



***The Royal Tay Yacht Club***  
***Dart 18 TT6 & Scottish Championship***  
***8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023***



***Sailing Instructions***

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**1. RULES** - The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021 – 2024), The RYA Prescriptions, the rules of the Dart 18 Class and these sailing instructions.

**2. SAFETY** - The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance is the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy with a crew with sufficient experience and physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging sails and all other gear. The owner/competitor must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained.

The club and the race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury caused to the owner/competitor, skipper, crew or other person involved in the management of the race as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of the boat under these conditions abrogates the responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are none the less advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

PERSONAL BUOYANCY - Adequate personal buoyancy will be worn at all times when afloat. Neither wet suits, nor dry suits constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This alters RRS 40.

**3. INSURANCE** - All entrants must have and maintain insurance cover against Third Party and Passenger Liability for an amount of at least £3,000,000 or as prescribed by Class Rules, whichever is the greater.

**4. RIVER TRAFFIC** - Attention is drawn to Rule 9(b) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and Dundee Port Authority Bye-Laws listed below. While racing any yacht which is unable for reason of lack of wind, or any other cause to sail clear of any commercial vessel passing up or down the river, shall paddle in order to get clear, and thereafter retire from the race and so notify the Race Officer. In the event of the Race Officer or member of the Race Committee observing that a yacht has contravened the Bye-Laws the Race Committee may proceed against the yacht in accordance with RRS 60.2(a) and (c).

Whenever possible, a safety boat will proceed in front of the commercial vessel passing up or down the river. Any yacht sailing in the prohibited area, i.e. the area between the safety boat and the commercial vessel, **will be disqualified from that race and may be liable to prosecution under local harbour bye-laws**. The person in charge of the safety boat shall be the sole arbiter of the correct distance the safety boat will proceed in front of any vessel. Any yacht, which causes the safety boat to alter course, **will be disqualified**.

Safety boats engaged in ship escort duties may fly a blue flag.

### **IRPCS Rule 9(b)**

A vessel less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only in a narrow channel or fairway.

### **Bye-laws for the Regulation of Vessels Navigating the River Tay Estuary**

No obstructions to other vessels

A vessel whether under power or sail which is not confined to the main channel, shall not make use of the main channel as to cause obstructions to other vessels which can only navigate within such a channel, and shall give other vessels a clear course and as wide a berth as safe navigation requires.

Vessels not to impede or endanger other vessels No vessels shall enter or cross the main channel except when the channel in the vicinity of the vessel is clear and only in such a manner as not to impede or endanger other vessels navigating the channel.

**5. FINISHING** - In all races, competitors should check and record their own time as they cross the finishing line in case they may not have been seen due to severe weather or pressure of boats. When possible, the names or number of boats finishing immediately ahead and astern should be noted.

**6. RETIRALS AND DECLARATIONS** - A declaration is required from the helmsman or owner's representative of yachts that have RETIRED from the race. The retiral sheet will be at the RTYC Race Box and must be signed within 1 hour of finishing or coming ashore, whichever is the latter. Failure to sign will result in disqualification.

### **7. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

NOTICES - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the RTYC Race Box.

SIGNALS ASHORE - Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RTYC Race Box.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Flag `L` above class flag Flown from the RTYC Race Box at least 1 hour before the scheduled start of a race will denote that a change in the sailing instructions has been posted on the Official Notice Board. This shall constitute official notice to each yacht in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) and it shall be the responsibility of all competitors to consult the notice.

**8. COURSES** - Courses for Championship Races will be displayed on a number board at the Committee Boat and will be as detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the Sailing Instructions.

## 9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	HW	Race Nos.	First Start	Second & Subsequent Starts
08.07.23	19:50	1	12.00	
08.07.23		2 & 3		ASAP after races 1 & 2
09.07.23	20:47	4	11.00	
09.07.23		5 & 6		ASAP after races 4 & 5

Any change to the schedule will be posted on the main notice board in the RTYC main clubhouse by 20.00hrs and on the notice board adjacent to the Race Box.

**10. STARTING PROCEDURE** - Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The Class Flag will be Code Flag 'F'.

### 11. START (All Championship Races)

The starting line is defined as being between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and yellow inflatable mark 3 positioned at the end of the line. **Any boat that makes contact with the Committee Boat or its extensions will be liable to disqualification from that race.** This alters RRS 31

**12. INDIVIDUAL & GENERAL RECALLS** - Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and General Recalls with RRS 29.2.

**13. SHORTENED COURSE** - Courses may be shortened at any mark of the course by a Committee Boat displaying a Blue flag and Code Flag 'S'. A shortened course will be signalled in accordance with RRS 32, in which case the finishing line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the mark.

**14. PENALTIES** - The penalty will be one 360 degree turn, consisting of one tack and one gybe. This alters RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

**15. FINISH LINE** - The finishing line will be between the main mast of the finishing vessel displaying a BLUE flag and an orange finishing mark as described in Appendix 1.

**16. PROTESTS** - Protests and Arbitration Requests shall be written on forms available at the RTYC Race Box and lodged at the Race Box in accordance with RRS 61. The exonerating penalty in the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The time limit will be two hours after the completion of the last race of the day. The time and place of any protest hearings will be posted at the Notice Board in the RTYC Main Clubhouse after acceptance of protests. It is the duty of a yacht to find out whether there is a protest against her and to collect her witnesses when appropriate.

**17. SCORING** - Will be the RYA Appendix 'A' 4.1 – Low Points System. The Championships will comprise 6 races. The number of races to count for the Championship shall be one less than the total number of races sailed, however if 4 or less races are sailed then all races shall count towards the Championships.

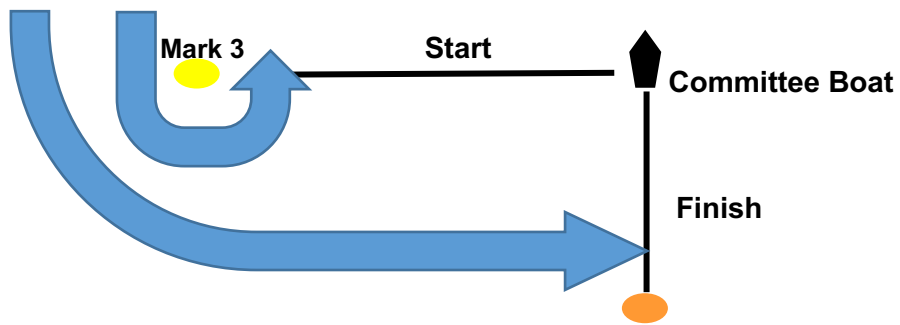
**18. TIME LIMITS** - If any boat finishes a race within the prescribed time limit, namely 90 minutes after the start, racing will be extended for all other yachts by 15 minutes. When no boat finishes within the time limit, the race will be deemed to have been abandoned.

**29. PRIZEGIVING** - The prize-giving will be held within the RTYC Main Clubhouse as soon as possible after the final race of the series on Sunday 9th July 2023.

**These sailing instructions supersede all other instructions issued.**

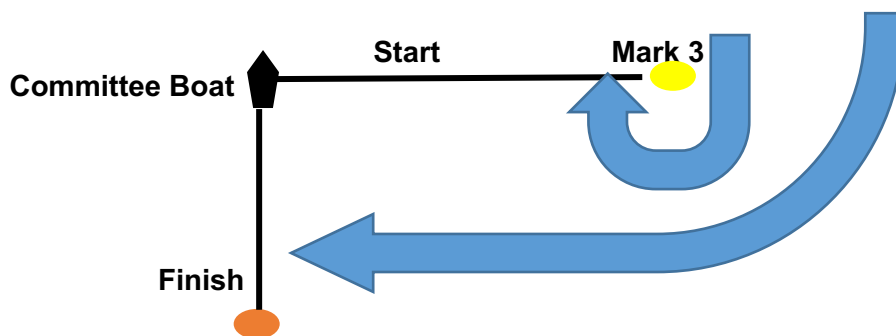
# Sailing Instructions - Appendix A

## Course 1 – Marks to Port



Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

## Course 2 - Marks to Starboard



Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish