

Trophies Booklet 2024, and planning for 2025

4th December 2024

Dear Friends of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week,

We are pleased to announce that this year's Trophies Booklet is now available and can be downloaded here (or from our home page).

Next year's Sailing Week will be part of the 180th Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta next August, and we are pleased to have been selected to stage the **IRC Southwest Championships**, and also the **J111 Nationals**.

The main regatta week will start on the Bank Holiday Saturday (23rd), but due to adverse tides then up-river, the **Moore Kingston Smith Dinghy Series** will move forward a week and will take place from Sunday 17th to Wednesday 20th August at Dittisham Sailing Club. This will be followed by the **Rockfish Junior Dinghy Series** at RDYC (Saturday 23rd – Monday 25th). The programme for yachts will kick off with the **Passage Race** from Brixham on Tuesday, the **4-day Race Series** on Wednesday – Saturday, and the informal **Gaffer and White Sail Events** on Friday and Saturday, allowing Sunday for visiting yachts to travel home.

Notices of Race will be issued around the end of the year, and entries will open in February, but if you have any queries in the meantime, please get in touch (entries@dartmouthsailingweek.com).

In the meantime, we have re-scheduled our **Charity Fundraising Event** to **Saturday May 10th 2025**. This will be a fun day on the water, suited to all kinds of craft – sail, motor or oar – followed by a convivial gathering for prizegiving on the terrace at RDYC. Funds raised will go towards the **DART RNLI Lifeboat Station Appeal.** More details to follow, but get the date in your diary now!

Dart RNLI is currently housed in a temporary building which is at the end of its lease. Launching involves driving across a sometimes muddy park and crossing a main road.

The new station location, Ferry View House, was the original lifeboat station in the late 1800s-so today's volunteers will be returning to the place where their lifesaving story began. The Appeal has been launched to fund the £1.2 million cost of renovation to house the station's D-Class lifeboat and provide modern facilities, which include dedicated changing facilities, workshop, training, and crew welfare facilities. It will make life a lot easier and safer for the volunteer crews so they can continue their work of saving lives in and around Dartmouth.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

With kind regards,

Peter Boote (Chairman) and the Joint Regatta Sailing Committee

Dates for 2025:

- DART RNLI fundraiser Saturday 10th May
- Dinghies at Dittisham SC Sunday 17th to Wednesday 20th August
- Junior Dinghies Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th August (Bank Holiday weekend)
- Passage Race Tuesday 26th August
- Yacht and Dayboat Series Races Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th August
- Gaffer and White Sail Events Friday 29th and Saturday 30th August

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