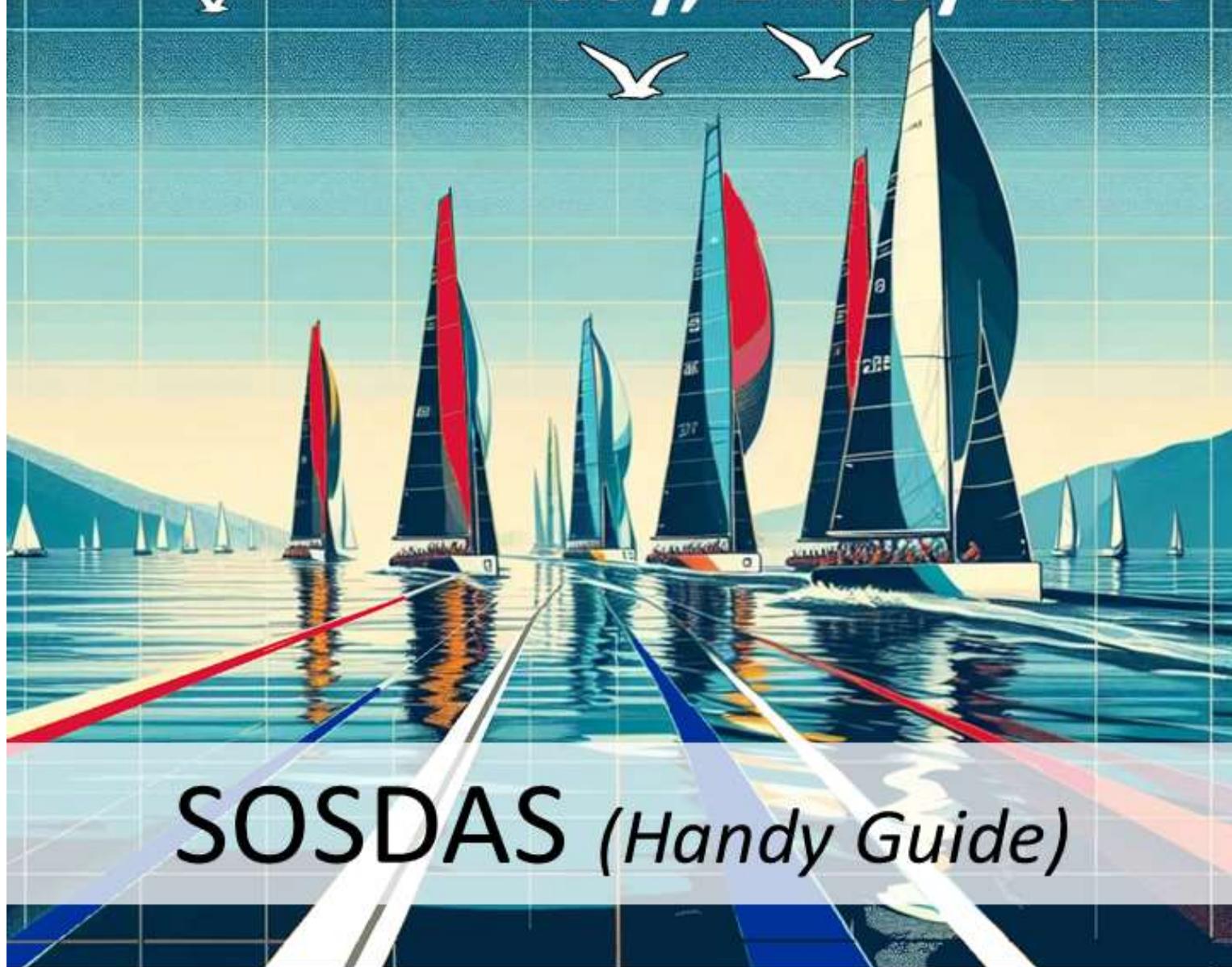




Dieppe Dash

Motor Cruising Yacht Cruising Yacht Racing

Friday, 1 May 2026



SOSDAS *(Handy Guide)*

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



SOSDAS

(SIGN-ON, STAND-DOWN, ABANDON SAFE)

SOSDAS forms the core of the Dieppe Dash Sea-Safety policy for all participating boats. It is imperative that Dieppe Dash team know:

- which boats have put-to-sea (Signed-On),
- which boats have arrived at the intended destination port (Stand-Down), and
- which boats have withdrawn from Dieppe Dash, turned back or headed for an alternative port of safety (Abandoned Safe).

FOUNDATION INFORMATION

SOSDAS (*soz-das*) is an acronym formed of the initial letters of three reserved words representing possible outcomes of the **at sea** status of your passage plan:

- Sign On – To confirm to Dieppe Dash team your boat has put-to-sea.
- Stand Down – To confirm to Dieppe Dash team your boat has arrived at Port de Dieppe.
- Abandon Safe – To confirm to Dieppe Dash team your boat is: withdrawn from Dieppe Dash I.E. NOT put-to-sea, turned back, or arrived at a port of safety other than Port de Dieppe.

How it works

- The online entry process requires you to provide Sea Safety information about your Boat, Crew, Shoreside Contact, and Return Passage Plan I.E. Dieppe Dash Sea Safety Registration.
- Sea Safety Information, together with your SOSDAS status, is fed directly into Dieppe Dash Sea Safety Plan.
- Late changes of Sea Safety information must be CONFIRMED to the Dieppe Dash team:
 - Late changes of boat, crew, shoreside contact, or return plan must be updated via [Online Sea Safety Portal](#) no later than 17h00 on 30 April 2026.
 - The Mobile Telephone number you nominate for your boat must be registered with the SOSDAS procedure (SOSDAS Registered Boat Contact Number).
 - Sea Safety Information will be shared with HM Coastguard.
- The Organisers will monitor Safety at Sea on the Outbound Passage for all participating boats, and on the Return Passage for Opt-In Boats. It is imperative all boats confirm status using the SOSDAS procedure, on putting to sea, and arriving at Port of Intended Destination; or withdrawing from Dieppe Dash or arriving at an Alternative Port of Safety.
- On the planned passage day(s): I.E. Outbound Passage, and/or Return Passage if Opt-In, in event of zero confirmed SOSDAS Status in respect of your boat: 'Stand-Down', or 'Abandon-Safe', within a reasonable passage timeframe, Rescue Services will be alerted.
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n.b. Boats making return passage on Sunday, 3 May 2026 are invited to use SOSDAS to monitor At Sea Status, I.E. departing Dieppe, and arrival at safe haven, regardless of port of destination.

n.b. The SOSDAS procedure will not be operational after Monday, 4 May 2026; instead, at the discretion of the Person-in-Charge, HM Coastguard should be informed of arrival at port of safety.

n.b. Please remember to Stand-Down your Shoreside Contact Person ASAP following arrival at a port of safety, this may save unnecessary concern by your Shoreside Contact person and telephone calls to HM Coastguard.



SOSDAS CONTACT NUMBER

+44 7597 067584

The SOSDAS Mobile Phone Number (above) shall NOT be used for any communication matter, other than matters relating to safety of boats at sea.

SOSDAS time format is BST; I.E. UTC (GMT +1hr) - please follow times stated in your message with the designatory letters 'BST'.

SOSDAS REGISTRATION

BOAT MOBILE PHONE **Register the boat mobile phone on 30 Apr-26 between 09h00 BST and 22h00 BST**

- Send text message to the SOSDAS number (above) in the format:
Boat Name [Space] REGISTER SOSDAS; e.g. My Boat REGISTER SOSDAS.
- Receive confirmation text in the format (may not respond immediately):
RECEIVED Boat Name [Space] REGISTER SOSDAS; e.g. RECEIVED My Boat REGISTER SOSDAS.

The Boat's mobile phone registered for SOSDAS must be able to send and receive SMS messages in UK and France.

SIGN-ON

OUTBOUND PASAGE OR RETURN PASSAGE - ON PUTTING TO SEA

- Send text message to the SOSDAS number (above) in the format:
Boat Name [Space] **SIGN ON** [Space] **Time hh:mm BST**; e.g. My Boat SIGN ON 05:36 BST.
- Receive confirmation text in the format (may not respond immediately):
RECEIVED Boat Name [Space] SIGN ON [Space] Time hh:mm BST; e.g. RECEIVED My Boat SIGN ON 05:36 BST.

STAND-DOWN

OUTBOUND PASAGE OR RETURN PASSAGE - ON ARRIVAL AT PORT OF DESTINATION

- Send text message to the SOSDAS number (above) in the format:
Boat Name [Space] STAND DOWN [Space] Time hh:mm BST; e.g. My Boat STAND DOWN 21:46 BST.
- Receive confirmation text in the format (may not respond immediately):
RECEIVED Boat Name [Space] STAND DOWN [Space] Time hh:mm BST; e.g. RECEIVED My Boat STAND DOWN 21:46 BST.

ABANDON-SAFE

OUTBOUND PASAGE OR RETURN PASSAGE - WITHDRAWING FROM DIEPPE DASH, or ON ARRIVAL AT ALTERNATIVE SAFE HAVEN)

A boat withdrawing from Dieppe Dash; I.E. NOT putting-to-Sea, or arriving at any other port than the designated destination port of Dieppe (Outbound Passage) or Home Port (Return Passage):

- Send text message to the SOSDAS number (above) in the format:
Boat Name [Space] ABANDON SAFE [Space] Time hh:mm BST; e.g. My Boat ABANDON SAFE 23:16 BST.
- Receive confirmation text in the format (may not respond immediately):
RECEIVED Boat Name [Space] ABANDON SAFE [Space] Time hh:mm BST; e.g. RECEIVED My Boat ABANDON SAFE 23:16 BST.

