



Notice of Race

Dart 15 Sport National Championship

North Devon Yacht Club

Saturday 3rd to Monday 5th October 2026

The organising authority is the Dart 15 Class Association
in conjunction with North Devon Yacht Club (NDYC).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025- 2028*.
- 1.2. The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NOR means that a boat cannot protest another under rule so indicated.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the NDYC Website and the Dart 15 website at least two weeks before the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on a WhatsApp group which will be set up for the event.
- 3.2. 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 transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [NP] [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Dart 15 class sailed in Sport mode.
- 4.2. The helm of each boat must be a member of the Dart 15 class Association or North Devon Yacht Club.
- 4.3. Boats may enter the event paying online at <https://beta.ndyc.org/event/723683> Entries close on Friday 25th September.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Late entries may be accepted up to Friday 2nd October, but the Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse late entries from boats on safety or operational grounds.
- 4.7. A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed by the parent or guardian for any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event.

5. FEES

- 5.1. There is a discounted entry fee of £105 if paid before midnight on 3rd September 2026. The full entry fee of £120 will apply thereafter.

5.2. There is a discounted entry Youth Under 21 or Student Under 25 entry fee of £65 if paid before midnight on 3rd September 2026. The full Youth/Student entry fee of £75 will apply thereafter.

5.3 Fees include Saturday and Sunday evening meals.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Class rules apply.

7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does not apply

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration will take place from 18:00 to 20:00 on Friday 2nd October in NDYC Clubhouse.

9.2. There will be a Competitor Briefing at 20:00 on Friday 2nd October in NDYC Clubhouse.

9.3 Schedule:

Date	Time	Item	First Warning Signal	HW
Friday 2 nd Oct	18:00 – 20:00 20:00	Registration Competitor Briefing		
Saturday 3 rd Oct		Three Races Scheduled	08:55	10:56
Sunday 4 th Oct		Three Races Scheduled	09:55	12:13
Monday 5 th Oct		Three Races Scheduled	10:55	13:59

9.4 The shore based programme is detailed after the end of this Notice of Race.

9.5 At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Race Officer, races may be rescheduled to allow for any unsuitable weather. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official WhatsApp Group by 19:00 on the day before they will take effect.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 17:00.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 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.

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.3 Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection. [DP].

10.4 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.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

12. VENUE

12.1. The venue is North Devon Yacht Club, Instow, Bideford, Devon, EX39 4HY.

12.2. The race area will be in the estuary of the Rivers Taw and Torridge.

13. COURSES

13.1. The course to be sailed is intended to be rectangular.

13.2. If conditions become unsuitable for rectangular courses, a briefing will take place to notify competitors of the new course.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15. SCORING

15.1. RRS Appendix A 5.3 shall apply.

15.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3. (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

(b) When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

(c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

15.4. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. Support vessels shall not be allowed.

17, 18, 19, 20 DO NOT APPLY

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. North Devon Yacht Club's data protection policy is available to view by request to the NDYC Club Manager.

21.2 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.

21.3 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.

22. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 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 other 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 organizer 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 safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. 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.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Prizes will be awarded to the first 7 places.

There are additional prizes for the following:

- The first lady helm
- The first helm aged 18 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 heavyweight competitor (over 95kg / 14st 13lb)
- First Classic boat (Real Sail Number < 2015)
- Best position in a First Nationals – Adult
- Best position in a First Nationals – Youth
- Most Improved having competed at a previous NDYC Nationals
- Most Improved having competed at a previous Class Nationals

There is also a pro-am competition and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organisers.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact details: Jes Firth - 07770 220302 or Jesf1@hotmail.co.uk

Accommodation: There are a variety of hotels, holiday cottages, airbnbs etc in the area – it is recommended that you book early.

www.visitdevon.co.uk/northdevon/accommodation/ has further options.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

SHORE BASED PROGRAMME:

Date	Time	Event
Friday 2nd October	From 10.00	Beach open for boats to be dropped off and rigged
	18:00 to 20:00	Registration at NDYC bar
	18:00 to 22:00	Tapas and other food available, cocktail night at NDYC bar
	20.00	Competitors briefing at NDYC bar
Saturday 3rd October	07:30	Tea/Coffee/OJ/Cereal available at NDYC

	Evening	Steak Night at NDYC (vegetarian option)
Sunday 4th October	08:00	Tea/Coffee/OJ/Cereal available at NDYC
	After Racing	Sunday Dinner at NDYC - Pie or Casserole (vegetarian option)
	After Dinner	D15 Sprint rules discussion (30 mins)
Monday 5th th October	09:30	Tea/Coffee/OJ/Cereal available at NDYC
	ASAP after racing	Prizegiving at NDYC