



# DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

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## **NOTICE OF RACE – Passage Race from Brixham to Dartmouth**

*The Organising Authority implement the RYA Racing Charter and Competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing) and on the RYA website [www.RYA.org.uk](http://www.RYA.org.uk).*

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

*The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The RRS are changed as follows:
  - 1.2.1 RRS63 (Hearings) is amended to allow RYA arbitration.
  - 1.2.2 The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.
  - 1.2.3 World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01 will be used at the start. The Definition of *Start* is therefore changed as follows:

**Start:** A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start to the course side either:

- (a) at or after her starting signal, or
- (b) during the last one minute before her starting signal.

A boat starting under condition (b) will receive a time penalty added to her elapsed time, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63, 35 and A5.

When a boat *starts* in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start* she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line.

### 1.3 IRC classes

1.3.1 IRC parts A, B and C shall apply (advertising permitted).

1.3.2 In accordance with IRC Rule 11 the following are changed:

(a) IRC non spinnaker ratings shall not be used (IRC rule 8.6 refers).

(b) IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply; there will be no limitations on crew number or weight.

### 1.4 [NP][DP] Boat identification:

1.4.1 Boats permitted by their class rules to not have sail numbers on their spinnaker or gennaker shall display their sail number on a number dodger or hull number on both sides of the boat, in such a way as to be visible to the race committee when sailing downwind. The specification of the numerals and suffix letters shall be the same as those required by RRS Appendix G1.2. The number does not need to include national letters.

1.4.2 All boats will be required to display a pennant according to class on their backstay (or by any other means near the stern of the boat, if a backstay is not available), at a minimum height of 1.5m above the sheerline and of a size consistent with the type of boat. Class pennants are listed in NoR4.4.1.


1.5 Boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Appendix B for Inshore Racing.

1.6 **Drones:** No competitor or support person shall operate a drone in or around the starting area.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available online (and printable) on 15<sup>th</sup> August at [www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Race-documents](http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Race-documents) . Any amendments after this time will be posted on the online official notice board (see NoR 3.2) and signalled by flag L displayed at RDYC and the Brixham, Battery Point start line.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The event will be available on the Racing Rules of Sailing App for mobile phones and tablets. The website version will be accessible via [www.racingrulesofsailing.org](http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org) or [www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/official-noticeboard](http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/official-noticeboard) 

*Advisory Note: More information about the above App and its use can be found at [www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/single/MobileApp](http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/single/MobileApp)*

3.2 The online official notice board will be available on the above App and website from 15<sup>th</sup> August.

- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio and monitor the channel below while competing in the event.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 3.5 All boats must carry a working mobile phone and advise the OA of the telephone number at time of entry. A change of number if necessary, shall be notified to the OA before competing in the race.
- Advisory note: The event Safety Procedures may require the use of a mobile phone because VHF ship to shore communication is limited by topography.*
- 3.6 [DP] While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. Any competitor transmissions on channel 72 shall be limited to those pertaining to this event.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats under 20m LOA.
- 4.2 The OA reserve the right to refuse an entry on the grounds that, in their opinion, the boat is unsuitable for this type of coastal race.
- 4.3 The skipper of the boat shall have a minimum age of 18 years at the time of the event.

#### 4.4 Classes

4.4.1 Proposed classes are defined as follows:

Class	Definition	Time correction system	Entry as:	Class Pennant
IRC	Boats holding a 2025 IRC certificate*.	IRC	IRC	Numeral 1
Cruiser	Boats having a 2025 YTC** number and designed principally for cruising	YTC	Cruiser	Numeral 2
Cruiser non spinnaker***	As above wishing to compete as non-spinnaker.	YTC	Cruiser non spinnaker	Numeral 3

See footnotes on next page

- \* See IRC Rule 8.2.1(c) – a boat shall declare the use of the secondary certificate in accordance with Rule 8.2 when entering. Rating changes after entry will only be permitted as described in NoR 4.8.
- \*\* YTC is the RYA Yacht Time Correction system (formerly SWYTC) – Boats not yet having a 2025 YTC number should apply online at [www.swytc.org.uk](http://www.swytc.org.uk) before entering. This is a free of charge service but must be renewed annually.
- \*\*\* The SI's will confirm if there are sufficient entries for a separate 'non spinnaker' start. If not, non spinnaker boats will start at the same time as 'with spinnaker' boats, but will race for separate prizes.

4.4.2 The OA reserve the right to re-allocate any boat to the most suitable class.

4.4.3 At the OA's discretion, requests to change class after entry may be permitted, but not after 00:01 on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

#### 4.5 Entry

4.5.1 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and in particular **shall have, as appropriate, an IRC or YTC rating** and pay all fees. Details on how to enter and pay are available online at [www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/how-to-enter](http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/how-to-enter)

**If it is found a rating is not available by 17:00 on the day before the race, the boat will not be considered an entry in the race. Entry fee refunds will only be made in exceptional circumstances.**

*Advisory Note: Application for a rating should be made well in advance of an online entry and the timescale advised by the Rating Authority noted.*

4.5.2 The following dates shall apply:

Entry opens.	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Discounted early entry closes	00:01 on 1 <sup>st</sup> August
Standard entry closes	00:01 on 15 <sup>th</sup> August
Late entry	After 00:01 on 15 <sup>th</sup> August
Entry closes	17:00 on 25 <sup>th</sup> August

4.6 **Entry cancellations:** Prior to 00:01 on 1<sup>st</sup> August a 4% administration fee (to cover payment charges) will be charged, thereafter 50% until 00:01 on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Refunds after the latter date will only be made in exceptional circumstances.

4.7 **Event cancellation:** If for any reason this event is cancelled; (excluding abandonment by the Race Committee before or during the event), entrants will be offered the options of a full refund or to carry over their entry to 2026.

- 4.8 [DP] **Rating changes:** In the event of a rating change after an entry has been submitted, boats shall notify the OA as soon as possible and no later than 00:01 on 15<sup>th</sup> August. No alteration to a rating will be accepted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors. Failure to notify a rating change may result in a penalty.

## 5 FEES

Class	Discounted early entry	Standard entry	Late entry
All entrants	£23	£30	£40

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

IRC classes - see NoR 1.3.2 (b).

## 7 ADVERTISING

Advertising may be displayed in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

## 8 SCHEDULE

This is a stand alone race on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August - First warning signal: 13:55 at Brixham Yacht Club's 'Battery Point' starting line.

The finish line will be off Blackstone Point at the entrance to the River Dart with a fixed time limit of 18:00 on 26<sup>th</sup> August for all classes.

## 9 COURSES

The course will be round navigational marks and features and fixed racing marks between Brixham and Dartmouth and may include Torbay and Start Bay. Course options will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. The chosen course will be announced by VHF radio at the start line.

## 10 HEARING REQUESTS

Registration of a Hearing Request will be possible via mobile phone or tablet using the Racing Rules of Sailing App.



Competitors will be encouraged to use this facility whenever possible.

Hearing Request forms will also be available from the OA.

## 11 SCORING

The Passage Race is a stand-alone event not being part of any series.

## **12 BERTHING**

- 12.1 Harbour dues, (but not berthing fees) will be waived by Dart Harbour (the harbour authority) from Tuesday to Saturday night inclusive.
- 12.2 Berthing arrangements are the responsibility of the boat owner or their representative.

*Advisory Note: Further information on berthing providers is available at: [www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Competitors-information](http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Competitors-information)*

## **13 DATA PROTECTION**

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **14 RIGHTS TO USE THE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority the right to make use and show, at their discretion, any photograph, audio and video recordings and other reproduction of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **15 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- (e) The provision of a race management team, committee boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent. Boats shall provide the OA with their insurance policy provider and policy number, if requested to do so.

## 17 PRIZES

Prizes and trophies will be awarded for each class according to entries.

The prize giving location and time will be advised prior to the race.

## 18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the OA on 01803-752496 or email: [info@dartmouthsailingweek.com](mailto:info@dartmouthsailingweek.com)

An information and help desk will be available at RDYC at least during the following times:

Day	Times
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 to 17:00
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 to 20:00
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 16:00

For telephone and email enquiries the Race Office will be open at least from 10:00 to 17:00 on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Information is also available at [www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Competitors-information](http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Competitors-information) and [www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/faq](http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/faq)

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