

WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

Founded 1902

Affiliated RYA

NOTICE OF RACE FOR DART TT AND B14 OPEN MEETING – SEPT 26/27 2026

Updated 31 August 2026

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Whitstable Yacht Club.

RULES

The racing shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2025-2028, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the appropriate class rules, Canterbury City Council Water Safety Rules and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event is open to Dart 18 catamarans and B14 dinghies.

NB B14 visiting boats may take part in the open meeting subject to being members of the Class Association. B14 Members of WYC competing in the open meeting will be given temporary Class Association membership for the event.

Boats are required to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

Entry fees: £50 for the weekend and £40 for single handed Dart 18s to include a Fish and Chip supper on Saturday evening. Entries must be made and the fee paid through the WYC website: <https://www.wyc.org.uk/dart-18-b14-open/>

PROGRAMME

There will be a briefing for competitors at 11.15 hrs on Saturday 27th Sept at WYC.

The first race Warning Signal will be no earlier than 12:25 hrs on Saturday 26th Sept and the first Warning Signal on Sunday 27th Sept will not be before 10.55 hrs.

6 races are scheduled; 3 on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. Details of the schedule are shown in the Sailing Instructions.

High water: Sat 26 Sept is 13.14 hrs. Sunday 27 Sept is 13:48 hrs.

CAMPERVAN PARKING

There is limited campervan parking during September 26-28 on the West Quay for vans of less than 6m bookable via the WYC website.

SOCIAL

The bar will be open from 12.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs on Friday and 12.00 hrs to 23.30 hrs on Saturday and there will be a Fish and Chip supper on Saturday evening with a live band. The bar will also be open from 12.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs on Sunday.

SCORING SYSTEM

The low point system of appendix A (Scoring) will apply, with 6 races scheduled, with the following discards.

3 - 6 races sailed	1 race to be discarded
1 or 3 races sailed	All races to count

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions are published on the Whitstable Yacht Club website; hard copies will not be made available.

RISK STATEMENT

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:

- 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;
- they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.

COURSES

Courses will be set in Whitstable Bay, approximately 1 mile North West of Whitstable Yacht Club.

SAFETY – TALLY SYSTEM

A tally system shall be in use. A tally number will be allocated to each boat at registration. All competitors shall tally out on the box provided, before launching and shall tally back in the appropriate box immediately after coming ashore, and certainly **WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE FINISH OF THE LAST BOAT IN THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY**. This procedure is for the safety of competitors, so that the organisers know who is afloat and ashore if an emergency arises.

The penalty for failing to comply with this sailing instruction may be disqualification or a contribution of £10 to the RNLI made before the end of the protest time, as provided for in Rule 64.1 (Penalties and exoneration).

EVENT SPONSORS

Shepherd Neame are kindly supporting this event – look out for refreshments and prizes from Shepherd Neame brewery.

