



Dart 15

National Championship

7th to 9th June 2024

Notice of Race



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 event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.3. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5. The RYA Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.6. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.7. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the online official notice board at least three days prior to the event. Paper copies will not be available at the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8343/event?name=dart-15-national-championship-2024>
- 3.2.0 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.2.1 The event is open to all boats of the Dart 15 Class sailed either as single handed in unrig mode or alternatively two-up with the mainsail and jib. The use of the trapeze, fittings and sport mode tiller extensions will not be permitted in the championship races. Boats must sail every race of the event in the mode used in the first race (either unrig or two-up with mainsail and jib).
- 4.2.2 Each boat must have at least one competitor that is a member of the UK Dart 15 Class Association. Evidence of this may be required in advance or at the event. Membership is £20 per year and can be applied for here www.dart15.co.uk/join
- 4.2.3 Eligible boats may enter online at: <https://forms.gle/ZK8jwbyJW4FgWbhR9>
- 4.2.4 Entries close at 5pm on Tuesday 4th June 2024. Entries after this date are at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.2.5 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.2.6 An RYA Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event. The form will be issued by the Event Secretary and must be returned to jenny@sprint15.com by midnight on Tuesday 4th June 2024.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £150 per boat if received by midnight Friday 24th May 2024
- 5.2. The entry fee is £175 per boat if received from Saturday 25th May to 5pm Tuesday 4th June

- 5.3. Youth entries (age 18 or under at the Nationals) receive a discount of £50
- 5.4. Class Association Members competing in their first Nationals receive a discount of £20.
- 5.5. Non-Class Association Members competing in their first Nationals receive free Association Membership worth £20 (free membership expires 31st December 2024).
- 5.6. The fee includes all racing and prizes plus a Friday Evening Meal and the Class Association Dinner on Saturday. Additional meal tickets may be purchased with your entry.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The schedule is as follows:

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

- 7.2. The shore based programme is detailed after the end of this Notice of Race.
- 7.3. The Championship will consist of up to nine races. The intention is that racing will take place as scheduled above. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first race on the first scheduled day of racing.
- 7.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. No formal measurement process is required for this event; however, the race committee reserves the right to inspect any competing boat during the course of the event.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.3. Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection. [DP].

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The venue is Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA.
- 9.2. The racing area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be a trapezoid. The start line will form an upwind gate between the leeward and windward marks.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced with by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
 - 12.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 12.2.2. When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 12.2.3. When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - 12.2.4. RRS A5.3 will apply (scoring of non-starters, non-finishers etc)
 - 12.2.5. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

13. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

- 13.1. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 13.2. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
- 13.3. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park. [DP].

15. DATA PROTECTION

- 15.1. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 16.1. Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

17. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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 agrees and 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 whilst taking part in the event;
- (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 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

18. INSPECTIONS

- 18.1. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

19. INSURANCE

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

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first 12 places. There are additional prizes for the following:

- The first boat sailed double-handed
- The first lady helm
- The first helm aged 18 or under on the first day of the event
- The first helm aged 25 or under on the first day of the event
- The first helm over 50 years old on the first day of the event
- The first helm over 60 years old on the first day of the event
- The first helm over 70 years old on the first day of the event
- The first heavyweight competitor (over 95kg / 14st 13lb)
- The most improved helm since 2023 Nationals
- Most persistent helm – for the lowest placed competitor who completes all sailed races.
- There is also a pro-am competition with prize for first place Amateur.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event info will be available here: www.dart15.co.uk/events/EMS/event.php?id=250 or for further information please contact Jenny Ball, Events Secretary at jenny@sprint15.com

or Richard Bowers, Events Co-ordinator, WPNSA at richard.bowers@wpnsa.org.uk

Information about WPNSA can be found on their website here: www.wpnsa.org.uk

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Accommodation Information:

Local accommodation information can be found here: www.wpnsa.org.uk/event/accommodation

Onsite campervan/caravan parking can be booked here: www.wpnsa.org.uk/campervans-and-caravans

RYA Portland House provides self-catering accommodation a short walk away. If you are an RYA member, you can book online here: : <https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/rya-portland-house>

If you are not an RYA member, you can still book via email phbookings@rya.org.uk referencing that you are taking part at an event at WPNSA.

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