



# Midsummer Classic Regatta



21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014

## British Classic Yacht Club and the Royal Dart Yacht Club

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### General Information

The British Classic Yacht Club together with the Royal Dart Yacht Club is holding an event open to all Classic Yachts in Dartmouth in June 2014.

A welcome reception and race briefing will be held on Friday evening 20<sup>th</sup> June at the Royal Dart Yacht Club. A crew supper will be available for all crew.

On Saturday there will be two races in Start Bay and a buffet dinner at RDYC on Saturday evening. On Sunday there will be one race followed by a bar-b-que and prizegiving in the afternoon. To find out if a boat fits the criteria for a "classic yacht" please see the RDYC website.

The Royal Dart Yacht Club has extensive race and regatta management experience, and there are extensive facilities in the river Dart with 3 marinas, full boatyard facilities, fuel, water, yacht taxi and numerous catering and accommodation venues to welcome you. For yachts over 45 ft special mooring arrangements will be made with Dartharbour by contacting either BCYC or RDYC.

### Facilities.

The Royal Dart Yacht Club in Kingswear has a bar, showers and catering facilities that will be open daily. There are visitors' pontoons and marinas on both sides of the river and full shopping and chandlery facilities in Dartmouth. Chandlery and local shopping is also available on the Kingswear side of the river. There are passenger and vehicle ferries running regularly across the river. Fuel, water, repair and crange is available in the river. Harbour dues and berthing are very reasonable and payable at the marinas.

### Accommodation.

There are many holiday flats, hotels and guest houses in the area as well as campsites. Details are available from [www.dartmouth.org.uk](http://www.dartmouth.org.uk). Early booking is advised.

### Notice of Race

#### 1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016 (RRS).

1.2 RRS63 (Hearings) Advisory, arbitration or other forms of hearing will be held.

1.3 RRS appendix G (Sail Identification). Boats shall, as a minimum, have a sail number on their

mainsail, overlapping headsail and spinnaker as appropriate.

1.4 Boats racing in Start Bay shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 5. All boats must carry at least one orange smoke flare in a waterproof container and a Marine VHF Transceiver.

1.5 Crews on boats without a guard rail shall wear a personal floatation device at all times.

1.6 For safety reasons Bow Anchors are to be stored within the boat so that there is no protrusion by the anchor beyond the bow or any other part of the boat.

1.7 All boats shall register and CONFIRM ENTRY DETAILS at RDYC before competing.

## **2 RYA Racing Charter.**

The OA 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 2013 - 2016) and on the RYA website ([www.RYA.org.uk](http://www.RYA.org.uk))

## **3 ADVERTISING**

2.1 Advertising may be displayed in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 The event is open to all boats complying with the "Classic Yacht" criteria set out below:

A yacht is probably eligible if it meets the following criteria:

- Designed before 1969 or
- Designed between 1969 and the end of 1976 – for this period only accepted classic designs are eligible.
- Designed after 1976 as a near replica or in the style of a pre-1969 boat.
- It has not been inappropriately modified – modifications need to be sympathetic to the period of the design.

If you think your boat is a classic, then it probably is. If in doubt please ask the organisers.

Acceptance of any boat is at the organiser's discretion.

4.2 Entries may be divided into classes according to entry.

4.3 Eligible boats are requested to register their interest with the organisers and will be sent an entry form. Entry forms will be available by mid April 2014. Enter by completing an entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to: -

**The Entries Secretary, Midsummer Classics, Royal Dart Yacht Club,  
Priory Street, Kingswear, Dartmouth, TQ6 0AB**

4.4 Handicapping. Both IRC and the Jauge Classic Handicap system will be used for overall results. A JHC handicap can be obtained by logging on to [jch-online.org](http://jch-online.org) and filling in the required yacht data. There is no fee required for a JCH handicap.

## **5 SCHEDULE**

- A welcome reception and crew supper and race briefing on Friday evening 16th August.
- 2 races on Saturday in Start Bay on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June of approx 90 minutes duration each.
- Buffet Dinner and live music on Saturday evening.
- Race in Start Bay on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June of approximately 2 hour duration.

- Barbeque on RDYC terrace in the afternoon
- Prize giving after Sunday's race at RDYC.

## 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at least two weeks prior to the event.

## 7 VENUE AND COURSES

Courses will be set from a Committee Boat in Start Bay using a mixture of fixed navigation buoys, RDYC fixed racing marks and temporary marks laid for the event.

## 8 SCORING

Scoring will use RRS Appendix A Low Points Scoring System. If all three races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. The OA 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 2013 - 2016) and on the RYA website ([www.RYA.org.uk](http://www.RYA.org.uk))

## 9 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the first boat in all classes. Second and thirds places will be awarded according to entry. Discretionary prizes may be awarded and the Race Committee's decision will be final.

## 10 RISK STATEMENT (based on the RYA website January 2013).

Rule 4 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 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 while taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property when 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) Patrol boats and safety boats are not provided.
- g) For coastal races they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face the likely weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

## 11 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information and registration of interest please contact Brian Gascoigne at [brian@gascoigne.demon.co.uk](mailto:brian@gascoigne.demon.co.uk) tel 0207 435 6703, Mike Moody at [classics@royaldart.co.uk](mailto:classics@royaldart.co.uk) or the RDYC office on 01803 752496.