



Dieppe Dash

Motor Cruising Yacht Cruising Yacht Racing

Friday, 1 May 2026



Notice of Race

Brighton to Dieppe in Company of Friends

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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

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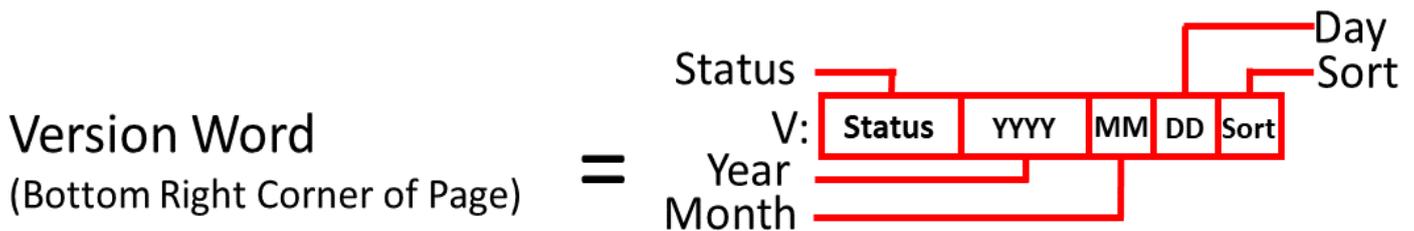
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NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the most recent publications stated below:

n.b.: a link pointing to the resource location of the publication may be displayed with the publication title.

- a) World Sailing [Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028](#) and,
- b) Dieppe Dash 2026 [Sailing Instructions](#).
- c) Supported by the most recent publications stated below:
 - (i) Dieppe Dash 2026 [Safety for All Boats](#);
 - (ii) The [RYA Racing Charter](#);
 - (iii) The [AERA YTC scheme \(Base Number\)](#) (YTC) as appropriate to class of entry;
 - (iv) [IRC Rules and Definitions 2026](#) as appropriate to class of entry.

n.b. References 'World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing' and the abbreviation 'RRS' hold the same meaning and are interchangeable in this document.

n.b. There is no substitute for learning the procedures in the rules and knowing when and how to act to maintain fair competition and good conduct on-the-water - Competitors are encouraged to download and carry aboard copies of the publications stated in [article 1.1](#).

1.2 Class Association Rules shall not apply.

1.3 The person-in-charge shall ensure a copy of the boat's most recent Insurance Certificate is registered with the Organising Authority to confirm:

- a) the name of the boat, the name of person-in-charge, and the name of any surrogate person-in-charge,
- b) dates of the period of cover,
- c) a minimum third-party liability cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

n.b. In event Insurance cover lapses, is withdrawn or not valid for any reason the boat shall not compete.

1.4 Sail Numbers:

- a) [RRS Rule G1.1\(a\)](#) shall not apply.
- b) The sail number on a sail shall remain consistent with the sail number stated on supporting documentation registered at time of entering Dieppe Dash 2026. Boats displaying a sail number other than the boat's registered sail number without permission of the Organising Authority shall be deemed not part of Dieppe Dash 2026. This changes [RRS Rule 63.1](#).

Notwithstanding article 1.4, where a submission in writing is received by the Organising Authority requesting to display a sail number on the genoa and/or spinnaker other than the boat's registered sail number, and the Organising Authority grants dispensation regarding article 1.4 prior to the change of Sail Number, the boat may display a sail number stated in the submission. This changes [RRS Rule 77](#) and [RRS Appendix G](#).

1.5 Where safety rules conflict, the specification determined by the Organising Authority in breaking the conflict shall prevail.

1.6 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

1.7 Where a conflict arises due to differing languages, the English language will take precedence.

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2 RULES CHANGED

2.1 Specific [World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing](#) changed or enacted by this document:

2.1.1 [RRS Definition of Start](#), is changed in that:

- a) a boat starts when, the hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line during the start sequence, any part of the hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either:
 - (i) during the last minute of the start sequence (before the starting signal), or
 - (ii) at or after the starting signal.
- b) If any part of the hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side during the start sequence in accordance with item a)(i), or a)(ii) of the definition Start, the boat:
 - (i) shall not return to the pre-start side of the starting line, and
 - (ii) shall receive a Starting Penalty calculated in accordance with [RRS 44.3\(c\)](#) of 5% of the passage elapsed time, rounded to the nearest second, added to the elapsed time without a hearing.
- c) If any part of the hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side during the start sequence and prior to item a)(i) of the definition Start, the boat shall be scored via the scoring abbreviation OCS. This changes [RRS Appendix A 5.1](#)

n.b. The Terms 'Start' and 'Race Start' are interchangeable and refer to the Start Time for the specific class of Entry.

2.1.2 [RRS Definition of Finish](#), is changed in that:

- a) a boat finishes when, after starting and sailing the course, the hull having been entirely on one side of the finish line, crosses the permissible finish line completely, presenting the Starboard, or Port, side of the hull to the Race Officer Location.
- b) However, the boat has not finished if after crossing the finishing line the boat:
 - (i) takes a penalty under rule 44.2, or
 - (ii) corrects an error in sailing the course made at the Finish Line.
- c) The definition “continues to sail the course” is not applicable at the Finish.

2.1.3 [RRS Rule 32](#) - Course to Sail, is changed in that: the course will not be shortened.

2.1.4 [RRS Appendix A2, and A8](#) – Series Scores, shall not apply.

2.1.5 Other changes to the [World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing](#) **may** be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Specific [IRC Rules and Definitions 2026](#) changed or enacted by this document:

2.2.1 IRC Rule 22.4 (Crew Number/Weight) is amended, IRC Rule 22.4.3 is enacted: 'Subject to: (i) rules forming the Dieppe Dash document Safety For All Boats, and (ii) a decision by the person-in-charge, no restriction will apply to the maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat; no restrictions on crew weight will apply'.

n.b. Competitors are encouraged to hold a clear understanding where national rules are changed by [Dieppe Dash Race Management Documents](#) – In many situations it is simply a matter of communicating with the Organising Authority when considering how rules apply to your boat – If in doubt, ask questions at the Safety Briefing.

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3 ADVERTISING

3.1 Boats competing in Dieppe Dash 2026:

- a) shall not display advertising without agreement of the Organising Authority, where advertising challenges agreements between [BMYC](#) and our sponsors permission to display shall be denied.
- b) may be required to display event specific advertising provided by the Organising Authority as a condition of competing.

n.b. It is best to discuss advertising matters with the Organising Authority prior to displaying advertising.

4 COMMUNICATION

n.b. Failure to observe currency of a race management document shall negate grounds to protest/request redress.

4.1 It shall remain the sole responsibility of the person-in-charge to ensure:

- a) the currency and content of race management documents and instructions is communicated to crew, and
- b) the boat is able to maintain two-way communication with Organising Authority via marine band VHF radio on the race frequency:
 - (i) from 15 mins prior to the published start time until 5 min after the start signal, and
 - (ii) from 30 mins prior to arriving at the finish line, and until the boat is berthed.

n.b. The Organising Authority have set in place primary and secondary means of communication to provide a wider means of communication between the Organising Authority and competitors. A protest or request for redress based on any party failing to explore communication via all stated means will be denied.

4.2 Communication between the Organising Authority, and competitors shall be as defined in the tables of [article 4.2](#):

4.2.1 Background support and admin, including but not limited to changes to documents, race results and general information, will be communicated as per [Table 4.2.1](#):

Table 4.2.1

Description	Primary Means	Secondary Means
Race Management Documents	Dieppe Dash Website	Email , WhatsApp Group
Race Results	Dieppe Dash Website	Email , WhatsApp Group
General Information	Dieppe Dash Website	Email , WhatsApp Group

4.2.2 Communication whilst the race fleet is ashore during Dieppe Dash will be as per [Table 4.2.2](#):

Table 4.2.2

Description	Primary Means	Secondary Means
Postponed Race Start	IC Flag Lima, Notice Board	WhatsApp Group, Email
Competitor Instruction	IC Flag Lima, Notice Board	WhatsApp Group, Email , Website
SOSDAS	SMS	

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4.2.3 Communication whilst the race fleet is on the water during Dieppe Dash will be as per [Table 4.2.3](#)

Table 4.2.3

Description	Primary Means	Secondary Means
SOSDAS	SMS	
Race Signals	Flags (Race Signals)	VHF Ch77
Course Announcement	Marine Band VHF Ch77	
Instructions	Marine Band VHF Ch77	

n.b. The race management call-sign shall be 'Dieppe Dash Control'. The fleet call-sign shall be 'Dieppe Dash Fleet'.

5 JOINING-IN

5.1 Dieppe Dash Race 2026 shall consist of a single race between Brighton, UK, and Port de Dieppe, France:

5.2 The course to sail shall be declared in the Dieppe Dash Sailing Instructions.

5.3 The Low Point scoring as set out under [RRS Appendix A](#) shall apply with exceptions as defined in [article 2](#) of this document.

5.4 Applications are invited to compete in the Dieppe Dash Race 2026 in IRC class, or YTC class, for boats that hold a current:

- b) IRC (Rating) Certificate; or,
- c) YTC Base Number ([See online YTC Listing](#)).

n.b. , Where a boat wishing to enter the YTC Race, and NOT holding a YTC Base Number, an application for a YTC Base Number may be submitted via the [online YTC Base Number Form](#) before Monday, 29 April 2026.

5.5 Entry Fees per competing boat shall be:

Standard Entry	On or before 17h00 Monday, 13 April 2026	£ 150.00
Late Entry	After 17h00 Monday, 13 April 2026	£ 183.00

5.6 Entry and Payment is via the [online portal on Dieppe Dash website](#).

5.7 Until such time Entry and Payment are completed as defined in article 5.4, and article 5.6, the application shall be deemed incomplete. Incomplete entries will be charged the applicable entry fee commensurate with the cut-off time as stated in Appendix A of this document.

5.8 Where multiple fleets are formed within a class of entry, the Organising Authority reserve the right to assign a boat to a fleet within the class of entry.

5.9 Between the date of completing online entry and 17h00 on Thursday, 30 April 2026, any changes to the registered Sea Safety Information shall be notified to the Organising Authority via the [Sea Safety Online Portal](#).

5.10 The Organising Authority reserve the right to check measurements and compliance with Dieppe Dash Safety Regulations; [Safety For All Boats](#).

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- 5.11 Berthing is arranged at Premier Marinas, Brighton for Dieppe Dash non-Brighton Berth holders between dates Wednesday, 29 April 2026 to Saturday, 2 May 2026 inclusive; please register using the [Dieppe Dash Berthing Form](#).
- 5.12 Reduced rates berthing (50%) is available for Dieppe Dash non-Premier Marinas Berth holders at Premier Marinas, Brighton between dates Saturday, 25 April 2026 to Tuesday, 28 April 2026 inclusive; please confirm berthing requirement via [Dieppe Dash Berthing Form](#).
- 5.13 Boats berthing at Brighton Marina, and/or Port de Plaisance de Dieppe, shall be kept in their assigned berths.
- 5.14 Competitors shall obey instructions from Premier Marinas Berthing Master, and Port de Plaisance de Dieppe staff. See [Behaviour](#) in this document.

n.b. Boats wishing to berth at Brighton Marina, other than as stated in Articles 5.115.11 and 5.125.11, must make berthing arrangements with [Premier Marinas, Brighton](#).

n.b. Berthing is arranged for Dieppe Dash participants at Port de Plaisance de Dieppe from noon on Friday, 1 May 2026 to noon on Sunday, 3 May 2026. In event of poor weather on Sunday, 3 May 2026 one concessional day is granted. Boats not departing Port de Plaisance de Dieppe before noon on Monday, 4 May 2026 must make berthing arrangements at Port de Plaisance de Dieppe office.

6 BEHAVIOUR

- 6.1 The person-in-charge of a boat competing in Dieppe Dash 2026, and/or sailing under the [BMYC](#) banner will be held responsible for the behaviour and actions of all crew at all times during the racing and shoreside activities forming Dieppe Dash.
- 6.2 Any misbehaviour which is deemed likely to bring the name of Dieppe Dash, and/or Brighton Marina Yacht Club, into disrepute will render the boat, including all crew, disqualified from Dieppe Dash 2026 without a hearing; serious occurrences could result in the boat, including all crew, being barred from taking part in future events hosted by Brighton Marina Boat Club.

7 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 7.1 Competitors participate in Dieppe Dash Race 2026 entirely at their own risk. See [RRS Rule 3](#), Decision to Race. 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 in the document Safety for All Boats; available to download from the [Dieppe Dash website](#) - See [article 1.1\(c\)\(i\)](#).

The spirit of BMYC Racing requires that owners and/or crew shall not seek to make changes to design or installation of fixed or portable equipment forming the boat where such changes remove safety features or may compromise safety at sea. Any exploitation of the provisions of the Safety Regulations is discouraged; reported incidences of exploitation shall be subject to disciplinary hearing and may result in disqualification.

8 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 8.1 We would be pleased to assist with any queries you may have with regard to Dieppe Dash 2026; please [contact the Organising Authority](#).

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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** No later than 17h00hrs:
- Submit a copy of the boat's Insurance Certificate – [See article 1.3](#)
 - 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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