



International Dart 18 UK National Championships 2022

31st July – 5th August

South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS V1.0

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the International Dart Association, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The helm shall be a current member of UKIDA and/or their own National Dart Association.
- 1.3. Under exceptional circumstances, the race committee may permit sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS 77 Appendix G. Prior written approval is required. Forms for this purpose are available in the information area & shall be submitted to the race office.

2. Changes To Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than an hour before the start of the first race of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. Communications With Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at <https://scyc.co.uk/event/dart-18-nationals-2022/>. An alternative notice board is located on the middle deck of the yacht club outside the race office. In case of discrepancy, the online notice board is final.
- 3.2. The race office is located on the middle deck of South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club (SCYC).
- 3.3. A briefing will be held at SCYC on the middle deck at 1100hrs on Sunday 31st July 2022.

3.4. A WhatsApp group has been set up to allow communication to the competitors. This can be joined using the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LZak15XvhhaGswKL3wEjMS>

3.5. While racing, 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.

4. Code Of Conduct

4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment and place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on SCYC's main flag pole.

5.2. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not go afloat until this signal is made.

5.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60minutes" when raising the race signal AP. Flag D will be displayed shortly after flag AP is removed.

5.4. Flag T with a sound means: 'Official Vessels and registered support/coach boats supporting competitors may tow competitors to or from the race areas'. At the discretion of the Race Management Team a retiring boat may be towed in to shore, but not back out to the race area.

6. Schedule Of Races

6.1. The number of races scheduled is 10. The intention is to run 2 races a day, however the Race Committee may amend this as they see fit but no more than 3 races will be sailed on any one day. All times below are 'not before' and refer to the first start of each day, any further races during the day will take place as soon as possible after the proceeding race.

Day	Start Time	Warning Signal	Number of races	High Water
Sunday 31 st July	1400hrs	1355hrs	2 (max 3)	1031hrs 4.1m
Monday 1 st August	1200hrs	1155hrs	2 (max 3)	1106hrs 4.1m
Tuesday 2 nd August	1200hrs	1155hrs	2 (max 3)	1142hrs 4.1m
Wed 3 rd August	Lay day *		0* (max 3)	12.22hrs 4.0m
Thursday 4 th August	1200hrs	1155hrs	2 (max 3)	1307hrs 3.8m
Friday 5 th August	1100hrs	1055hrs	2 (max 3)	1402hrs 3.7m

**In order that 10 races can be completed, racing may take place on the lay day at the race committees discretion and if so times will be published by 1800hrs on Tuesday 2nd August.*

6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430hrs unless by General Recall.

7. Class Flags

7.1. The class flag for the Dart 18's will be Int. Code Flag D.

8. Racing Area

8.1. The Racing area will be Tremadoc Bay, Admiralty Chart 1971, and approximately 1 - 2N.M. East of SCYC.

9. Courses

9.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum 1 show the courses including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. If Numeral Pennant 2 is flown from the Committee Boat at least 2 minutes prior to the warning signal, Course number 2 will be sailed. If Numeral Pennant 2 is not flown from the Committee Boat, Course number 1 will be sailed.

9.3. The course may be shortened and if so the following will apply:

9.4. The Race Committee may give a score to any boat that is still racing by displaying flag W to her from an official vessel (which may be in motion) with two sounds. A boat's score in these circumstances will be the place she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. She is no longer required to complete the course.

9.5. The course will be 3 laps.

10. Marks

10.1. Marks 1, 2s, 2p, 2, 3 will be orange cylindrical marks.

10.2. Mark 1a will be a yellow cylindrical mark.

10.3. New marks, as provided in SI 12, are orange cylindrical marks with a white band around.

11. The Start

11.1. The start line will be between a staff flying an Orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.

11.2. The starting mark will be a thin yellow pin mark.

11.3. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. The Finish

13.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the finish mark also displaying a blue flag.

13.2. The race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course as follows:

13.3. When an official boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored as their observed position on the race course.

13.4. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given a score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. Penalty System

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

15. Time Limits

15.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes

15.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16. Hearing Requests

16.1. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office.

17. Scoring

17.1. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.

17.2. When less than 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.4. The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A section 4 will apply.

17.5. Series Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A sections 8.1, 8.2

17.6. If there are insufficient races to constitute a Championship and the event is re-held at a later date, any race results completed at this first event will not be carried forward in any way.

18. Safety Regulations

18.1. A tally system will operate, each boat being allocated a tally number at registration. This will be described at the briefing.

18.2. Any boats that fail to comply with the safety/tally system will be required to make a £10 donation to the RNLI or face disqualification from the race or races concerned.

19. Replacement Of Crew Or Equipment

19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee (relative weights will be taken into account). A Dart entered as either single-handed, or two-up, shall only race in the mode in which the first race is sailed, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Forms for this purpose are available in the information area & shall be submitted to the race office.

20. Equipment And Measurement Checks

20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21. Rubbish Disposal

21.1. Rubbish may be placed aboard official vessels.

22. Prizes

22.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers and may include daily prizes.

22.2. Perpetual prizes will be awarded to the first five positions and the special prizes listed below.

22.3. Masters Trophy will be awarded to the first helm and crew with a combined age of 116+.

22.4. Youth Trophy will be awarded to the first boat where both crew are 25 or under (or if single handed, the helm is 25 or under).

22.5. Dr. David Bartlett Cup will be awarded to the first parent/child team.

22.6. Exe Plate will be awarded to the first overall after 2 races.

22.7. Handicap Trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places on handicap.

22.8. Best "Moo" Comer Trophy for the highest placed helm in their first nationals.

22.9. The Geoff Lloyd Salver for the highest placed couple.

23. Risk Statement

23.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance

on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

- 23.2. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 23.3. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 23.4. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters
- 23.5. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 23.6. Furthermore, parents or guardians of competitors under 18 yrs will be required to take full responsibility for their dependents throughout the event and to sign the parental declaration on the entry form. The person accepting this responsibility shall be present for the duration of the Championship.

24. Insurance

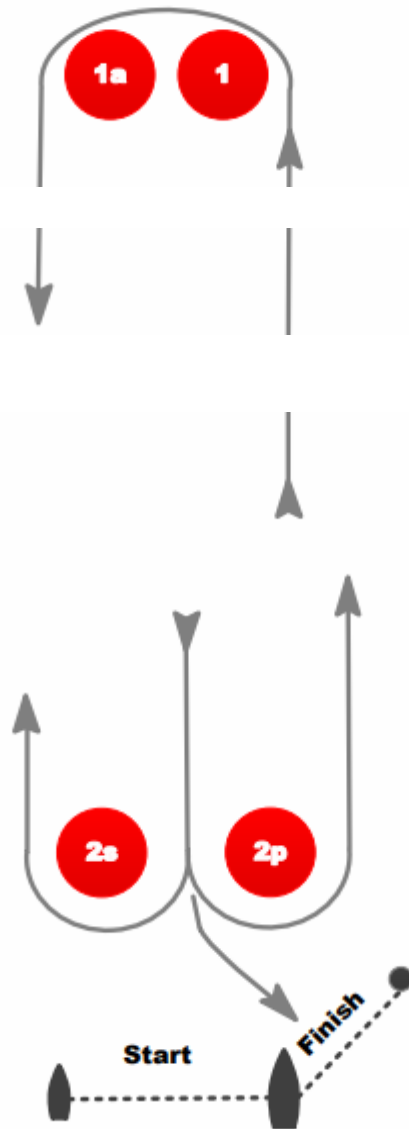
- 24.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Addendum A

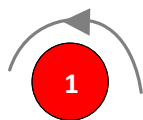
Course 1 - Windward Leeward

Mark Rounding Order:

Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish



Course 2 - Triangle Sausage



One lap is one triangle or one sausage

3 laps is Triangle - Sausage - Triangle

Mark rounding order:

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

