



Dale Yacht Club Regatta

Sunday 23rd August 2026



PROGRAMME & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Race Information and Registration (Race Office) is located in the Jubilee Suite beside the Village Hall. **Registration** is from 09:15; **competitors' briefing** is at 10:15 at the top of the slip.

There will be two back-to-back races in the morning starting at **11:00** and two back-to-back races in the afternoon starting at **14:30**.

It is the intention that there will be two fleets with separate starts. Details will be advised at the competitors' briefing.

- Division 1 – for dinghies with PY 1044 and under
- Division 2 – for dinghies with PY of 1045 and above

The entry fee is £15 for the event for adults. Under 18: £10

Prizes (3 races to count)

Division 1: 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Division 2: 1st 2nd and 3rd

Highest placed DYC member

Highest placed visiting member

Junior prizes may also be awarded

PRIZE GIVING will be in the clubhouse at 17:00 or as soon after as possible

Tan A Mor will be open for catering all weekend and restaurant tables may be booked or pizzas pre-ordered on 07814 702316.

TIDES (BST): LW: 0941 3.00m; HW: 1557 5.19m

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, RYA prescriptions and by class rules. It is open to all dinghy classes.

2. INSURANCE

2.1. All competitors must be covered by at least £3,000,000 third party insurance.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard outside the Race Office (Jubilee Suite).
- 3.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed outside the race office.
- 3.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with not less than 30 minutes.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be announced at the competitors' 10.15 briefing.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Registration will be in the Jubilee Suite between 0915 and 1015 on 23rd August 2026.
- 5.2. A competitors' briefing will be held at 10.15 at the top of the slipway.
- 5.3. Race schedule: See page 1
- 5.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange start line flag will be displayed on the Committee Boat with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6 There will be a gap of at least 1 minute between the start of one division and the warning signal for the next.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The class flags are Numeral 1 for Division 1; Numeral 2 for Division 2.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The diagrams in SI Appendix One show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. The course and number of beats to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 7.3. If there is only one leeward mark (Marks 3 and/or 4) the mark shall be passed to port.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Course Marks will be large yellow inflatable buoys.
- 8.2. The Starting Mark will be an orange pin buoy with an orange flag.
- 8.3. The Finishing Mark will be an orange pin buoy with a blue flag

9. OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

- 9.1 All Cardinal Marks and the speed limit marks abeam of the Fort are designated obstructions as defined in the RRS.
- 9.2 Additionally, boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from vessels over 100m in length or vessels displaying Flag A (indicating divers in the water). These areas are also obstructions as defined in the Rules.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be as indicated on the course diagram. The starboard end will be the main mast of the committee boat, and the port end is defined by the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4. Should there be a general recall, the warning signal for a new start for the recalled division will be made one minute after the 1st Substitute flag is removed, and the starts for subsequent divisions will follow the new start.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. The race committee may move a mark (or the finishing line) up to 150m without signalling the change. No other changes will be made during racing. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line is between the mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

12.2. Each race will be approximately 40 minutes duration, at the discretion of the race committee. A race will be finished when either:

- a) The leading boat completes the number of rounds signalled and other boats complete the same number of rounds and finish within the finishing time limit.
- b) The Race Committee signals a shortened course at any other mark of the course in which case the race will be finished in accordance with RRS 32.2.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and Target Time are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Time Limit
<i>70 minutes</i>	<i>40 minutes</i>	<i>15 minutes after 1st non-foiling boat in division (adjusted for PY)</i>

13.2. If no boat completes the race within the Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

13.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, may be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10

13.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1. An intention to protest must be lodged with the race committee on the water within 10 minutes of the last boat finishing. Completed hearing request forms, together with a fee of £5 are to be handed in at the Race Office within one hour of the protesting boat finishing racing for the session. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.

14.2. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where they will be held.

15. SCORING

15.1. The minimum number of entries for any race is four.

15.2. When four races have been completed, a boat's score will be her best three results. When fewer than four races have been completed, her score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3. Rule A5.2 is changed so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

16.1. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.

16.2. A safety tally system will be in operation.

16.2.1. The tally control point will be at the top of the slipway.

16.2.2. Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point to advise that they are going racing.

16.2.3. Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point to advise that they are ashore. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.

16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on the water as soon as possible.

16.4. Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the session's racing must inform an authorized official boat. The official boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.

17. PRIZES

17.1 See page 1. Perpetual trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the club officers. These must be returned to the club by the end of May.

18. 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 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer 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 familiarize 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 for the event.

APPENDIX 1 - COURSE DIAGRAMS

