



DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

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Junior Dinghy Race Series

Saturday 24th to Monday 26th August 2024

to be held at

Royal Dart Yacht Club (RDYC)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.2

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

All times in this document are BST (UTC+1)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Other rules are detailed in the Notice of Race, in particular RRS40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) shall apply at all times, including on the RDYC pontoons.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 1 hour before the first race of the day on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 13:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the marquee on the terrace at the RDYC.

3.2 A daily briefing will be held approximately 1 hour before the first race of the day.

Important advisory note: It is essential the briefing is attended.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[NP][DP] Competitors shall comply with the Code of Conduct (provided to competitors prior to the event) at all times while ashore and afloat at RDYC.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast at RDYC.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flags, time of first warning signal and number of scheduled races are shown in the table below.

Class	Class Flag	Races Per day	First race warning signal	
			Sat 24 th	Sun 25 th & Mon 26 th
RS Feva	Flag F	3	09:30	10:00
Topper	Flag T	3	09:33	10:03
RS Tera (Pro and Sport)	Numeral 1	3	09:36	10:06
PY Handicap	Numeral 2	3	09:39	10:09

6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed. This will be communicated to competitors at the daily briefing.

6.3 Subsequent races will be signalled as soon as possible after completion of the previous race.

6.4 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the River Dart between RDYC and Dartmouth Castle or between Sandquay and Kiln Gate. The location of racing will be decided by the race committee depending on weather and tide conditions and communicated to competitors at the daily briefing.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

Courses and marks will be described at the daily briefing.

9 OBSTRUCTIONS

No boat shall cross the path of the Lower or Higher Car Ferries except while on passage to/from the Sandquay/Kiln Gate racing area.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS26 amended with the warning signal made **3 minutes** before the starting signal.

Minutes before starting signal	Signal
3	Warning signal (Class Flag)
2	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory removed
0	Starting signal (Class flag removed)

The warning signal for each successive class will be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

- 10.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 RRS A5.1 and A5.2 are changed: At the discretion of the race committee a boat that does not start within 2 minutes of her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 Post-Race Penalty:
- 12.2.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a two place Post-Race Penalty. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

12.2.2 When a Post-Race Penalty is accepted:

(a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The default Finishing Window is 20 minutes. This time may be changed by the Race Officer and advised at the daily briefing, or on the water in compliance with RRS 90.2(c).

13.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points one more than the number of boats that finished within the Finishing Window and did not subsequently retire or were disqualified. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

Advisory Note: NoR 1.2.2 states "The protesting boat shall inform the race committee of the boat(s) being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing"

14.1 All RRS part 2 protests will be dealt with initially using the RYA Arbitration Procedure as soon after coming ashore as is practicable.

14.2 If a formal protest meeting is deemed necessary, the protest form shall be delivered to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of completion of the Arbitration Procedure. The time of the protest meeting will be advised by the Race Officer on receipt of the form and also posted on the official notice board.

15 SCORING

15.1 Scoring is detailed in NoR 12.

15.2 Tera Pro and Tera Sport boats will start together but be scored separately.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 See SI 1.2 about the wearing of personal flotation devices.

16.2 Competitors shall comply with a check-out and check-in system.

16.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race or wishes to leave the racing area before the final race of the day shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

[DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior approval of the race committee.

18 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats (mark layers and patrol boats) will display a yellow flag.

19 REFUSE DISPOSAL

Litter must not be dropped in the water. Disposal facilities are available ashore at RDYC.

20 PRIZES

Appendix 1 details prizes.

21 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Equipment and Measurement Checks and The Risk Statement are in the Notice of Race.

APPENDIX 1 – Trophies

Class	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
RS Feva	Henri Lloyd Shadow Trophy Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Topper	Harbour Bookshop Gold Medal	Stewart Bam Trophy Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
RS Tera Pro	Dick Hamblin Trophy Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
RS Tera Sport	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Overall Awards (made at the discretion of the Race Committee)			
Britannia Rose Bowl		Best performing RDYC junior Helm	
Dittisham Sailing Club Trophy		Best performing DSC junior Helm	
Stoke Gabriel Boating Association Trophy		Best performing SGBA junior Helm	
Dartmouth Sailing Cup		Best performing DYC junior Helm	
Johnnie Johnson Junior Cups		A number of cups awarded to competitors for special achievement	