



**Yealm Yacht Club**



**Dinghy and Dayboat**

**Notice Of Race & Sailing Instructions**

**Sailing Season 2019**

**Organising Authority: Yealm Yacht Club**

## Introduction

This document provides a combined Notice to Race and Sailing Instructions for all Yealm Yacht Club Dinghy and Dayboat racing for the 2019 season in one document.

It covers dinghy and dayboat racing from the YYC lines or from a committee boat in the Yealm River, Newton Creek or Wembury Bay. It also provides some special instructions only relevant to the open Wednesday night series.

Information regarding the details of each race will be posted on the YYC Starters Hut Notice Board in advance of the race.

The responsible body for these Instructions is the Yealm Yacht Club Sailing Committee as amended for each individual race by the Race Officer for the race.

## Sailing Committee Members

Rear Commodore Sail	Ian Kennedy	01752 872683	07968 632224
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## Schedule of Races

### Dinghies

28th April	1300	Cholmondely Cup
18th May	1730	Head of River race
1st June	1530	RNLI Passage race
9th June	1000	Dinghy/Dayboat Regatta
23rd June	1000	A Series 1
14th July	1600	A Series 2
28th July	1430	A Series 3
25th Aug	1200	B Series 1
21st Sept	0930	B Series 2
5th Oct	1000	B Series 3
23rd Nov	1400	B Series 4

## Devon Yawl and Dayboats Races

Wed 8th May- Wed 11th Sept	1830	Devon Yawl and Handicap Dayboat Wed night series
8th May	1730	Head of River race
1st June	1530	RNLI Passage race
9th June	1000	Dinghy/Dayboat Regatta

**1.0 Rules.**

- 1.1 The Racing Series will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing**. (RRS)
- 1.2 The following RRS are changed:
  - Rule 44.2 – SIs Para10.1.
  - Rule 40 - SIs Para 11.1.
  - Section 5. - SIs Para 10.3
- 1.3 Competitors shall abide by the bye laws of the Yealm Harbour Authority and where applicable the requirements of the Port of Plymouth.

**2.0 Notices to Competitors.**

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the YYC Starters Hut Notice Board at the YYC or the noticeboard in the YYC clubhouse.

**3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions.**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the YYC Starting Hut Notice Board or the noticeboard in the YYC clubhouse

**4.0 Signals Made Ashore.**

- 4.1 If signals are made ashore they will be displayed from the YYC Flagstaff or for races starting in Wembury Bay at the Yealm Steps

**5.0 Schedule, Classes and Flags.**

- 5.1 The Dinghy ,Devon Yawl and Dayboat races will take place in accordance with the **Schedule of Races** above.
- 5.2 When required the Handicap System to be used is the Portsmouth Yardstick.
- 5.3 Class Flags and Warning Signals will be displayed on the YYC flagstaffs or Committee Boat

<b>Class</b>	<b>Flag</b>
Laser	Flag L
Devon Yawl	Numeral penant 3
Handicap	Flag H

- 5.7 Each boat shall comply with the measurements and class rules as appropriate to the class of boat concerned. The club reserves the right to measure any vessel at any point during the series. Competitors are advised to check that their equipment complies with class rules as there may be an inspection.
- 5.8 The Wednesday night series is open to Devon Yawls and seaworthy dinghies/dayboats. If there any concerns about eligibility they should be addressed to the Wednesday night sub-committee.

5.9 The Wednesday night series boats shall be kept at their appointed places on the river between races of the series.

## **6.0 Racing Area, Marks and Courses.**

6.1 There are two Racing Areas.

- River Yealm and Newton Creek.
- Wembury Bay.

6.2 The Buoys and Marks to be used for each race and the port/starboard side to be rounded will be displayed on the YYC Starters Hut Notice Board for races starting at the club. For races starting at a committee boat the direction of rounding marks will be indicated by a red (marks to port) or green (marks to starboard) flag

## **7.0 Start.**

7.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

7.2 YYC Starting Line.

The Starting Line will be between the YYC Starting Line Pole and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) if present

7.3 Committee Boat Starting Line.

The Starting Line will be between a distinguishable pole flying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an Outer Distance Mark ODM (If present)

7.4 A hooter / horn will be used for sound signals. If this is not available a whistle or horn will be used.

7.5 Prior to the warning signal all boats shall report their entry to the Race Officer at the YYC Starters Hut or the Committee Boat.

7.6 In the event of an individual recall one sound will be made and the boat or boats over the line will be hailed when practicable but no flag will be displayed. In the event of a general recall two sounds will be made but no flag will be displayed. After a general recall the starting sequence will recommence as soon as conveniently practicable. These are variations to RRS 29.1 and RRS 29.2.

7.7 The Wednesday night series races will start at 1830 or as soon as possible after that.

## **8.0 Finish.**

8.1 The Finish Line will be as indicated on the course instructions.

8.2 A hooter / horn will be used for sound signals. If this is not available a whistle will be used.

8.3 Boats racing should be particularly vigilant for a shorten course instruction when approaching the YYC Starting Line or the Committee Boat.

## **9.0 Time Limits and Target Times.**

9.1 Target Times for each race will be agreed between participants and the Race Officer

Time limit for the Wed night series will be 2000 unless otherwise advised by the Race Officer.

## **10.0 Penalties, Protests and Requests for Redress.**

10.1 A boat may take a One Turn Penalty only when she may have broken one or more of the Racing Rules of Sailing Part 2 in an incident while racing. This changes the RRS Section 4 Rule 44.2.

- 10.2 A boat over the start line at the start (therefor on the course at the start. OCS) which fails to return and re-cross the start line may at the discretion of the Race Officer have a position penalty imposed of an additional twenty percent to her actual finishing position rather than being marked OCS. For example: such a boat finishing first out of ten finishers may be awarded third place.
- 10.3 Although non club members may on occasions participate, these are essentially club sailing events there will be no protests in accordance with RRS Section 5.  
If there is an incident where the participants feel strongly then the Race Officer, or another Designated Person, will act as the arbitrator. The Race Officer's / Designated Person's decision will be final and there is no further redress on the dispute.
- 10.4 In any event, for any on the water dispute, Competitors shall comply with the requirements of RRS Rule 61.1 informing the protestee, if they intend to bring the dispute to the notice of the Race Officer.

## **11.0 Safety.**

- 11.1 All Dinghy and Dayboat crews shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Rule 40 is deemed to be in effect even though Code Flag Y is not flown. This changes RRS 40.
- 11.2 The Safety Officer for the race if present, on the water in the Patrol Boat designated as Safety 1 is responsible for controlling the other Patrol Boats (designated Safety 2, etc.), allocating their patrol areas and reacting to any boat requests for assistance or emergencies. The Safety Officer, if present, shall liaise with and be under the overall direction and guidance of the Race Officer.
- 11.3 For dinghies racing outside the sand bar two Patrol Boats must be used. One of those boats may be the Committee Boat. In light conditions and small fleets one Patrol Boat containing the race officer and safety officer may be adequate.
- 11.4 Competitors and Safety boats are to note the use of the term Code Red, used in communications signifies a serious emergency situation has arisen and that the Crisis Management Plan is being followed. All Patrol Boats are to carry a copy of the Crisis Management Plan.
- 11.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Management Team as soon as possible. This can be reported through one of the Patrol Boats or direct to the Committee Boat. The Race Management Team will also be monitoring boats completing each lap of the race.
- 11.6 Dinghy racing will not generally be started or courses shortened in wind speeds forecast or rising to a steady force 5 (17-21 knots). This will depend on wind direction and sea state. The Race Officer will consult the dayboat fleet before starting a race in force 5 or above.

## **12.0 Radio Communication.**

- 12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications which are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 12.2 The Race Officer, Safety Officer and Patrol Boats will communicate on VHF CH 72

## **13 Scoring and Prizes**

- 13.1 Save as modified below the scoring system for the Wednesday night series is as follows: as described in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System.
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

- (d) When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.
- 13.2 For the Wednesday night series, a boat may be helmed by a person other than the Skipper/ Helm or Declared Crew as stated on the entry form in no more than two races in the series. The scores for the third and any subsequent races helmed in such a way shall not be counted. Whenever a person different to the Skipper/ Helm or Declared Crew is helming the boat that fact shall be reported to the Race Officer in the committee boat.
- 13.3 For the Wednesday evening series prizes will be awarded as follows:  
Bobtail trophy, ½ model, pin, sheave, crutch, jammer, broken knee and others depending on the numbers and classes of boat which participate. At the discretion of the Wednesday Night Sailing Sub-Committee a mini series of 6 races with one discard may be declared within the series and prizes awarded for that mini series.

#### **14.0 Risk Statement.**

- 14.1 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 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, umpires 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 safety briefing for the event'.

#### **15.0 Insurance**

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

# Wednesday Night Series for Dayboats and Seaworthy Dinghies

## Entry and Declaration form 2019

Name of Boat

Sail No

Make/Class

Hull Colour

Skipper/Helm

Declared Crew

### Declaration

- I agree to pay all fees in advance (mooring, harbour and racing).
- I am aware of and agree that the races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the National Authority, when they apply, the rules of each class concerned, the Sailing Instructions and any other applicable rules.
- If alterations likely to affect the handicap or rating are made, such as those to sail, plan, rig, mast ballast, trim I will notify the Rating Authority and the Sub-Committee.
- Before racing I will effect adequate and suitable Third Party Insurance to a minimum value of £3,000,000.
- I understand the race organizers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races.
- Legal liability
  - (i) By signing this entry form, participants accept that they are responsible for themselves, their crew and their boats, whether afloat or ashore.
  - (ii) Nothing done by the organizers (i.e. the Club, race management team, patrol craft and anyone helping the event) will relieve participants of their responsibilities.
  - (iii) By launching (or putting to sea) participants imply the suitability of their boat and the competence of their skipper and crew for the expected forecast conditions.
  - (iv) The provision of patrol craft does not relieve participants of their responsibilities.
- I will ensure that crew members understand and accept these conditions.

Signed

Date

Surname

Forenames

Address including Post Code

Email address

Telephone

Entry fee £25.00 for the series (including for those who are members of the YYC, YYC dayboat races marked in the racing programme)-or £5.00 per race.

**2019 Dinghy Race Entry, Registration and Storage Application Form  
(Please complete one for each boat and return to Debs Wiseman)**

Name of Dinghy	Sail Number
Make/Class	PY Number
Skipper	Hull Colour
Where kept	Owner

Declaration:

1. I agree to pay all fees in advance (storage, harbour dues and race fees) prior to sailing with the YYC.
2. I am aware and agree that the races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the National Authority when they apply, ORC Special Regulations, the Rules of each class concerned, the Sailing Instructions and any other applicable rules.
3. If alterations likely to affect the handicap are made, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee.
4. Before Racing I will effect adequate and suitable Third Party Insurance to a minimum value of £3,000,000.
5. I understand the race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, personal injury or death howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races.

Legal liability. By signing this entry form participants accept the following;

- A. That they are responsible for themselves, their crew and their boats whether afloat or ashore.
  - B. Nothing done by the organisers will relieve participants of their responsibilities.
  - C. By launching (or putting to sea) participants imply the suitability of their boat and the competence of their skipper and crew for the forecast weather conditions.
  - D. The provision of safety craft does not relieve participants of their responsibilities.
6. I will ensure that all crew members understand and accept these conditions.

Signed (Parent or Guardian if under 18)	Date
Surname	Forename(s)
Address	
Email	Telephone

7.

**FEES: By Bank Transfer to Yealm Yacht Club, Santander Sort Code 090154, Account number 63021983 with your Surname and DS as payment reference.**

Block Racing Fee for boats not stored at Club or Patch.	<u>Dinghies</u> £28	<u>Cadets</u> £20
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Annual Storage Fees for dinghies stored at YYC.		
On ground including block racing fee.	£78	£70
In the rack including block racing fee.	£60	£55
(The Block Race entry fee does not cover RNLI passage race, Village Regatta or Wednesday Evenings)		