



Dieppe Dash

Motor Cruising Yacht Cruising Yacht Racing

Friday, 1 May 2026



Guidance for All Boats

Brighton to Dieppe in Company of Friends

Event and Entry Details can be found at: www.dieppedash.com



Dieppe Dash is a Brighton Marina Yacht Club Event



DIEPPE DASH 2026

WELCOME

I am delighted to invite you to join us for Dieppe Dash 2026 on Friday, 1st May.

As a Club we are incredibly proud of the 15-year heritage of the key-note event in the BMYC calendar, Dieppe Dash; competitors with sailing boats and motorboats come from all over Southeast UK and further afield to join us in good company to take part in the circa 70 nautical-mile offshore passage between the Sussex coast, UK and the Normandy Coast, France.

Our team continue to work closely with our stakeholders in France and their local authorities year-round to ensure a superb welcome on arrival, an engaging prize-giving event offering something for both racers and cruisers, and a very reasonable approach to managing the inevitable legislation associated with travel outside of UK.

If you are new to Dieppe Dash you may find it helpful to learn of support available in joining-in: our early season Open Afternoon on 14 Mar-26, an opportunity to meet fellow participants and find out more about Dieppe Dash; guidance and support in preparing for and completing a cross-channel passage available to download via our [documents page](#); social media support of the Dieppe Dash community; and by contacting the [Dieppe Dash Team](#).

As always Safety is an important consideration for Dieppe Dash; Dieppe Dash Team have placed a few simple, yet very important, tasks on each participating boat to help us to keep you safe:

We ask, a minimum of the two persons aboard, the Person-in-Charge and their Surrogate, must read our publications '*Safety for All Boats*', and '*Sign-On, Stand-Down, Abandon-Safe (SOSDAS)*', it is advisable to familiarise your crew with content of these publications.

We ask, the Person-in-Charge is to ensure the '*Safety Information*' section of Online Entry is completed, and if necessary, update Safety Information in even of crew changes before the Safety Briefing. We will share crew and shoreside contact information with HM Coastguard – You will understand the importance of HM Coastguard holding correct information.

The requirement, the Person-in-Charge, OR their Surrogate, is to attend the Safety Briefing, 30 April, 19h30 at BMYC. The Safety Briefing is a key part of the management of risk, essential last-minute information will be passed over at this time.

It is our intention that Dieppe Dash continues to improve and develop; to that end, I welcome your feedback on any aspect of your Dieppe Dash experience direct to me at feedback@dieppedash.com; and I ask, while enjoying yourself shoreside please show respect for our hosts at Circle de la Voile de Dieppe, without whom Dieppe Dash would not exist - We are guests representing the British Sailing Community abroad.

I wish you all a great sailing and socialising weekend, the team are looking forward to welcoming friends, old and new on your arrival in Dieppe.

Matthew Holmes

Commodore
Brighton Marina Yacht Club





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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority for Dieppe Dash is the Dieppe Dash Team of Brighton Marina Yacht Club Ltd, who may be contacted at:

Brighton Marina Yacht Club, Western Concourse, Brighton Marina, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 5UP

Email: admin@dieppedash.com – Website: www.dieppedash.com

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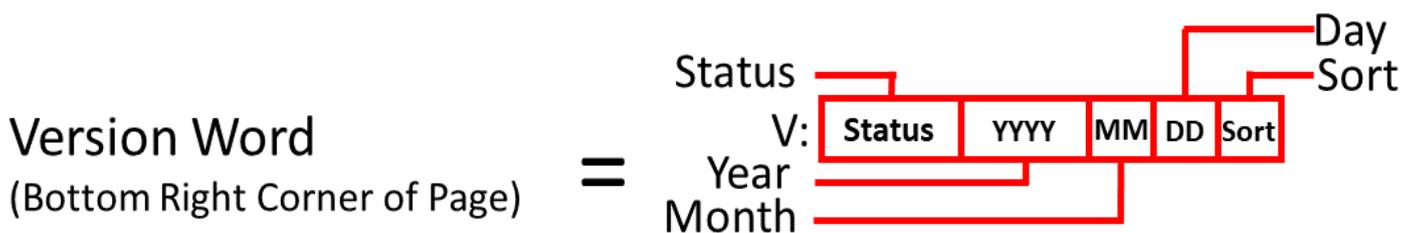
Guidance contained in this “Guidance for all Boats” document references UK, France and International Maritime Law prevailing over Dieppe Dash 2026.

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- This publication is formed in sections consisting of guidance, and information on a common theme of the section, structured by a title with articles and sub-articles descending in chronological order.
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DIEPPE DASH 2026

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INTRODUCTION TO DIEPPE DASH

Dieppe Dash is an exciting annual cross-channel yacht and motorboat event conceived as a means of meeting like-minded people, sharing the enjoyment of boating interests, and providing support in crossing the English Channel; Dieppe Dash includes pre-event talks, an outbound sail/motor cruising rally or yacht race, shore side events in Dieppe and a cruise or race return passage.

Dieppe Dash takes place in the English Channel between Brighton/Newhaven area of the south coast of England, and Dieppe in the Normandy region of the northern coast of France, the outbound passage on Friday, 1 May 2026. The main fleet will make the return passage on Sunday, 3 May 2026.

Berthing at Brighton marina is included for all boat participating in Dieppe Dash 2026 on nights Wednesday, 29 April 2026 and Thursday, 30 April 2026; please confirm your complimentary berthing using the online [Dieppe Dash Berthing Form](#).

Berthing at Port de Plaisance de Dieppe from Friday, 1 May 2026, departing on Sunday, 3 May 2026, is included with of online entry.

Dieppe Dash is the perfect event for your first time '*across the channel*' passage, you are more likely to make a passage if you have planned it with other boat owners and make the passage in company. For those interested in racing, Dieppe Dash provides the perfect offshore challenge.

Dieppe Dash Safety Plan provides guidance for you, the Person-in-Charge to create your sea-safety plan, and a check-in- and check-out scheme (SOSDAS) to monitor your 'at sea' status.

Supporting Information, including safety and guidance documents, and Online Entry may be found at the [Dieppe Dash website](#).

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participating in Dieppe Dash 2026 do so entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority will not accept liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death, sustained prior to, during, and in conjunction with, Dieppe Dash 2026.

It is stressed that competing owners and crews are expected to observe and embrace the provisions of the Dieppe Dash document [Safety For All Boats](#).

The spirit of Dieppe Dash Safety Plan requires that owners and crew shall not seek to make changes to design or installation of fixed or portable equipment forming the boat where such changes remove or reduce safety features or may compromise safety at sea. Any exploitation of the provisions of Dieppe Dash Safety Plan is discouraged.

Maritime Law requires an element of planning for even the simplest/shortest of passages; your safety plan is to ensure the boat is equipped, provisioned and in suitable condition to put to sea, taking into consideration: the number of persons aboard, charted information, tidal information, training, weather, forming the passage plan for a period longer than the anticipated duration, just in case... [The RYA strongly recommends that you always have a plan](#).

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GUIDANCE FOR ALL BOATS

These Guidance Notes are intended to provide information as self-help for participants of Dieppe Dash 2026.

Information is set out to assist Dieppe Dash participants through the formal controls associated with traveling by private pleasure craft between Great Britain and the Schengen Area (*of which France is a member country*), from time of planning your Dieppe Dash (*before departure*), through entering French waters, onto completing immigration and customs checks in Dieppe, and the Schengen Area departure, return passage and arrival in Great Britain.

SAFETY

Advice on preparing the Boat, Passage Plan and Safety, can be found in the document **Safety for All Boats**, available to download via the [documents page of Dieppe Dash website](#).

The Person-in-Charge and all crew are encouraged to read the Safety for All Boats document.

JOINING-IN

www.dieppedash.com/entry-form/

Entry and Payment is via the [online portal on Dieppe Dash website](#) - There are four parts to completing entry for Dieppe Dash:

Online entry	Register details of the Person-in-Charge and the Boat	
Sea-Safety	Register details of crew and Shoreside Contact	
Insurance Certificate	Send copy of boat insurance to admin@dieppedash.com - Each participating boat shall be insured in the name of the Person-in-Charge, and any surrogate, with a minimum cover third-party liability cover of £3,000,000.	
Payment Standard Entry	On or before 17h00 Monday, 13 April 2026	£ 150.00
Payment Late Entry	After 17h00 Monday, 13 April 2026	£ 183.00

n.b. Until such time Entry and Payment are completed, entry shall be deemed incomplete. Incomplete entries will be charged the applicable entry fee commensurate with the date all four parts of online entry are completed.

Post entry [changes to Sea Safety Information](#), e.g. change of crew, must be updated before Monday, 27 April 2026.

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PREPARE DOCUMENTATION

As international information changes, currency of information may be unclear. [Information provided to Dieppe Dash Team](#) confirms the importance of declaring the journey and providing required documentation. Please keep in mind:

- Great Britain is no longer part of the EU; additional checks are to be expected, ashore, in-port, or at sea.
- You are traveling via an unregulated means. Travel via regulated passenger services (*Plane or Ship*) is controlled end-to-end; when traveling via a Private Pleasure Craft additional proofs may be required beyond the documentation required for regulated travel services.
- Whether travelling from Great Britain to France, or travelling from France to Great Britain, Documented Proof will be required in support of each person onboard and the Boat.

Please ensure required documentation is prepared before departing Great Britain.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION PRE-PASSAGE CHECKLIST

According to European Customs and Immigration Law, you must be prepared to satisfy the below requirements:

PASSPORT

- Applies to all Persons (including children).
- Passport is less than 10 years old on the day you enter France.
- Passport is valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave France.

[Rules and authorisations - Documents for minors travelling in the EU.](#)

n.b. If relevant entry or exit stamps are not shown clearly in your passport, Police Aux Frontières may assume you have overstayed your visa-free travel limit, fines may apply.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

- A EHIC/GHIC (*European/Global Health Insurance Card*) is strongly recommended (and still valid FREE) for each Great Britain/EU Citizen. This is the minimum health cover acceptable in France (and may not cover all medical needs). Apply via NHS.

CUSTOMS RULES

- [Taking money into Schengen area](#): declare cash or travellers cheques if the value is 10,000 euros or more. You will get a certified declaration to show you brought it in with you. If you do not declare, your money could be seized if the boat is 'checked' when you leave.
- [When you arrive in France with purchases made abroad in your luggage](#): customs and tax exemptions in quantities and values are applicable according to the categories of goods/gifts you are carrying.
- [Taking food and/or drinks into Schengen area](#): strict rules prohibit taking meat, milk or products containing them into EU countries. There are some exceptions such as powdered baby milk, baby food and special foods or pet feed required for medical reasons.

In addition, you May Be asked to show:

- proof of where you intend to stay, for example, berthing at a marina, or a hotel booking confirmation.
- proof of return or onward travel (we suggest you carry onboard a copy of your Dieppe Dash registration email).

Port de Dieppe marina will be able to verify boats comprising Dieppe Dash fleet and duration of stay.

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BOAT DOCUMENTATION PRE-PASSAGE CHECKLIST

It is essential that you have the correct documents readily available for your boat – A common view expressed is that documents are often not checked; **the reality is that the boat could be stopped at any time** during the passage and if one boat doesn't have the correct documentation this could hold up, or impound, the entire Dieppe Dash fleet and result in possible fines. A list of documents you should hold aboard follows:

- HM Revenue and Customs via [Pleasure Craft Reporting \(sPCR\)](#) to show you have registered your GB departure.
- Proof of insurance (Boat) – Check that your boat policy covers public/third party liability outside of Great Britain Waters. It is advisable to ask your insurance company for a copy of your insurance cover note in French and carry this document onboard.

If Racing, your boat must be insured for racing, to not declare racing to insurers may result in being uninsured.

- Original Title Documentation for your boat (VAT Invoice, Bill(s) of Sale & Builders Certificate). The most important of these is the proof that VAT has been paid.
- Original Certificate of Registration (either SSR part 3 or Part I) – Ensure any names/numbers/markings on the boat agree with the registration document.
- Ship Radio Licence Certificate for all UHF/VHF/DSC radio/Radar/EPIRB etc onboard.
- At least one person abroad must hold the relevant VHF Restricted Certificate of Competence or Short-Range Certificate of Competence.

PLEASURE CRAFT FROM AND TO GREAT BRITAIN

You are required to declare the Pleasure Craft on voyages leaving Great Britain waters, AND arriving in Great Britain waters: [Tell Border Force and HMRC you are sailing to or from GB in a pleasure craft](#)

PLEASURE CRAFT REPORTING (sPCR)

[HM Border Force, and HM Revenue and Customs, procedures require notice be completed for, both, the outbound passage, and the inbound passage, before leaving Great Britain.](#)

PLEASURE CRAFT (sPCR) FALLBACK TEMPLATE (C1331)

Since the introduction of sPCR, the e-C1331 is now called 'The Pleasure Craft Report (sPCR) Fallback Template'. You should use the fallback template only if you cannot access sPCR.

You can use either of these:

[e-C1331 Excel form and send it by email.](#)

[C1331 print and the post form to address on the form.](#)

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GREAT BRITAIN WATERS

HM REVENUE AND CUSTOMS

Check what you must do when sailing a Pleasure Craft to travel from or to Great Britain waters (for advice about going through customs) from time of departing, or time of entering, Great Britain waters (England, Scotland, and Wales) in Great Britain (GB):

- [Notice 8 is intended for use by owners of Pleasure Craft](#) who sail their craft from or to Great Britain, the procedure specifies the customs arrival and departure requirements:
 - HM Revenue and Customs procedures requires [pleasure craft reporting \(sPCR\)](#) to be completed for, both, the outbound passage, and the inbound passage and returned to HM Revenue and Customs **before leaving Great Britain**.
- You are required to call the [National Yachtline](#) for HM Customs and Excise instruction when you arrive in Great Britain waters by Pleasure Craft from outside Great Britain (including from the Channel Islands).
 - Please check [Notice 8](#) for full details of the actions you must take:
 - **Telephone:** 0300 123 2012
 - **Opening times:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

FRENCH WATERS

Upon arrival in French Waters (Schengen area) European Law applies, which may be applied in France as 'Local Rules'.

TEMPORARY ADMISSION (TA)

A Pleasure Craft is granted Temporary Admission (TA) to operate in EU waters without being liable to pay VAT on the hull for a maximum period of 18 months after first being placed under TA either formally (which is highly recommended) or de facto by the mere fact of entering EU waters – **nonetheless ensure you carry onboard documented proof VAT had been paid on the boat.**

NOTES ON CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION PROCESSING IN DIEPPE

Customs and Immigration procedures in Dieppe apply to the entire Schengen Area under European Law, under which the individual is responsible for compliance. Failure to comply with European Customs and Immigration Law will remain with the individual until such time European Law is satisfied:

- The default processing of Customs and Immigration checks takes place at the Ferry Terminal.
- Historically, a procedure used by Police Aux Frontières, in Dieppe for purposes of enabling a mass processing of Dieppe Dash participants regarding Customs and Immigration regulation has been extended to Dieppe Dash as a concession, **at time of publishing this document, Dieppe Dash Team are unable to confirm how Customs and Immigration processing will be operated in respect of processing Dieppe Dash 2026.**
- Dieppe Dash Team will notify Police Aux Frontières, in Dieppe of the details of all boats participating In Dieppe Dash 2026 (Note, GDPR prevents Dieppe Dash Team from sharing details of persons participating in Dieppe Dash, this aspect is between the individual person and the Police Aux Frontières, in Dieppe, via the person-in-charge of the boat).
- In negotiating the Customs and Immigration procedure Dieppe Dash Team focus solely on Dieppe Dash event timing. History has taught us well that we are unable to manage individual boat arrangements outside of Dieppe Dash event timing.

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APPROACHING AND ARRIVAL @ PORT de DIEPPE

Circa 30mins before arrival at Dieppe, please contact 'Dieppe Dash Control' to announce your imminent arrival (VHF CH77).

- **Waypoint** [N49° 56.31' E01° 05.00'](#) – the entrance to Port de Dieppe is marked by a large green (starboard-Hand) Light (*northern end of the western harbour pier*) 11mtrs above sea level, visible for 8NM.
- **The immediate area north of the entrance to Port de Dieppe is charted as restricted:**
 - Vessels shall not make passage within the entrance approach unless permitted to enter/depart Port de Dieppe.
 - Vessels shall not anchor within the Restricted Area.
- **Monitor Port de Dieppe Harbour Master Voice Traffic on Marine Band VHF CH09**
- **Observe the VTS Signals located at the shoreside end of the western harbour pier (Starboard of centreline).** Enter Port de Dieppe ONLY when the VTS permits. At times permitting entry it is safe to drop sails within the outer harbour.
- Port de Dieppe is accessible at all states of tide; the entrance is exposed to NE-NW winds which may give rise to a heavy scend. The entrance to the harbour is dredged for commercial ferry and freighter traffic, beware of possibility of:
 - strong tidal flow across the entrance at certain states of tide.
 - silting at the west harbour pier – Keep to port of the centreline until close vicinity to the VTS.
- Long-line (*commercial*) fishing apparatus is likely to be scattered within the immediate area seaward to northeast and northwest of the entrance to Port de Dieppe, longline fishing apparatus within the stated area is not lighted and frequently is not flagged.
- Leisure fishing apparatus may extend beyond the west harbour pier within the immediate area of the west harbour pier, leisure fishing apparatus within the stated area may not lighted.
- Shelter from prevailing conditions (*whilst awaiting permission to enter Port de Dieppe*) may be found to the west of the west harbour pier, please be aware:
 - tidal flow will pass through the west harbour pier; hence may wash the boat eastward, toward the west harbour pier.
 - the approach to the shore (South) is steeply ramped, at LW it is advisable not to proceed inshore of the northern end of the harbour pier.
- It is not recommended to seek shelter to the east of the entrance to Port de Dieppe.

BERTHING AT LE PORT DE PLAISANCE DE DIEPPE

Marina Berthing is ahead from the harbour entrance, then to starboard after the VTS location.

- Fuel Pontoon is located immediately starboard of the starboard turn to the berthing area.
- Berthing is located at the first three pontoons to starboard after the fuel pontoon, allocation is by Port de Dieppe marina according to boat dimensions. Your cooperation in observing your berthing allocation will ensure all boats are able to berth; **please keep in mind some boats are single-handed.**
- At the gate on exiting at the top of the access ramps, toilets/showers are within the glass/steel building to the west end of the marina.
- Berthing Allocation, Gate and Toilet/Shower Access Codes will be notified during the Safety Briefing, scheduled to run on Thursday, 30 April 2026 at 19h30hr at Brighton Marina Yacht Club.



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APPENDIX A - SCHEDULE

Entry Cut-Off, Sailing Instructions, Documents, Safety Briefing, Sign-On, Start, Declaration, Welcome in Dieppe, Prize Giving, Return Passage.

- Saturday, 14 March 2026** 14h00 onward - Open Meeting, Brighton Marina Yacht Club. Your opportunity to ask questions and meet the Team...
- Monday, 13 April 2026** 17h00 - Standard Entry Closes – Late applications for Entry accepted at Organising Authority discretion – Late Entry Fee Applies hereafter.
- Monday, 20 April 2026** On or after 12h00, the sailing instructions will be posted to the email address registered at time of entry. In addition, the sailing instructions will be available to download from the documents page of the [Dieppe Dash website](#).

n.b. It shall be the responsibility of the person-in-charge to receive the Sailing Instructions in electronic format and ensure distribution within the crew as required. Hard copies of the Sailing Instructions will not be available from Organising Authority.

- Monday, 27 April 2026**
(for Racing)
- No later than 17h00hrs:
- Confirm Time Correction Factor for the boat and class of entry:
 - IRC – Submit a copy of the boat’s Rating Certificate, or
 - YTC – Confirm YTC Base Number shown in the RYA YTC Base Number List, or Complete and submit the [online YTC Base Number Form](#).

n.b. Where a current Rating, or current YTC Base Number, is held on record at BMYC the need to submit a Rating Certificate, or completed YTC Base Number Form, does not apply.

n.b. Any changes to the standard build of the boat, Rating Certificate, or an application for a YTC Base Number, shall be notified to the Organising Authority via email on or before 17h00hrs on Monday, 27 April 2026.

- Thursday, 30 April 2026** 09h00 onward - Register the boat mobile phone – See [Safety for All Boats](#), SOSDAS.
- Thursday, 30 April 2026** 19h30 BST – A Safety Briefing will be held in the Clubroom at Brighton Marina Yacht Club; the person-in-charge (or their appointed surrogate) is required to attend this briefing.
- Friday, 1 May 2026** Sign-On on shall be via the SOSDAS procedure – See [article 4.2\(b\)](#) and [article 4.2.3](#) of this document.
- Friday, 1 May 2026** For Dieppe Dash Race - First Warning Signal will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- Friday, 1 May 2026** Declaration shall be via the SOSDAS procedure – See [article 4.2.2](#) and [article 4.2.3](#) of this document.
- Friday, 1 May 2026** Welcome at Cercle de la Voile de Dieppe (CVD) (Yacht Club)
- Saturday, 2 May 2026** 13h00 BST, Prize Giving at Cercle de la Voile de Dieppe (CVD) (Yacht Club). Prizes will be awarded subject to discretion of sponsors.
- Sunday, 3 May 2026** Return passage to UK.

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