



DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

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Thursday 27th August to Sunday 30th August 2026

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) YACHT & DAYBOAT SERIES Including the GBR NATIONAL IRC



<https://rorcrating.com>

& J109 National Championship

Issue 2, incorporating Amendment 1, issued 9th February 2026

(Please note there is a separate Notice of Race for the stand-alone Passage Race from Torbay to Dartmouth on Wednesday 26th August.)

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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)

1.2 The RRS are changed as follows:

1.2.1 RRS 60.2(a) (1) is amended – delete “if her hull length is longer than 6 metres”.

Advisory note: All boats regardless of length shall display a red flag when required.

1.2.2 RRS63 (Hearings) is amended to allow RRS Appendix T arbitration.

1.2.3 The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.

1.3 **IRC boats**

IRC 2026 part A, B and C shall apply (advertising permitted).

In accordance with IRC Rule 11 the following are changed:

(a) For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5(d) the event is on consecutive days and the sails carried shall remain the same.

(b) IRC Rule 21.1.5 (e) is amended to “Only one mainsail may be used for the duration of the event, unless in exceptional circumstances, written permission is granted by the OA”.

(c) IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by

“The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate, except that:

(i) When the crew includes either at least two females, at least two 18 years old or under, or at least one female and one 18 years old or under, then the crew limit is the certificate number plus two.

(ii) When the crew includes either one female or one 18 years old or under, then the crew limit is the certificate number plus one.

(iii) When the crew includes at least one 75 years old or over, then the crew limit is the certificate number plus one.

(iv) When the crew includes (i) and (iii) or (ii) and (iii), then the crew limit is the certificate number plus three or two respectively.

For the purposes of this Rule the persons defined above shall be the stated age on 30th August 2026. There is no crew weight limit.”

(d) IRC non spinnaker ratings shall not be used. (IRC Rule 8.6 refers).

(e) Single event ratings (SER) shall not be used.

(f) The OA may carry out equipment inspection at any time.

1.4 **One Design classes:**

1.4.1 One Design classes racing for their own prizes and/or trophies as a separate class shall comply fully with their class rules (or as changed in compliance with RRS87).

1.4.2 Where crew weight or other checks are required, the class association shall be fully responsible for the implementation of these.

- 1.4.3 **National Squib class:** Rule C.10.2(b) shall apply, except that either spinnaker may be used, but only one spinnaker may be used in an individual race. (Change agreed by the Class Association in compliance with RRS 87.)
- 1.4.4 **J109 class:** The current J/109 class Rules of the J/109 UK and Ireland Class Association shall apply to the J/109 class racing with the exception of Part 2 clause 6.1 where the wording shall be deleted and replaced with the following:
 “Total crew number will be limited a maximum of 9.”
 (Change at the request of the Class Association in compliance with RRS 87.)

1.5 [NP][DP] **Boat identification:**

Advisory note: It is ESSENTIAL boats comply with RRS Appendix G (or NoR 1.5.2 if applicable) and in particular, because races are usually finished downwind, G1.3(c)(3). Boats risk not being recorded as finishers if it is not possible to easily read their spinnaker/gennaker or overlapping headsail numbers. The Race Committee may also protest boats they consider are not complying with G1.4(a) particularly with regard to contrasting colour.

- 1.5.1 In the event of damage to a sail during the event, if it is necessary to use a replacement sail with numbers differing from the boat’s entry, the permission of the Race Committee shall be obtained prior to starting the race in which it may be used.
- 1.5.2 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.
- 1.5.3 All boats, except National Squibs will be required to display a pennant according to their division or 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. The allocation of pennants to classes/divisions will be published on the online official notice board on Saturday 22nd August from the following range:

| Class | Numeral pennant range |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| IRC | International numerals 0 to 5 |
| J109 | Naval numeral 0 |
| YTC and Classics | International numerals 6 to 9 |

If additional class flags are required, other naval numerals may be used.

1.6 [DP] Safety Regulations

- 1.6.1 Boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (WS OSR), Appendix B for Inshore Racing or their class rules regarding internal buoyancy and safety.
- 1.6.2 RRS 40.1 (*personal flotation to be worn*) applies at all times when afloat to competitors in the National Squib class, open deck boats and boats not having a pulpit, stanchions and lifelines.
- 1.6.3 **Drones:** No competitor or support person shall operate a drone in or around the racing areas.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be downloadable (and printable) from 15th August at www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Race-documents . The official booklet containing the Sailing Instructions (and other useful information) will be available from noon on Tuesday 25th August at RDYC. Any amendments after this time will be posted on the online official notice board and signalled by flag L displayed at RDYC and Darthaven Marina.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be available on the Racing Rules of Sailing App for mobile phones and tablets from 15th August 2026 (and a link will be available [here](#) to the browser version).



Advisory Note: More information about the above App and its use can be found at www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/single/MobileApp

- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a Marine VHF radio and monitor the appropriate channel for their course area at all times while competing in the event.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel for a particular course area will be stated on the online notice board when classes are allocated to course areas (see NoR4.3).
- 3.4 All boats shall 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 any 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.
- 3.5 All boats will be invited to join a WhatsApp Channels group specific to their course area. WhatsApp messages may be sent to disseminate pre race information and alerts for postings on the official notice board.

- 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 channels used by the race committee shall be limited to those pertaining to the race(s) taking place at the time.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats under 20m hull length.
- 4.2 The skipper of the boat shall have a minimum age of 18 years at the time of the event.

4.3 Classes

- 4.3.1 Proposed classes are defined as follows:

| Class | Definition | Time correction system | Divisions | Entry as: |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|----------------|
| IRC | Boats holding an IRC 2026 Endorsed certificate* | IRC | Divisions subject to entries (National Championship) | IRC Endorsed |
| IRC | Boats holding an IRC 2026 Standard certificate* | IRC | Included in above divisions but not eligible for National Championship | IRC Standard |
| J109 | One Design | None | Single class (National Championship) | J109 |
| YTC*** | Boats having a 2026 YTC equal to or less than 1110 | YTC** | Divisions subject to entries and ratings | YTC |
| Classic Yacht*** | Boats having a JCH 2026 rating not less than 0.7700 | JCH | Divisions subject to entries and ratings | Classic |
| National Squib | One design | None | Single class | National Squib |
| Other classes or types. | e.g. Sportsboats, Devon Yawls, Tofinou 7's | Interested groups are invited to contact the OA to discuss possible classes not included above. | | |

* 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 4.9.

** YTC is the RYA Yacht Time Correction system (formerly SWYTC). Boats not yet having a 2026 YTC number should apply online at <https://rorcrating.com/ryaytc> **before entering**. This is a free of charge service but must be **renewed annually**. For 2026 the maximum hull length permissible has been increased from 15 to 17m, but the RORC reserve the right to decline a rating for boats deemed to be unsuitable for the current rating formula.

Advisory note: For course setting reasons, please note entries are open to boats having a YTC of 1110 or less.

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*** YTC & Classic Yachts may enter to sail with or without a spinnaker and shall use that configuration and associated rating throughout the event. The OA at its discretion may create a separate non spinnaker division, else non-spinnaker boats will race against 'with spinnaker' boats in an appropriate division.

If you are unsure which type/group your boat falls into, please email info@dartmouthsailingweek.com.

Classes, divisions and course allocation will be determined immediately before the event taking into account entry numbers, the range of time correction factors and boat types. This information will be available on the online official notice board on Saturday 22nd August.

- 4.3.2 The minimum number for any class will be at the OA's discretion. Entrants will be contacted by email if there are sufficient boats of a particular design to form a one design class.
- 4.3.3 Boats holding an IRC rating are strongly encouraged to enter as IRC, but it is accepted, for a variety of reasons, some boats may prefer to race with their YTC or JCH rating.
- 4.3.4 The OA reserve the right to re-allocate any boat to the most suitable class or division.
- 4.3.5 If it is necessary to cancel a class or division, the entrant(s) will be offered the opportunity to change to another class if appropriate, or receive a full refund.

4.4 Entry

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

If it is found a rating is not available by 17:00 on the day before the race requested on the entry form, the boat will not be considered an entry in that 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.

- 4.4.2 The following dates shall apply:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Entry opens | 1 st February 2026 |
| Discounted early entry closes | 00:01 on 15 th July |
| Standard entry closes | 00:01 on 15 th August |
| Late entry | After 00:01 on 15 th August |
| Entry closes | 17:00 on the day before the first race entered |

- 4.5 **Change of class:** A request to change class after entry (including a spinnaker/non spinnaker change) may be permitted at the discretion of the OA before 00:01 on 15th August. Thereafter a competitor-initiated change may only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.
- 4.6 **Entry cancellations:** Prior to 00:01 on 15th July a 10% administration charge will be applied, thereafter 50% until 00:01 on 15th 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), entrants will be offered the options of a full refund or to carry over their entry to 2027.
- 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 15th 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

The entry fee is determined by hull length and is irrespective of the class or division a boat will be allocated to. Dates for early, standard and late entry are given in NoR 4.4.2. The **Late Entry** fee is the same as the Standard Entry fee but a late entry administration charge of £10 will be applied to each purchase.

| Hull length (see below this table for definitions) | Discounted Early Entry (if fee received by 00:01 on 15 th July) | | Standard Entry (ends 00:01 on 15 th August) |
|--|--|-----------|--|
| | Daily Fee (per day up to 3 days) | 4-day Fee | Daily Fee |
| Over 12.5m | £64 | £240 | £80 |
| Over 10m to 12.5m | £60 | £220 | £75 |
| Over 7.5 to 10m | £52 | £190 | £65 |
| Over 6m to 7.5m | £42 | £160 | £53 |
| 6m and under | £26 | £90 | £33 |

For IRC the hull length to determine the entry fee shall be the LH measurement specified on the boats rating certificate.

For all other classes the hull length to determine the entry fee shall be the length of a box the hull would fit into, excluding pulpit, pushpit, bowsprits and transom hung rudders.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

IRC – see NoR 1.3 (c).

One design classes – see NoR 1.4.

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 Briefing: A briefing will be held at RDYC at 19:00 on Wednesday 26th August. The briefing may be available on request via Zoom for those unable to attend in person.
- 8.2 Dates of racing: Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th August inclusive.
- 8.3 Number of races:

| Scheduled races per day | Thursday | Friday & Saturday | Sunday | Bay Race (see NoR 8.4) |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------|------------------------|
| All boats except Squibs | 3 | 3* | 2* | 1 |
| Squibs | 2 | 2* | 2* | 1 |

* Unless replaced by the Bay Race

The target time for races will be not greater than 75minutes. The race committee may run one additional race per day for any reason deemed necessary.

- 8.4 Bay Race: Either on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, boats may sail a longer coastal race (The Bay Race). On that day they will sail one race only, but for scoring purposes, it will count as two races - see section 12 of this NoR for full details of the scoring. The Bay Race may not be held for any reason deemed appropriate by the Race Committee. The Race Committee's decision to run the Bay Race is final and shall not be subject to redress – this changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 8.5 The earliest scheduled time of the warning signal for each day is 10:25.
- 8.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 13:55.

9 THE VENUE

9.1 NoR Appendix A shows the plan of the event venue.

9.2 NoR Appendix B shows the location of possible course areas.

Advisory note: In the event of lack of wind and/or adverse tide, boats must make their own way to and from the race areas either under their own engine power, or by pre-arranged tow from their own support boat or another competitor. Boats involved in race management are not available to tow competitors.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 Three Course areas are available in Start Bay. The number used will be dependent on entries.

10.2 IRC divisions & J109s will sail windward/leeward courses (except on Bay Race day). Gates may be used at the leeward end of the course.

For YTC and Classic Yacht divisions and Squibs, at the Race Officer's discretion, windward/leeward, triangular and combinations of these courses may be used. Gates may be used at the leeward end of the course.

10.3 The Bay Race (see NoR 8.4) may be round navigational marks and fixed and specially positioned racing marks in Start Bay.

11 HEARING REQUESTS

Registration of a Hearing Request will be possible via mobile phone or tablet using the Racing Rules of Sailing App or website. Competitors will be encouraged to use this facility whenever possible.



Hearing Request forms will also be available from the OA.

12 SCORING

12.1 Event Series

- (a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When more than four have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This may include one of the Bay Race scores.

12.2 **Event Overall Trophies (excluding GBR IRC National Championship)**

12.2.1 A boat's series score shall be used, except if one division has fewer races to count for their series score, then the lesser number of races will be used to compare the series scores of all boats in the divisions competing for the trophy i.e. one or more divisions may exclude their next worst score(s) until the races completed are equalised.

12.2.2 RRS A8.2 shall not be used. If a tie remains after the implementation of RRS A8.1, the trophy shall be shared.

12.3 **GBR IRC National Championship**

The overall prize for the championship will be awarded to the boat with the lowest resultant score when the following formula is applied:

“A boat's series score divided by (the number of scored races minus one), divided by (the maximum number of boats coming to the starting area in that boat's division plus two).”

In the event of a tie the prize will be shared.

12.4 **Local Trophies**

Trophies designated for Royal Dart Yacht Club or Dartmouth Yacht Club boats will be awarded on the basis of the first home club declared on the entry form.

12.5 **Club Team Trophy**

12.5.1 Subject to sufficient entries, a club team trophy will be awarded - the 'Dartmouth Team Trophy'. A boat will be eligible if it has entered for all four days of the series before 17:00 on 26th August. A Club Team will comprise at least three and no more than five eligible boats.

12.5.2 Clubs are invited to nominate their team(s) by email to entries@dartmouthsailingweek.com by 12:00 on 27th August. An individual club may, subject to sufficient boat entrants, nominate up to 3 teams, or clubs may together nominate a joint club team. Otherwise, one team per club will be created automatically, based on club membership as declared on the boat's Series entry form, and will comprise their first 5 boats in order of submitting their entries. A maximum of 16 teams will be accommodated on a first come basis.

12.5.3 A boat's score will be calculated by the formula given in NoR 12.3. The team's score will be the sum of its lowest three boat scores. The winner will be the team with the lowest score, and in the event of a tie the trophy will be shared.

13 BERTHING

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

Advisory note: Berthing provider information is available at:
www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Competitors-information

14 HAUL-OUT & DIVING RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of written permission of the OA. This restriction also applies to the use of underwater breathing apparatus around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

Advisory note: The use of underwater breathing apparatus at any time requires Harbour Authority approval.

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 3 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) Patrol boats are not provided.
- (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 safety briefing held for the event.

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

Daily and overall prizes will be awarded according to entries.

It is intended as far as is practicable to hold prize giving's on the same day as the race involved.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

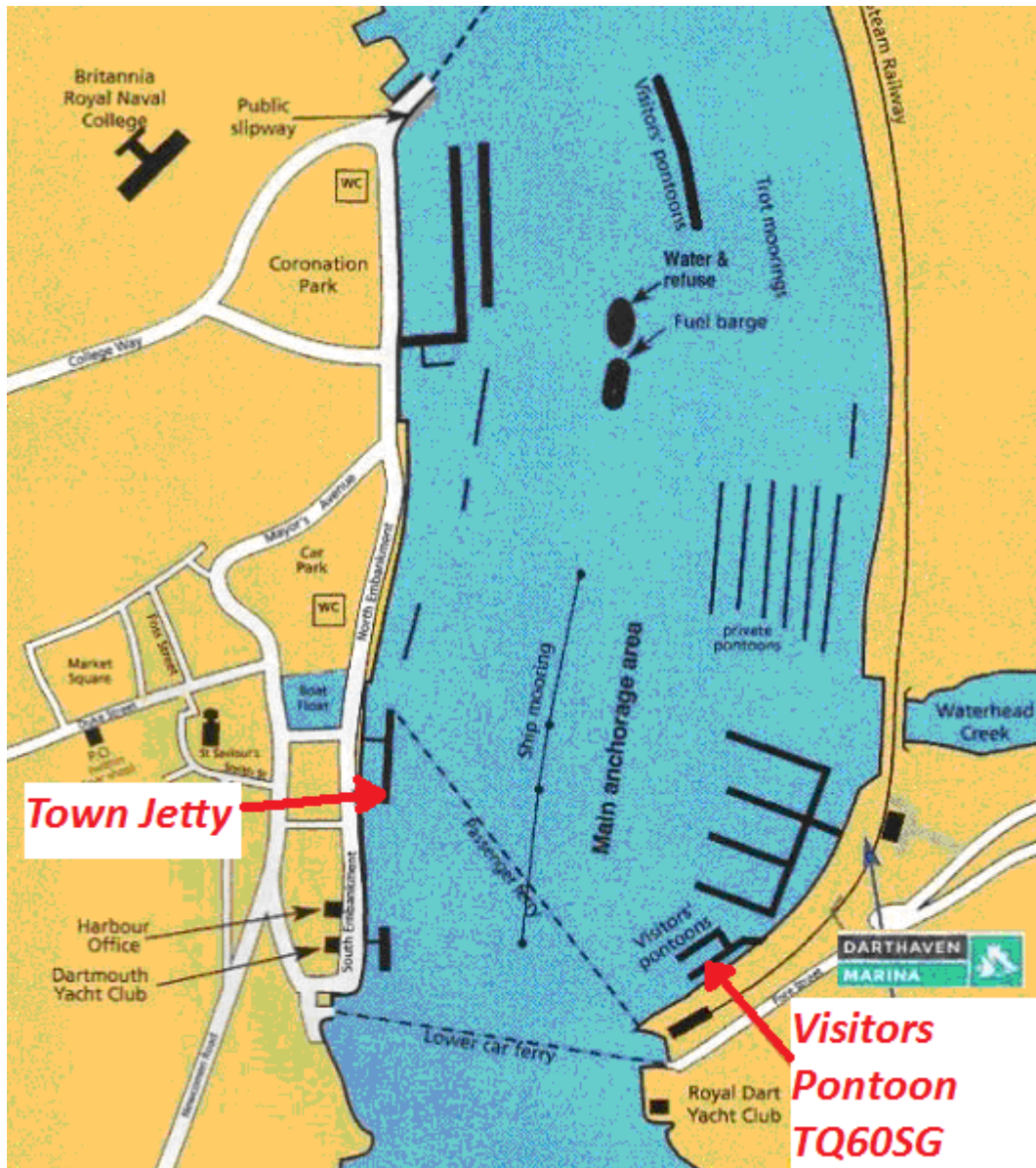
An information and help desk will be available at RDYC at least during the following times:

| Day | Times |
|--|----------------|
| Tuesday 25 th | 11:00 to 17:00 |
| Wednesday 26 th | 11:00 to 20:00 |
| Thursday 27 th to Sunday 30 th | 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 Tuesday 25th to Sunday 30th inclusive. Information is also available at www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Competitors-information and www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/faq .

Appendix A

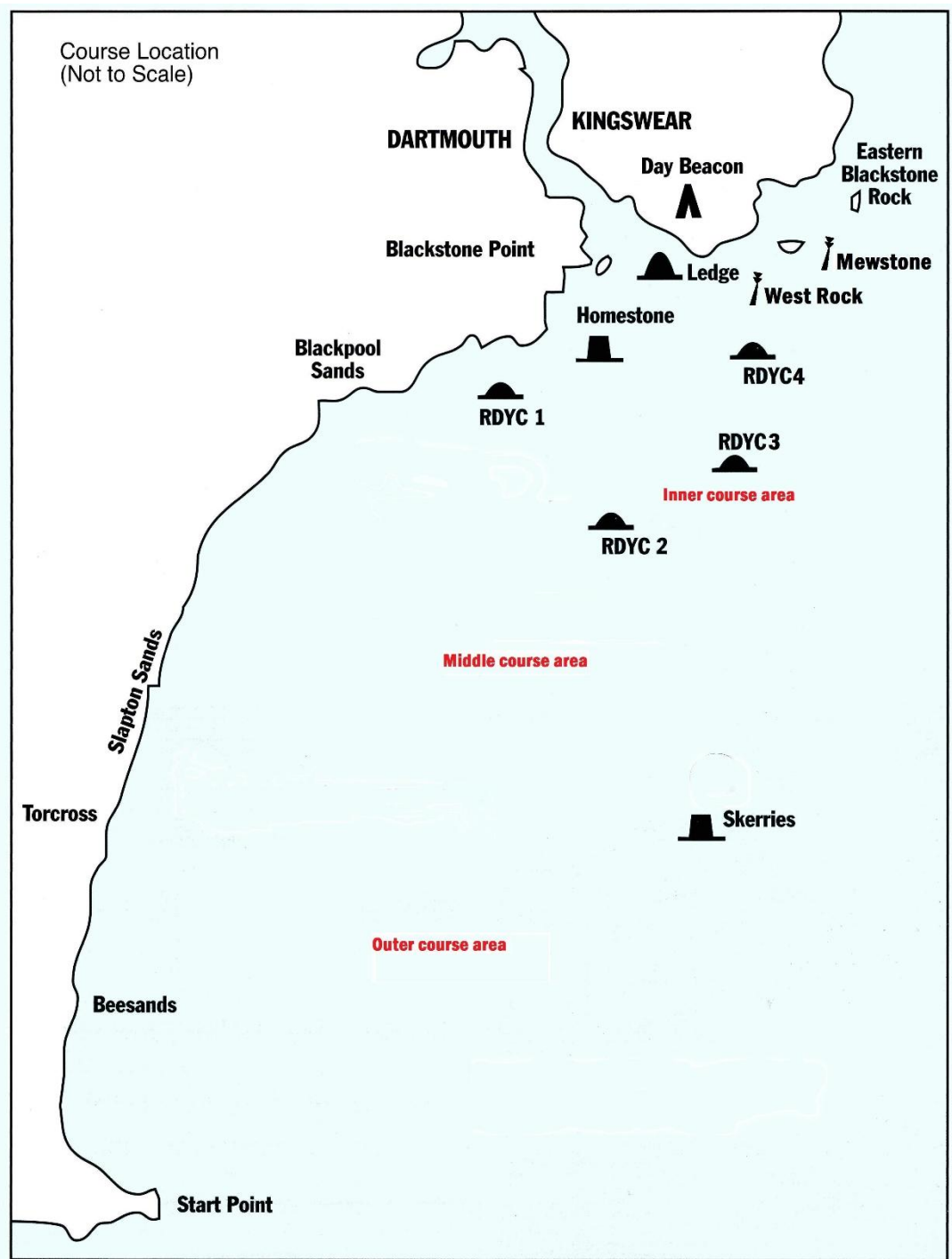
Plan of Dart Harbour (not to scale)



Medical emergency drop-off points highlighted

Appendix B

Course locations (not to scale)



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