



DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

Dinghy Notices of Race now available, and an update on the Gaffer and White Sail Events

23 January 2024

We are pleased to announce that the **Notices of Race** for the Rockfish Junor Dinghies (under-16s at RDYC Kingswear) and the Moore Kingston Smith Dinghies (at Dittisham SC) have been posted on our [Race Documents](#) page. You'll also find there a couple of minor amendments to the Savills Passage Race and Yacht Series NoRs.

Before Christmas, we consulted over plans for the **White Sail and Gaffer Events**, and are very grateful to all those who responded. Although there was some support for moving the event to the beginning of Regatta Week (when the Bank Holiday falls this year), many commented that it would feel sidelined, or that they would be prevented from entering due to the clash with our dinghy racing. It has therefore been decided to hold these events on **Friday 30th and Saturday 31st August**.

Among the Gaffers, there was a clear preference to stick to the traditional 15 minute start window. Given concerns over the time available for slower Gaffers to complete the course, and interest by many in the afternoon's Parade of Sail, the Gaffers will start slightly earlier than in previous years – 10:30-10:45. Among the White Sailors, last year's 2-hour start window was unpopular, but otherwise there was no consensus, and we have decided to use a 1 hour start window to maintain the element of passage planning in the competition – 10:00-11:00. These timings fit in with all respondents' preferences for earliest and latest start times.

Had the event moved to the beginning of the week, the idea of a White Sail and Gaffer social event on the terrace met with a lot of support. Although this won't be possible on the final day (Sat 31st), we will look into the possibilities for Friday 30th. We have also taken on board your other comments – to avoid virtual marks, to work on solutions for the mooring problem for those whose usual moorings are up-river or out of Port, and to improve fairness in the definition of "white" sails. We will be contacting directly some of you who made specific suggestions.

For all our races and events, **entries will open on 1st February** – please click [here](#) for help or advice on how to enter, or [here](#) to go directly to the WebCollect online entry system. If you prefer a snail-mail entry form, they will be available to download [here](#).

With best wishes,

Peter Boote (Chair) and the JRSC Committee