



**Notice of Race (NoR)**  
**STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB**  
**Dart 18 Stokes Bay Grand Prix**  
**23 & 24 May 2026**

The organising authority is Stokes Bay Sailing Club Ltd (SBSC), The Promenade,  
Stokes Bay Road, Gosport, PO12 2BL, UK.

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the RYA. Competitors will also behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at <https://stokesbay-sc.co.uk/event/dart-18-tt-open/> by 20.00 on Thurs 21 May 2026.

**3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board is located in the entrance lobby of the clubhouse. A weather forecast and any current Notice to Mariners will be posted there.

**4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats where competitors are paid up members of the UKIDA.
- 4.2 Under exceptional circumstances the Race Committee may permit sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS77. Written approval from the PRO is required.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at WebCollect <https://webcollect.org.uk/stokesbay-sc> and paying the entry fee by **no later than midday Fri 22 May 2026.** The link also gives options to pay for camping and purchase an evening meal.
- 4.4 Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and with the completion of a paper form on the day.
- 4.5 Competitors under the age of 18 years on the day of the event will be required to complete and lodge a parental/guardian consent form either via WebCollect or paper form for a late entry.

**5 FEES**

- 5.1 The online entry fee is £59 for double handers and £49 for single handed.
- 5.2 Entry on the day will incur a late entry fee of an additional £10.

## **6 ADVERTISING**

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

## **7 SCHEDULE**

- 7.1 Club opens at 09.00 each day. Briefing at 11.30 Sat 23 May in the clubhouse or outside the garages.
- 7.2 Number of races: There are six races scheduled, three on each day. Races will be run back-to-back on both days. Race 4 may be brought forward due to an inclement weather forecast.
- 7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 12:55.
- 7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 10:55.
- 7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14.55 except for a general recall.

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the 'Two Turns Penalty' is replaced by a 'One Turn Penalty' to include one tack and one gybe.
- 9.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired shall complete the appropriate acknowledgment form on the official notice board within the protest time limit.

## **10 SCORING**

- 10.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.
- 10.2 One race will constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **11 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES**

- 11.1 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.

## 12 **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

12.1 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 organizing 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.

## 13 **DATA PROTECTION**

13.1 Competitors are required to sign the statement within Webcollect or on the paper form for a late entry.

## 14 **RISK STATEMENT**

14.1 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.

14.2 Whilst afloat, Personal Buoyancy shall be worn at all times. The Race Officer can disqualify a Competitor who does not comply with this rule. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered to be acceptable personal buoyancy for the purpose of this Instruction. This is in addition to RRS Rule 1.2, 40 and IC Flag 'Y' in the race signals.

14.3 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1 'Helping Those in Danger'. In the absence of a nearby Patrol Boat, any boat in a race is to stand by a boat which has capsized or is disabled unless it is clear that no assistance is required. Redress may be requested. (RRS Rule 61)

14.4 Competitors who, for reasons beyond their control, come ashore at places other than the Club, shall contact the Club as soon as possible. This will prevent unnecessary air-sea rescue and anxiety. Contact can be made via Radio (call sign 'Stokes Bay Bridge').

14.5 The provision of a Patrol Boat does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

## 15 **INSURANCE**

15.1 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.

## 16 **PRIZES**

16.1 Prizes will be awarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the conclusion of racing. Additional prizes may be awarded.

## 17 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

17.1 For further information, including accommodation suggestions, please contact Debbie Woodward.

Tel. 023 9258 1513. Email: [administrator@stokesbay-sc.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stokesbay-sc.co.uk)

### **Additional matters:**

Tides – Water flows eastwards until approximately 2 hours before HW when it flows westwards and continues to do so until approximately 3 hours after HW.

Saturday 23 May    LW 10.41    HW 18.45

Sunday 24 May    LW 11.46    HW 19.20

Arriving at Stokes Bay – Pebble Beach Car Park is regularly monitored by Gosport Borough Council so please don't forget to pay for your parking. Once you have unhitched your trailer please take it on to the beach keeping the public promenade clear at all times during the day.