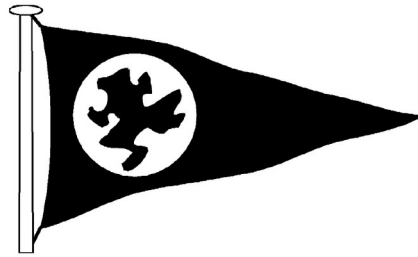


DALE YACHT CLUB

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PROGRAMME 2026

We hope that this Programme contains all the key information you will need in order to enjoy the facilities and activities of the Club during 2026. If you need further information do not hesitate to contact the relevant person from the list below.

CLUB OFFICERS

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Committee Member(s):

Chris Cannell, Sophie Chambers

DINGHY PROGRAMME - 2026

	Date	Day	Time	Race	HW - BST
April					Milford Haven
	2 nd	Thu	18:30	April Cup	7.0 19:39
	5 th	Sun	11:00	April Cup	6.8 08:55
	9 th	Thu	18:30	April Cup	5.3 23:31
	12 th	Sun	15:00	April Cup	5.0 15:24
	16 th	Thu	18:30	April Cup	6.9 18:31
	* 19 th	Sun	11:00	April Cup	7.4 08:12
	* 23 rd	Thu	18:30	April Cup	5.9 23:51
	26 th	Sun	15:00	April Cup	5.5 15:27
	30 th	Thu	18:30	April Cup	6.7 18:36
May	* 3 rd	Sun	11:00	May Cup	6.7 07:57
	7 th	Thu	19:00	May Cup	5.8 22:26
			21:00	April Cup Presentation	
	9 th	Sat		NYC Spring Regatta / Dragon Series ^{Sat/Sun}	
	10 th	Sun	11:00	May Cup	5.0 12:54
	14 th	Thu	19:00	May Cup	6.4 17:11
	* 17 th	Sun	15:00	May Cup	7.2 19:28
	* 21 st	Thu	19:00	May Cup	6.5 22:47
	24 th	Sun	11:00	May Cup	5.5 13:32
	24 th	Sun		S'foot SC Coppet Hall Week · 24 th ..29 th	
	28 th	Thu	19:00	May Cup	6.2 17:24
* 31 st	Sun	15:00	May Cup	6.5 19:18	
June	4 th	Thu	19:00	June Cup	6.3 21:36
			21:00	May Cup Presentation	
	7 th	Sun	11:00	June Cup	5.6 11:21
	* 11 th	Thu	19:00	June Cup	5.9 15:33
	14 th	Sun	15:00	June Cup	6.9 18:22
	18 th	Thu	19:00	June Cup	7.0 21:47
	21 st	Sun	11:00	June Cup	6.0 11:54
	25 th	Thu	19:00	June Cup	5.6 15:54
	28 th	Sun	15:00	June Cup	6.2 18:22
July	2 nd	Thu	19:00	July Cup	6.5 20:48
			21:00	June Cup Presentation	
	5 th	Sun	11:00	July Cup	6.1 10:17
	* 9 th	Thu	19:00	July Cup	5.6 13:40
	12 th	Sun	15:00	July Cup	6.3 17:12
	16 th	Thu	19:00	July Cup	7.4 20:46
	18 th	Sat		FBYC Regatta / Dragon Series ^{Sat/Sun}	
	19 th	Sun	11:00	July Cup	6.6 10:36
	* 23 rd	Thu	19:00	July Cup	5.3 13:51
	25 th	Sat		PYC County Regatta / Forts Race ^{Sat/Sun}	
	26 th	Sun	15:00	July Cup	5.8 17:20
30 th	Thu	19:00	July Cup	6.7 19:56	

	Date	Day	Time	Race	HW - BST
August					Milford Haven
	2 rd	Sun	11:00	August Cup	6.6 09:18
	* 6 th	Thu	19:00	August Cup	5.8 00:30
			21:00	July Cup Presentation	
	9 th	Sun	15:00	August Cup	5.7 15:56
	9 th	Sun		Littlehaven Regatta	
	13 th	Thu	19:00	August Cup	7.4 19:45
	16 th	Sun	11:00	August Cup	7.0 09:26
	20 th	Thu	19:00	August Cup	5.4 00:13
	23 rd	Sun		DALE REGATTA & DYC Dragon Series	
	27 th	Thu	19:00	August Cup	6.8 18:57
	29 th	Sat		DALE BANK HOLIDAY SERIES	
	30 th	Sun		Starts: 11:00 each day	
	31 st	Mon		DALE BANK HOLIDAY SERIES	
September					
	* 3 rd	Thu	18:30	Sept. Cup	6.2 23:08
			20:30	August Cup Presentation	
	6 th	Sun	11:00	Sept. Cup	5.4 14:21
	10 th	Thu	18:30	Sept. Cup	7.3 18:45
	* 13 th	Sun	11:00	Sept. Cup	7.2 08:21
	* 17 th	Thu	18:30	Sept. Cup	5.8 22:44
	20 th	Sun	11:00	Sept. Cup	4.9 13:24
	24 th	Thu	18:30	Sept. Cup	6.5 17:51
	26 th	Sat		Neyland YC Autumn Regatta <small>Sat/Sun</small>	
	* 27 th	Sun	15:00	Sept. Cup	7.4 19:35
			17:00	September Cup Presentation	

* *Indicates possibility of limited water depth*

Notes

1. Trophies will be awarded each month.
2. Where a start time is not given above please refer to the event organisers.
3. The dinghy racing programme has been prepared to provide a height of 2 metres above chart datum (i.e. 1.5 metres of water at the inshore buoys) for a period of one and a half hours after the start. Occasions when the depth may fall short of this requirement are marked thus * in the programme. Helmsmen with deep-draft dinghies should ensure that they will have sufficient water for their craft.

As a rough guide, the bottom of the slip dries at about 2.0 metres above chart datum and the tidal rise in 10 minutes for a tide range of 6 metres is:

1 hour after LW	12cm (5 inches)
2 hours after LW	22cm (8.5 inches)
3 hours after LW	25cm (10 inches)

Dinghy Racing Sailing Instructions

1. Dinghy races are open to all classes and will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing and RYA Prescriptions. Dale Yacht Club operates under the RYA Racing Charter. The current Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system will be used to correct finishing times. Average lap times will be used to calculate the results.
2. **Notices** to competitors will be posted at the starting hut.
3. **Signals** made ashore will be displayed at the starting hut and may be flags or boards.
4. **Schedule of Races** is displayed in this programme.
5. **Class flags** will be:- general handicap – flag D. If the fleet is split into divisions or classes the flags denoting the division/class will be stated at the starting hut.
6. The **racing area** will be in Dale Bay.
7. All boats must keep clear of commercial shipping.
8. Competitors must **sign on** at the starting hut 30 minutes before each race (or sequence of races).
9. The **marks** of the courses will include the racing buoys and may also include navigation and warning buoys.
10. The **course** will be displayed on the course notice board before the start of each race.
11. Competitors must notify the Officer of the Day if they **retire**.
12. The **starting and finishing lines** or marks will be specified on the course notice board. The outer distance mark (ODM buoy) defines the starting line. Whenever a committee boat is used to mark one end of the starting or finishing line, the committee boat mast displaying an orange flag defines this position.
13. The **start sequence** will be as in rule 26:
5', 4', 1', Start
14. **Shortened course** will be indicated by 2 sound signals and flag S.
15. **Boats completing** their course will be notified by a sound signal.
16. **Time limit** - a boat not finishing within 140% of the time of the first boat to finish may be considered to have retired. Corrected times will be used to determine the time limit.
17. **Protests** (forms in the starting hut) to be lodged with the Officer of the Day within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing. Dale Yacht Club encourages the use of Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearings and RYA Arbitration prior to, or instead of, full protest hearings.

18. The **Low Point Scoring** system will be used. Three boats are required to constitute a race. Three races are required to constitute a series.
19. **Discards** will vary depending on the number of races each month. (8 races and over - 3 discards, 6 or 7 races - 2 discards, 3 - 5 races 1 discard)
20. **Trophies**, unless declared otherwise, are the property of Dale Yacht Club and awarded on a monthly or annual basis.
21. **Rule Changes**:- for an individual race, changes will be displayed on the course notice board; for a series of races changes will also be displayed on the Yacht Club notice board.
22. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport & therefore inherently **involves an element of risk**. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees & acknowledges that they are aware of the risks involved & accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew & their boat to such inherent risk. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
23. Each participating boat shall be **insured** with valid third party liability insurance having a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
24. It is hoped that sailors will participate in the development of these rules by bringing their views to the attention of Club Officers.

THE SLIPWAY

Members of the public as well as Club members are allowed the use of the slipway, but no right of access is inferred by this.

The slipway may be closed to vehicles, or to all users, at certain times. During 2026 there may be restricted access to the slipway on the following dates:

August 23 rd	Dale Regatta
September 27 th 9am to 2pm	Pembs. Half Marathon

Floodgates:

At times of very high tides the Community Council may close the floodgates at the top of the slipway to prevent danger of flooding to properties in Dale. The Yacht Club fully supports this action. The floodgates may be closed for several tides and during these periods there is no access to the slipway. For queries contact the Club Secretary.

The Club webcam is an easy way to see if the gates are in place - see the link on the DYC website.

CRUISERS AND DAYBOATS

MOORINGS

DYC is the Voluntary Control Body which administers the moorings in Dale on behalf of the Milford Haven Port Authority. Mooring holders require a licence from the Port Authority and a separate licence from the Crown Estates, both of which are administered by the Club. Mooring holders are responsible for the laying and maintenance of their moorings to the standards laid down by the Port Authority. Enquiries about the availability of mooring spaces should be directed to Fil Marshall, the Club Moorings Officer. The Club does not have any moorings available for short term hire.

TENDER PARK

Members may apply for a space in the cruiser tender park on a seasonal basis commencing April 1st. Applications should be made to the Tender Park Secretary early in the year since space is limited. Application forms, which can be downloaded from the website, must be accompanied by the £40 fee and an SAE. Tenders must be cleared from the Tender Park by October 31st. The club will remove any tenders left after that date charging a removal fee of £50 plus weekly storage of £5.

RACING

Cruiser racing throughout the Haven is mostly organised by Neyland YC and Pembroke Haven YC. For information, please consult their websites.

CRUISER PROGRAMME

Apr 12 th ..May 17 th	Sunday Race Series - PHYC/NYC
May 1 st	Padstow - May Day
June 7 th	Bagley Trophy - PHYC
June 13 th	North Bish Bash - Fishguard Bay YC
June 13 th	Up-River Race - PHYC
June 20 th / 21 st	Tenby Passage Race (Sun return race)
June 24 th ..27 th	Neyland YC Cruiser Week
July 11 th	Dale Cruiser Regatta - PHYC
July 19 th	Skokholm Race - PHYC
July 26 th	RNLI Race - PHYC
August 1 st	Angle Regatta - PHYC
August 8 th / 9 th	PHYC Regatta
August 16 th	Down-River Race - PHYC
August 22 nd	Pursuit Race - PHYC
August 29 th / 30 th	Neyland Yacht Regatta - NYC

DINGHY SAILING AND RACING

RACING

The Club runs dinghy racing on Thursday evenings and on Sundays throughout the season, with a Monthly Cup and Summer Series Cups.

Full details are printed in this programme, together with the sailing instructions. An entry fee is payable for each race, or series of races. The races are open to non-members. Entries must be made at the starting hut on the seafront at least 30 minutes prior to racing.

The Club holds a Dinghy Regatta in August and also organises a daily racing series over the August Bank Holiday.

DINGHY PARKING

The Club's dinghy storage bays along the beach road may only be used by members who have been allocated a specific berth. Applications for an annual seasonal berth must be made to the Dinghy Park Secretary by Feb. 28th using the application form downloaded from the website. Applications must include the fee of £60 and an SAE. The terms and conditions of the storage area are on the application form.

Dinghies may only be stored on the dinghy verge park between April 1st and October 31st. The Club will remove any dinghies left there outside these dates and a removal fee of £50 plus a weekly storage fee of £5 per week must be paid before the dinghy is returned.

Limited short term dinghy storage is available in June, July and August in the overflow dinghy park behind the public car park. Application forms can be downloaded from the website and are also available from the Club. Applicants require full or temporary membership.

SAIL TRAINING

The Club organises Dinghy Sail training for juniors each year on Wednesday evenings through the summer. We also run adult sailing sessions if there is a demand. Details, including fees, will be posted on the club website.

We will advise enrolment dates as soon as possible.

THE CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse changing and showering facilities are open to members throughout the sailing season. Opening times for the Restaurant and Bar are established by Tân a Môr.

When the front door is closed, access to the showers may be obtained using the combination lock. The security code is available from the Membership Secretary.

At certain times during the winter the Clubhouse will be locked for security reasons.

The Clubhouse is a non-smoking area, including the terrace. The Club website holds the full Club House Regulations.

Full Members, Temporary Members and visiting yachtsmen are entitled to use the showers.

TÂN A MÔR BAR & RESTAURANT

Tân a Môr are keen to welcome you to the restaurant and bar. The opening times are on the club website or Tân a Môr's website (tan-a-mor.co.uk) or Facebook page.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have any queries about membership please contact the Membership Secretary on 07806 592650 or email daleyachtclub@gmail.com

Membership Rates (per year) :

Family	£70
Single	£52
Junior (under 18)	£10

Temporary Membership is available for visitors and costs £10 for 2 weeks or £15 for 4 weeks. It gives entitlement to full use of the Club facilities and is also needed if you wish to apply for a space in the overflow dinghy park.

Membership application forms are available on the website and in the Clubhouse. For details of visitor dinghy parking please see the website.

CLUB EVENTS

Regatta	August 23 th
Laying-up Supper	Saturday October 10 th
AGM	Friday December 4 th