



Dart 15 National Championship

7th to 9th June 2024

Sailing Instructions



The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA))
in conjunction with the UK Dart 15 Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the UK Dart15 Association, except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.3. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat [DP]
- 1.5. A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8343/event?name=dart-15-national-championship-2024>
- 3.2. The race office in Room 3 on the balcony of the WPNSA event hall.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place any advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main WPNSA flagpoles.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' when racing in Portland Harbour or "not less than 60 minutes" when racing in Weymouth Bay.
- 5.3 [DP] Boats shall not leave the slipway until flag D is displayed ashore with one sound signal. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed if racing in Portland Harbour or the warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed if racing in Weymouth Bay.
- 5.4 Flag P will be displayed if sailing is in Portland Harbour and flag W if in Weymouth Bay.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Registration will take place on the morning of Friday 7th June. Please report to Reception on the first floor with your name, sail number and any crew changes from your entry.

6.2 A competitors briefing will be held at 10am on Friday 7th June at Spinnakers.

6.3 Schedule of the event

Date	Time	Item	First Warning Signal	High Water
Friday 7 th June	08:30	Registration opens - Reception		
	10:00	Competitors Briefing in Spinnakers		
	12:00	Three races scheduled	11:55	07:07
Saturday 8 th June	11:00	Four races scheduled	10:55	07:51
Sunday 9 th June	10:30	Two races scheduled	10:25	08:31

6.4 Nine races are scheduled. The Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward.

6.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 14:30

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag will be International Code Flag E.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

9 THE COURSE

9.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be a 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band

10.2 The Starting mark will be a committee boat displaying an orange flag or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

10.3 The Finishing Mark will be either an official boat displaying a blue flag or a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from vessels over 100m in length, vessels at anchor or vessels displaying Flag A (indicating divers in the water). These areas are obstructions as defined in the rules.

11.. The attention of all competitors, race management personnel and spectators afloat are drawn to the fact that Portland Harbour is a working port and that harbour regulations must be observed. Any directions given by Portland Harbour Authority either in person or by VHF (Ch 74) must be complied with without delay. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a penalty.

11.3 Boats will not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit as leaving the Marina.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The start line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.

12.3 A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12.4 In an emergency, or adverse wind or current the race committee starting vessel may use its engine to assist in holding station.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 13.2 Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark.
- 14.2 The race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course as follows:
 - 14.2.1 When race committee vessel displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored as their observed position on the course.
 - 14.2.2 When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given a score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
 - 14.2.3 Boats may be finished by shortening course at the defined finish line. Positions will be decided taking the number of completed laps into account.
 - 14.2.4 Boats that are still racing and ahead of boats finished early and have not retired from the race, but subsequently fail to finish, shall be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 14.3 In an emergency or adverse wind or current the race committee finishing vessel may use its engine to assist in holding station.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 A penalty shall comprise one turn including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 15.2 Boats observed by the Race Committee which fail to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with Rule 28 may be disqualified without protest. This changes rule 63.1.
- 15.3 Boats that fail to pass through the upwind gate (see Attachment A) will not be disqualified but will be credited only with the number of laps they have sailed correctly.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Time limit first boat</u>	<u>Mark 1 time limit</u>	<u>Target time</u>
75 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing unless SI 14.2 applies. This changes Rule 35 and A4 and A5.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing is in Portland Harbour or 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing is in Weymouth Bay or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/protest-form>.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4 The Post-Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

18 SCORING

18.1 See Notice of Race.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat

19.2 A safety tally system will be in operation.

19.2.1 The tally control point will be by the picnic tables under the main balcony.

19.2.2 A Competitor's tally number will be allocated and emailed to all competitors ahead of the event.

19.2.3 Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and giving their tally number to advise they are going racing.

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

19.2.5 The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be five points added to the boat's series score for each offence. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A declaration form is available online https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/retirements?event_id=8343 which shall be completed by competitors when ashore.

19.4 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall make every attempt to inform an official boat before leaving the racing area. The official boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Competitors shall request a substitution of crew online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/request-for-a-change-of-crew>. Substitution of Helms is not permitted, and so will constitute a new entry.

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. Competitors shall request a substitution of equipment online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/request-for-a-change-of-equipment>

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 Entries may be sailed either as single handed in unarig mode or alternatively two-up with the mainsail and jib. The use of the trapeze and fittings and sport mode tiller extensions will not be permitted in the championship races.

21.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS—Does not apply

23 OFFICIAL BOATS

23.1 All event safety, mark laying and committee boats rank as race committee vessels.

24 SUPPORT TEAMS

24.1 Support teams are not allowed.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 [DP] Rubbish is not to be thrown in the sea. Sailors are to bring any rubbish ashore and place it in an appropriate bin.

26 BERTHING

26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the dinghy park.

27 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS—Does not apply

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS—Does not apply

29 PRIZES

29.1 See Notice of Race

30 RISK STATEMENT

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

Sailing is by 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of a 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 familiarise 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 safety briefing held for the event.

31. INSURANCE

31.1 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SHORE BASED PROGRAMME:

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 6 th June	09:00 to 17:00	Boat park available for boat drop off
	09:00 to 17:00	Café open for refreshments
Friday 7 th June	Not before 17:30	Class Association AGM, Spinnakers
	19:00	Evening Meal and Bar Open
Saturday 8 th June	19:00	Class Association Dinner and Bar Open
Sunday 9 th June	ASAP after racing	Prizegiving

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAM

COURSE: Box with upwind finish	
Laps	Mark Rounding Order
2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Gate – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Gate – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Gate – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish
4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Gate – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Gate – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Gate – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish

