

Musto Skiff Nationals August 2020 Brixham Yacht Club

Dinghy Park, launching and recovery requirements

It was expected that the OA for the 2020 Nationals held in Brixham will introduce a 'flight' system to break the fleet down into manageable sized groups of people in the dinghy park and launching areas. The purpose of this was to minimise points of contact and ensure compliance with any Government restrictions in place.

Measures have now been put in place to allow the fleet to rig, sail and derig as one combined fleet but with mitigating measures ashore. The key aim of the system is to adhere with Government social distancing and group / gathering requirements

Key points.

1. The dinghy park will be open for boats arriving from 10:00 until 17:00 on Wednesday 2nd September. This arrival window will be strictly enforced. Marshalls will restrict numbers to a maximum of 30 persons on site at any one time. Should the dinghy park reach 30 persons at one time, marshals will restrict entry and form an entry queue with a strict 1 in 1 out policy. Competitors are requested to be considerate and unload their boats in a timely manner to allow other fellow competitors access.
2. The dinghy park will be divided into boat spaces. There will be a series of spaces inside the Brixham YC dinghy compound and another series of spaces outside the dinghy compound. The area outside the dinghy compound forming separated dinghy parks. Each space will be numbered, boat spaces are allocated to each boat to correspond with their tally / entrant number.
3. Boats will return to the same dinghy park bay each day after sailing in effect meaning that each boat keeps their same bay for the week.
4. Time windows for competitors to arrive on site for each day, rig and launch, anticipated 1st warning signal will be posted on a competitors WhatsApp group at 08.30am each morning
5. It is mandatory that face masks are worn especially when you are close to other competitors in the dinghy park and adjacent to the slipway for instance while rigging, derigging queuing for launching and when launching or recovery, or when in close proximity to the public.

Details prior to launching.

1. Competitors for each group shall arrive on site in the dinghy park and then launch in their allocated time slots. Launching will strictly be controlled by the beachmaster at the allotted time unless circumstances require a time extension. Any such extension of rigging and launching window shall be granted by the beachmaster only and at his discretion only.
2. No boats shall be launched until D is displayed ashore.
3. Boats will be launched in batches from the separate dinghy parks. The beach master will instruct the boats from one of the separate dinghy parks to form a queue of a maximum of 26 boats in preparation to launch immediately prior to D is displayed ashore. Boats and competitors in this queue are required to be at least 2m apart.
4. Once the last boat in the first group to launch is afloat the beachmaster will invite the next group to form a queue to repeat the process, until all boats are launched.
5. If any boat is not ready to launch during their allocated group launching they will be required to stay ashore in their allocated bay until all other boats are launched. Failure to reach the race area in time due to being held back from launching for this reason is not grounds for redress under RRS 62.1a.

Details for recovery after racing

RETURNING TO THE SHORE AND PROCEEDURE APROACHING THE HARBOUR AND SLIPWAY

The slipway at Oxen Cove that will be used to launch and recover boats is quite narrow and exposed to the North. It is essential that the fleet follow instructions upon returning to the shore to avoid excessive congestion at the slipway that can result in damage to boats.

A full recovery process will be described at the competitors briefing but the general plan is as follows

- 1) There will be a patrol boat located at the slipway, midway down the harbour and at the entrance to the harbour. Boats will be called to hold station at the most seaward point and released in manageable batches to the next station creating an orderly line ashore so that as one boat is being pulled up the slip the next boat will be provided their trolley from the shore team.
- 2) The first boats to the harbour will be permitted to sail straight to the slip but they must pass via the holding patrol boats. These patrol boats will call the shore with tally numbers so that the trolley is waiting at the slipway for the boats arrival
- 3) Once more than 2 boats are in the vicinity of the slip the patrol boats by the slip and in mid harbour will each hold back, then release boats in order to enable a continuous flow of recovering boats.
- 4) Once the recovery process is underway boats approaching the harbour will be required to sail a loop around the patrol boat by the harbour, each boat will be released by the patrol boat to proceed towards the slip via the other patrol boats. Every effort will be made to release boats towards the slip in the order that they arrived
- 5) This procedure has been implemented and refined over the past few years during our larger fleet championships and is now well proven. The system is to establish a safe and orderly recovery process. The system relies on the patrol boats calling to the shore the boat / tally numbers so that the trolleys can be found and stacked in order of approach. The system has proven highly effective and results in far less delays on the slip finding trolleys and reduces risk of damage to boats and equipment. Your patience is requested and the shore team will do all they can to recover your boats as fast and efficiently as possible. Please do not ignore instructions or push in in front of boats ahead in the system as this breaks the system down.
- 6) Once ashore, boats are required to return to their dinghy park bay immediately, all derigging, removal of sails, foils etc shall be done in boat bays where possible to allow the next boat ashore and to minimise congestion and maintain a gathering of less than 30 people including the public.
- 7) As soon as possible after returning ashore, face masks are to be worn while derigging etc

Any boat wishing to return to their boat outside their derigging time slot to Carry out maintenance shall ask permission from the beachmaster and may do so outside of the launching and recovery windows