Yacht Club** (DYC) will be serving up food from the guys at *Cockles and Dreams* from Wednesday lunchtime onwards, and the bar will be open all day throughout the week.

Visiting yachts (up to 40 foot) intending to berth at Darthaven Marina are requested to get in touch so that they can plan for accommodating as many boats as possible (marina@darthaven.co.uk, 01803 752242). The harbourmaster has also assured us that they will be able to accommodate visiting boats and will try to ensure they are not rafted alongside non-racing boats. Pre booking is not available, please call Dartnav on Ch11 when passing the castles.

We look forward to welcoming you to the River Dart later this month.

JRSC (Joint Regatta Sailing Committee)

For more information visit dartmouthsailingweek.com.

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