

Dart 18 National Championships
Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th July 2012

Entry £125 Early bird until 31st March
£135 1st April - 30th June
£150 1st - 26th July

It's that time of year to get excited about what the Dart 18 Nationals will hold both on and off the water. This year it is the privilege of the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club at Bridlington, East Yorkshire to hold the event and with a 4 day event being planned in the summer holidays, it is sure to be an event to remember.

For those who have been to the GP events that the RYYC have held in the past, they will remember exciting sailing on some of the best, and sometimes challenging, waters around the country and some memorable evening socials. For those who haven't ventured this far up North yet, you don't know what you're missing! The sailing area can be as big as needed as we have the whole of the Bridlington Bay to sail in, with no annoying buoys and major tides to get in the way with a vast sandy beach stretching for miles. The event is to be held at Blyth Park which is the dinghy section of RYYC situated a couple of miles south of Bridlington. The new clubhouse on site at Blyth Park has a functioning kitchen, drink serving area, toilets and balcony looking over the beautiful bay. Also on site are the changing facilities and an events field in which to set up camp right next to your boat. All enquiries regarding camping or setting up your caravan or motorhome should be made through Chris or Jane Maw 01262 673230. The evenings planned for this exciting event are sure to be a hit! Running from Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th of July, each night has a different theme with food available and entertainment. The event officially starts on the Thursday but a team of people from the RYYC will be on site most of the week to help set up with food and the bar being available on the Wednesday night for any arriving early. Scutineering and registering will be open from the Wednesday until the Thursday morning done by a member from UKIDA. Thursday kicks off the event with 3 races scheduled. The evening is our welcome party with authentic fish and chip supper from the national fish and chip award winners of 2011, which can be ordered during registration. Listen to live vocal

entertainment whilst eating your food and taking in the views with a cold drink. Friday has another 3 races scheduled and the evening is your chance to let your hair down with an American style knees up complete with barn dance, optional fancy dress and BBQ to purchase on the night. Saturday has 2 races scheduled and brings a bit of class to the event with an evening champagne cruise on the wartime pleasure cruiser the Yorkshire Belle which sets sail from Bridlington harbour and will hopefully take us round the beautiful Flamborough Head (weather depending). This also includes a delicious buffet reception afterwards at the historic main RYYC clubhouse in the town centre with stunning views over the harbour. Sunday draws the sailing to a close with 2 races scheduled and reveals the National champion at the prize-giving which is to be done as early as possible to allow those who are travelling from afar to set off home at a reasonable time. I think you can all agree for the bargain early bird price of £125 for a 4 day event, you certainly get your monies worth so book early to ensure that your place and your clothing is ordered in time.

For more details about this event, please visit the Dart 18 UKIDA website, the RYYC website or the RYYC's facebook page. Please don't hesitate to contact us regarding any enquiries or help with accommodation.

We look forward to welcoming you all at what should be an exciting and memorable event.

The dinghy event team @ the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club