



DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

**Organising Authority (OA):
Joint Regatta Sailing Committee
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Saturday 22nd to Monday 24th August 2026

ROCKFISH JUNIOR DINGHY SERIES tomorrow's fish are still in the sea

To be held at the RDYC

NOTICE OF RACE

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

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.

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The RRS are changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1 RRS 40.1(Personal Flotation Devices) applies at all times when afloat including on the RDYC pontoons.
 - 1.2.2 RRS 60 is changed: Add to 60.2 (a)(1) "The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing".
 - 1.2.3 RRS 63 (Hearings) is amended to allow RRS Appendix T arbitration.
 - 1.2.4 The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.

- 1.3 All competitors shall wear footwear suitable for dinghy sailing at all times while afloat, including on the RDYC pontoons. Open toe shoes and ‘flip-flops’ are not allowed.
- 1.4 [NP] **Drones:** No support person shall operate a drone in or around the racing areas.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

A printable version of the Sailing Instructions will be available online on 15th August at www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Race-documents. Any amendments after this date will be posted on the official notice board and announced at the daily briefing.

3 COMMUNICATION

The Official Notice Board will be located at RDYC.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the following classes:

Topper, RS Tera Pro, RS Tera Sport, RS Feva.

A PY handicap class may be run for boats specifically designed for junior sailing – the OA reserves the right to refuse entry for unsuitable boats.

- 4.2 All competitors (helm & crew) shall be under 16 years of age on 31st August 2026. A consent form from a parent or legal guardian to participate in this event must be submitted for each individual, either as part of the online entry process, or on a parent/guardian consent form.

4.3 Entry

- 4.3.2 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements (including compliance with NoR4.2) and pay all fees. Details on how to enter and pay and parent/guardian consent forms are available online at www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/how-to-enter.

- 4.3.3 The following dates shall apply:

Entry opens	1 st February 2026
Discounted early entry closes	00:01 on 31 st July
Standard entry closes	00:01 on 15 th August
Online late entry closes	00:01 on day of race entered

At the discretion of the Race Officer, late entry may be accepted at RDYC up to 40 minutes before the first race of the day.

- 4.4 **Entry cancellations:** Prior to 00:01 on 15th July a 10% administration fee will be charged, thereafter 50% until 00:01 on 15th August. Refunds after the latter date will only be made in exceptional circumstances.
- 4.5 **Event cancellation:** If for any reason this event is cancelled, (excluding abandonment by the Race Committee), entrants will be offered the options of a full refund or (if the competitor's age is appropriate) to carry over their entry to 2027.
- 4.6 The minimum number for any class shall be at the discretion of the OA.

5 FEES

Dates for early, standard and late entry are given in NoR 4.3.3. The Late Entry fee is the same as the Standard Entry fee, but a late entry administration charge of £5 applies to each payment.

Entry	Discounted Early Entry		Standard
	Daily (up to two days)	3 day fee	Daily
Helm	£15	£42.50	£19
Crew	£8	£22	£10

All fees include light refreshments at RDYC.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 See NoR4.2
- 6.2 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior approval of the race committee.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Advertising may be displayed in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Racing will take place each day from Saturday 22nd to Monday 24th August 2026 inclusive.

8.2 To minimise the influence of tide on the racing the following times will apply:

Date	Assemble at RDYC	First warning signal	High Water BST	Predicted Height
Sat 22 nd	11:00	12:27	13:21	3.6m
Sun 23 rd	12:40	13:37	15:11	3.6m
Mon 24 th	13:30	14:27	16:26	3.9m

8.3 There will be a competitors' briefing prior to going afloat each day.

8.4 There will be three scheduled races per day for all classes. Additional races may be run according to the prevailing or predicted conditions. Training may be provided for those competitors not familiar with racing.

8.5 On the last day of scheduled racing no warning signal will be made after 16:30

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

[DP] Boats and personal equipment may be inspected at any time.

10 VENUE

The racing area will be chosen daily from the following locations, to make best use of the conditions:

Between RDYC and Dartmouth Castle;

Off Old Mill Creek;

The Range, inside of the transit line formed by the masts on Blackstone Point.

11 COURSES

Courses will be set on the day to make best use of the conditions.

12 SCORING

(a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

(b) When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(c) When six races or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

[DP] Support person vessels shall display a pennant (provided by the OA) and shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the

preparatory signal for the first start, until all boats have finished or retired, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

14 BERTHING

Visiting boats will be allocated berths on a RDYC pontoon.

Advisory note: Please see www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/getting-around for advice on arriving at RDYC with a boat and trailer.

15 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.

16 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.

17 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 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, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) 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 competitors briefing held at the venue.

18 INSURANCE

[NP] 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, at any time during the event if required to do so.

19 PRIZES

Overall prizes will be given.

Junior Dinghy Merit Awards will be made at the discretion of the Race Committee.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the OA on 01803-752496 or email: info@dartmouthsailingweek.com

End of Notice of Race

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