



# DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

**Trophies booklet now ready, Platinum status for sustainability,  
and seeking your views for the Gaffer and White Sail events**

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## 2023 Trophies Booklet

This year's Trophies booklet is now available! Featuring photographs from this year's prizegiving ceremonies – including for the first time the Junior Dinghy Series – the booklet provides a lasting memento of this year's winners, as well as a trip down memory lane for those who have won silverware in past regattas. It is available to download from [dartmouthsailingweek.com/](http://dartmouthsailingweek.com/).



In case you missed last year's edition, it is still available at [dartmouthsailingweek.com/results-archive/](http://dartmouthsailingweek.com/results-archive/)

## Sailors for the Sea PLATINUM accreditation

We are delighted to report that the Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta has been awarded the highest level of accreditation, one of only 4 regattas in the UK to achieve Platinum level in the Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas Program. This is recognition for the regatta as a whole, including all the land based activities and how it handles waste, recycling etc. The use of MarkSetBots which avoid the use of anchors and reduce fuel usage, and locally manufactured wooden trophies all helped in achieving this accreditation. Click [here](#) to read more.

## Plans for 2024

Notices of Race are being prepared for 2024, and we anticipate that they will be available in December, with **entries opening at the beginning of February.**

Most years, regatta finishes on the August Bank Holiday weekend. However, our Royal Charter stipulates that the regatta must include the last Friday of August, and so some years, including 2024, the Bank Holiday falls at the beginning of Regatta Week, 24th August to 1st September. Dinghy racing will take place as usual at the beginning of the week (main series Saturday 24th – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> at Dittisham SC, Juniors Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> at RDYC). Last year, we consulted over options for our Yacht Racing in such years, and accordingly Yacht Racing dates in 2024 will be Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August for the Brixham to Dartmouth Passage Race, and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August for the 4-day Series. We plan to add a **Charity Event** on the final Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September which we hope will attract many boats of all types not needing that day to travel back to their home ports.

### **We are now seeking views of competitors in the White Sail and Gaffer Events.**

These competitions usually take place over the final weekend of Regatta Week, when crews enjoy the competitive atmosphere alongside the formal yacht racing and share their prizegivings. But the option exists to move the WS&G to the beginning of the week. Advantages might be that courses could be set to utilise the whole Bay (rather than having to avoid the yacht race course areas), and to avoid clashing with other regatta events (particularly the River Parade on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> which many Gaffers take part in). The prizegiving would be less crowded allowing the WS&G crews to meet with each other more easily, and catering could be laid on to make a more sociable occasion. Sailing on the Bank Holiday weekend may suit some crews better, and there would be no clash with the final Sunday's Charity Event, allowing both to be entered.

These events are open to all those yachts who wish to enjoy a competitive challenge but without the pressures of a racing start line or round-the-cans racing. Ideal for cruising yachtsmen, classic yachts, family or veteran crews, and less experienced sailors. If you have previously entered or are considering doing so in the coming years, please let us know your views. Click [here](#) to complete the questionnaire online, or see the attached Word file and reply by email to [entries@dartmouthsailingweek.com](mailto:entries@dartmouthsailingweek.com)

With best wishes,

Peter Boote (Chair) and the JRSC Committee