

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

SALCOMBE HARBOUR – KINGSBRIDGE ESTUARY

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

NO 6 OF 2011

RACING DINGHY FREE FAIRWAY

1. To reduce the risk of collision within Salcombe Harbour during dinghy racing, the Racing Dinghy Free Fairway will be implemented from 15 April 2011:
 - a. The Harbour Authority will control the establishment and disestablishment of a temporary fairway along the western shore of the harbour during dinghy racing. This temporary fairway is for vessels entering and leaving the harbour and should not be entered by dinghies involved in racing.
 - b. The racing dinghy free fairway's limits will be from 50°14'.01N 003°46'.02W to 50°14'.2N 003°45'.8W.
 - c. When the racing dinghy free fairway is in operation,
 - (i) It will be marked from its northern to southern limits by yellow buoys. The buoys at the northern and southern limits will carry a yellow X top mark.
 - (ii) The Harbour Authority will broadcast the fact that the racing dinghy free fairway is in operation on VHF#14.
 - (iii) Salcombe Yacht Club will illuminate a yellow flashing light on their watch house.
 - (iv) Dinghies may cross the racing dinghy free fairway when exiting or entering Batson Creek.
 - d. The racing dinghy free fairway will normally be in operation from five minutes before the start of the first race start to five minutes after the start of the last race. However if the risk of collision to vessels entering and leaving the harbour from high densities of racing dinghies is still significant five minutes after the start of the last race, the racing dinghy free fairway will not be disestablished until the risk has reduced.
 - e. The racing dinghy free fairway will not be established two hours either side of low water when the predicted tidal height at low water is less than 1.5m. On such occasions when the harbour is

busy and there are a large number of dinghies racing, Salcombe Yacht Club will either reschedule the race start or use a committee boat start.

- f. The racing dinghy free fairway will not be shortened.
2. Throughout the season the operation of the racing dinghy free fairway will be monitored to assess its effectiveness. As part of that assessment, in addition to reporting all collisions (Salcombe Harbour Bye-law 14, Notification of all collisions), mariners should report any near misses to the Harbour Office.
3. Cancel this LNTM 31 December 2011.

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