



# DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA SAILING WEEK

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## **PASSAGE RACE BRIXHAM to DARTMOUTH SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

*The notation [NP] in a rule in the NoR 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**

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 18:00 on Tuesday 22nd August 2023.
- 2.2 In the event of forecast adverse weather, Abandonment of the race will be posted at the earliest opportunity. Boats are advised to check the online notice board prior to leaving their home port for Brixham. This does not preclude later Abandonment up to the scheduled first warning signal.

### **3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board accessible on the Racing Rules of Sailing App  for mobile devices and also via [dartmouthsailingweek.com/official-noticeboard/](http://dartmouthsailingweek.com/official-noticeboard/)
- 3.2 The race office is located at the Royal Dart Yacht Club (RDYC).

- 3.3 On the water, the race committees intend to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 3.4 The following communications will be made by the race committee on the above VHF channel:
- Time checks
  - Changes to starting sequence
  - Course
- 3.5 The following communications may be made by the race committee on the above VHF channel and in addition to flag signals where appropriate:
- Postponement
  - Abandonment
- 3.6 [DP] While racing, from a boat's warning signal until it has finished or retired, 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.

#### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the signal station of Brixham Yacht Club (BYC) at Battery Point, Brixham.

#### **6 RACE SCHEDULE & CLASS FLAGS**

Class	Class Pennant (Mandatory to display – NoR 1.4.2)	Scheduled Warning signal
IRC	Numeral 1	13:55
Cruiser	Numeral 2	14:00
Cruiser non spinnaker	Numeral 3	

#### **7 RACING AREAS**

The racing area is the English Channel between Brixham and Dartmouth including Torbay and Start Bay.

#### **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The course to be sailed by each class will be advised by VHF radio channel 72 at 13:40 and again following a time check at 13:45. Classes may not all sail the same course. The course to be sailed may also be repeated at the warning signal for each class. Failure by a boat to hear such VHF transmissions shall not be grounds for request of redress. (This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1 (a)).

## 8.2

Course letter	Mark rounding order – All marks to be left to starboard	Approx. distance
A	Start - Berry Head - RDYC Buoy 4 - Finish	8.0nm
B	Start - Berry Head - RDYC Buoy 2 - Finish	8.8nm
C	Start - Berry Head - Skerries Buoy - Finish	14.0nm

## 9 MARKS

Name	Description	Position
Brixham Outer Distance Mark (ODM)	Buoy with red flag	50° 24.4 N, 3° 31.3W
RDYC 2	Yellow conical buoy with number 2	50° 18.7 N, 3° 33.4W
RDYC 4	Yellow conical buoy with number 4	50° 19.6 N, 3° 32.4W
Skerries	Red Lateral navigation buoy	50° 16.3 N, 3° 33.7W
Castle Ledge	Green Lateral navigation buoy	50° 20.0 N, 3° 33.1W

## 10 OBSTRUCTIONS

While racing boats shall not pass between any of the following:

The shore and each of the following: Cod Rock, Mewstone Cardinal Buoy, West Rock Cardinal Buoy, Western Blackstone Rocks, Coombe Rocks, Dancing Beggars Rocks.

It is strongly recommended these areas are also avoided when not racing.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the flagstaff at Battery Point, Brixham and the Brixham ODM (on an approximate bearing of 340 degrees).
- 11.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4 [NP] If any part of a boats hull, having previously been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, is on the course side of the line in the one minute before her starting signal, she will be considered to have started under provision (b) of World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01 (as defined in the NoR). She shall not return to the pre-start side of the line and will receive a time penalty, without a hearing, of 10% (rounded to the nearest minute) added to her elapsed time. This changes RRS 63.1, 35 and A5. No individual recall will be signalled. This changes Race Signals.
- 11.5 [NP] After her warning signal no boat entirely on the course side of the starting line shall cross it in the direction from the course to the pre-start side. The penalty for infringement of this rule will be disqualification without a hearing, even if the race is restarted. This changes RRS63.1 and A5.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line is between the course side of Castle Ledge Buoy at the starboard end and the staff displaying a blue flag on race committee finishing vessel 'Opus' (see photo below) at the port end. Opus will be situated approximately 75m away from Castle Ledge Buoy and approximately on the transit of the RDYC masts on Blackstone Point. All boats shall note their own finish time from their GPS (UTC+1), and position in relation to other boats. This information may be requested by the race committee.



- 12.2 For Courses A & B the course may be shortened in accordance with RRS32.2(a) at RDYC 4 and 2 respectively.
- 12.3 If the race committee vessel is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time (with Castle Ledge Buoy to starboard and crossing the transit of the RDYC masts on Blackstone Point), and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at RDYC, at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.


## **14 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for all classes is 18:00. Yachts finishing after this time will be recorded DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice Board for details.
- 15.2 All RRS part 2 protests will initially be dealt with by the RYA Arbitration Procedure as soon after the protest time limit as practicable, after which the protest hearing schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the ground floor of Kingswear Village Hall.

- 15.3 Registration of a hearing request can be made via mobile devices using the Racing Rules of Sailing App . Competitors are encouraged to use this facility.

Hearing request forms are also available from the race office at RDYC or can be downloaded from [dartmouthsailingweek.com/race-documents/](http://dartmouthsailingweek.com/race-documents/) or [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk)

- 15.4 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes the race.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 RRS 64.2 is changed: Except for infringements to parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, in the case of an infringement to the RRS the protest committee may decide what penalty to apply, including no penalty.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 Safety regulations are detailed in NoR 1.5.
- 16.2 [DP] A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at RDYC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.3 In the event of injury to any crew member, the skipper is responsible for taking appropriate action and if necessary contacting the Coastguard for assistance.

## **17 REFUSE DISPOSAL**

Refuse disposal facilities are available ashore or in the skips on the Dart Harbour pontoon immediately north of the Fuel Barge.