

Dart 15

Dart 15 National Championships
Organised by the Whitstable Yacht Club and the Dart 15 Class Association
30th August - 1st September 2002

NOTICE OF RACE

INTRODUCTION

The Dart 15 National Championships will take place at the Whitstable Yacht Club, Kent, on 30th August – 1st September 2002.

AUTHORITY

The organising authority will be the Whitstable Yacht Club in conjunction with the Dart 15 Class Association and will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the Dart 15 Class Association, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict the SI's shall prevail.

ELIGIBILITY

Racing is open only to fully paid up members of the Dart 15 Class Association and to Dart 15 craft which comply with the rules of the Dart 15 Class Association that are sailed either single handed in unarig mode or alternatively two-up with the mainsail and jib. The use of the trapeze and fittings will not be permitted in the championship races.

CONDITION OF ENTRY

Each entry shall have a Dart 15 Class Association member aboard and file a written entry form with the race organisers prior to racing. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Competing boats shall use only the complete sail number specified on the entry form. The race committee may, in exceptional circumstances, give written permission for a change of number provided that the request is made at least half an hour before the boat concerned leaves shore and that no other competitor is using the same number.

Each owner / competitor shall certify that he / she has a valid third party insurance cover for a minimum amount of £1,000,000.00. Whitstable Yacht Club shall not be held responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused as a result of taking part in the regatta.

All competitors and their families will be deemed to be temporary members of Whitstable Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

ADVERTISING CATEGORY

The regatta is designated Category C.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available at the Whitstable Yacht Club for all competitors who have satisfactorily completed the entry requirements.

INSURANCE

All owners / competitors MUST hold a valid and current certificate of insurance which covers them whilst racing (including third party insurance of not less than £1,000,000).

PROGRAMME OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time of first start</u>
Practice	Friday 30th August	1100 hours (One lap only)
1&2	Friday 30th August	1300 hours, race 2 to follow
3, 4 & 5	Saturday 31st August	1030 hours races 4 & 5 to follow*
6, & 7	Sunday 1st September	1030 hours race 7 to follow

*It is the intention to sail no more than 2 races back to back such that a lunch break is possible each day.

No starting signal will be made after 1530 hours on the last day of racing.

REGISTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION

Registration will take place either by advanced entry or at the Whitstable Yacht Club on Friday 30th August between 0900 - 1200 hours.

BRIEFING

There will be a briefing at 1000 hours on Friday 30th August unless advised differently on the official notice board in the Yacht Club.

ENTRIES

a) Postal entries are at the discounted rate of £65* if received by 14th August. Completed entry forms should be sent together with a cheque for £65* made payable to 'Dart 15 Association' to Bob Carter, 13 The Brambles, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 4AU.

b) Entries can be accepted at the event with an entry fee of £75* (cheques should be made payable to 'Dart 15 Association').

* includes one ticket for the Dart 15 Association Dinner (further tickets available for £10/person).

SCORING

The RRS Low Point scoring system will apply. Seven races are scheduled of which four races shall be completed to constitute a series. Discards will be as follows;

1 to 4 races - no discard; 5 to 6 races - 1 discard 7 races - 2 discards

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first 10 places.

There will additionally be prizes for:

- the first 3 two-up boats

- the first lady helm.

- the first 3 competitors over 50 years old

- the first helm over 60 years old

- the first 3 heavyweight competitors

- the 3 most improved helms since last year

- the first sailor who normally sails Sprint mode and has never been in the top 10 of the Standard Nationals before

plus a Pro-Am competition and a number of novelty prizes.

GENERAL

The Whitstable Yacht Club is located on the North Kent Coast and can be easily reached from the M2 motorway. An accommodation list is available from Nick Dewhirst (01227 282625), on the Whitstable Yacht Club website (www.wyc.org.uk) or on the Dart 15 website (www.dart15.com). A programme of fun and social events has been organized for the evenings and also for 26 – 29 August.

COMPETITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself.

By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and including the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, rescue boats and the beachmasters.

The provision of rescue boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.