

Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club

Founded: 1847



1 Windsor Crescent, Bridlington, East Yorkshire. YO15 3HX

Notice of Race for 2025 Sailing Season Dinghy Regatta

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority for the event is the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club ("RYYC").

2. RULES

- 2.1. The 2025 sailing season will be governed by:
- 2.1.1 The rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
 - 2.1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA, and its Racing Charter.
 - 2.1.3. The Class rules relevant to any competing boat.
- 2.2.1 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.2.2 In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the RRS, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 2.3 Distinguishing Sail Numbers;- section 1.3 of the Sailing Instructions shall apply.
- 2.4 The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the 2025 Season change the following, and possibly other, RRS;- 29.1, 32.2, 44.1, 62, 63.7, 77, A2.1 and A4

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Boats shall comply with the Category C advertising code. Advertising in conflict with the sponsor of an event will not be permitted.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Racing is open to boats of the following classes:
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| Class H | Handicap Class |
| Class D | Dart 18 class |
| Class C | Catapult Class |
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the official RYYC Race Entry Form (sent with the berthing application, or contact the club office for guidance)

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee for the 2025 sailing season for RYYC Dinghies is

	SEASON RACE FEES	ALL RACE FEES (including Regatta)	REGATTA ONLY
CLASS D,H	£25	-	£20

5.2 There is no additional fee for entering evening “fun” races, Top Dog, the Guy Shackles Race or the Gallon Race, however, yachts will require a YTC handicap and must lodge a completed safety certificate and declaration of insurance (which is part of the Race Entry Form) with the RYYC office before racing. All craft entering any series must be fully pre entered and fee’s paid.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. The schedule of races is as defined in the RYYC 2025 Sailing Program, as amended by any L notices, and as described in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing program is available to download from the RRYC website www.ryyc.org.uk or on request from the Club office. Also will be posted on sailing instruction for the dinghy regatta

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Before a yacht is eligible to race her valid measurement or rating certificate (if appropriate) shall be presented at the Secretary’s Office in the RYYC Clubhouse.
- 7.2. Yachts may be measured and safety checks made before or after any race at the discretion of the Sailing Group.
- 7.3. The Sailing Group may permit a yacht to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77. Any yacht that does not inform the Race Officer of a change in distinguishing number may be scored a DNC. This changes RRS 77.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) are available to download from the RYYC website www.ryyc.org.uk or on request from the Club office.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. Racing will take place in Bridlington Bay, Admiralty Chart No 1882, and adjacent coastal waters, Admiralty charts 121 and 129.
- 9.2. A RYYC Mark Chart (2025 Revision) is available to download from the RYYC website or on request from the Club office.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions and consist of either a:
 - 10.2.1 BAY RACE – A race adopting a course within Bridlington Bay starting from a committee boat/rib

11. SCORING

11.1. Section 16 of the Sailing Instructions applies.

12. SAFETY

12.1 All competitors shall conform to the safety requirements of their respective Class Rules, and all RYYC Safety Regulations additional to their class requirements.

- 12.2 For the purpose of clarification of RRS 1.2, neither a wet suit nor a dry suit shall constitute adequate personal floatation equipment.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 Communications with the Starting Station (Call Sign “Lynch Pin”), or any Committee Boat, is by VHF Radio on Channel 37 (M1). (This applies for races from the pier head only)
- 13.2 The course, countdown, premature starters and other information may be communicated to competitors by VHF. This is for information purposes only and errors given in information provided in this manner shall not be grounds for redress or protest under any circumstances. (races from the pierhead only)
- 13.3. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio communications while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and similar devices. A Flag Officer or a member of the Sailing Group may make use of VHF Channel 37/M1 to communicate with the pier head or race officer or to make announcements to competitors, including during the pre-start period. Any announcement, or failure to make such an announcement, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prize Flags shall be awarded to the place winners of each race on the basis of:(or to the race organizers discretion)

Number of Boats	Number of Flags
2-4	1
5-7	2
8-9	3
10+	4

- 14.2 Prize Flags shall be presented in the Clubhouse following the completion of each major race or series, details of dates and times shall be published separately.
- 14.3 Trophies shall be allocated by the RYYC Dinghies Sailing Group.
- 14.4 Trophy winners are responsible for having trophies engraved

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states:- “ The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by it’s nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in an event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that :-

- i) 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,
- ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore,
- iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions,
- iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- v) The provision of a race management team, patrol boat and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities,
- vi) The provision of patrol boat cover (if provided) is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as may be practical in the circumstances,
- vii) It is their responsibility to attend any safety briefings relevant to the event,

- viii) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face all weather conditions that might be experienced during the event, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with a minimum of £2 million valid third-party liability insurance including racing risks.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 All enquiries should be addressed to

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