

# Notice to Mariners

## Initial Maritime Safety Information

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### NOTES

**All positions quoted in World Geodetic System 1984 [WGS84], lat. / long., in deg./ minutes.**

#### 1.1 Details of works programme including period & purpose

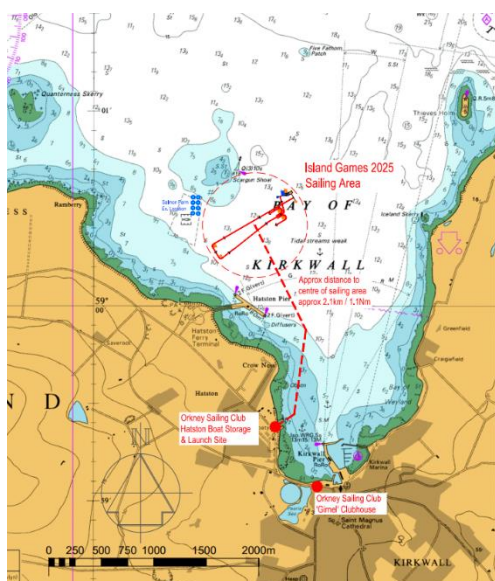
Sailing Regatta - Orkney Island Games 12th to 18th July.

Mariners are advised that from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July there will be a dinghy sailing regatta held in Kirkwall Bay. The Racecourse shall be set each day using temporary markers in the area between Hatston Pier and Scargun Shoal as shown within the red circle on the chart below.

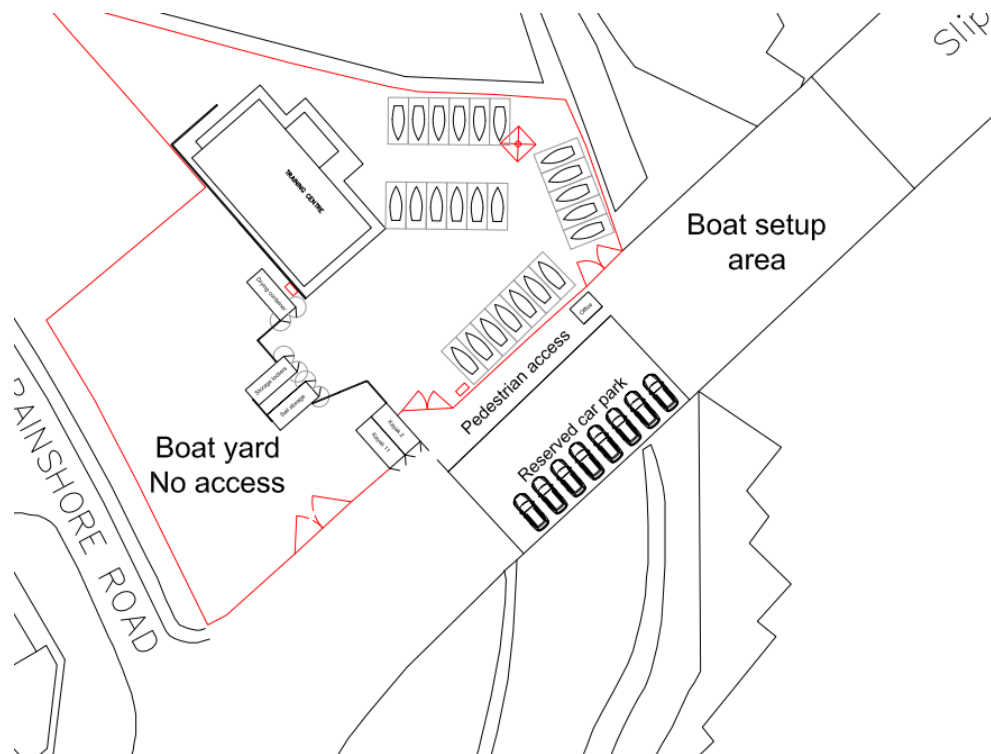
The event is organised by the Orkney Sailing Club. There will be accompanying support and safety craft and a committee boat on the course during the racing. A maximum of 24 dinghies shall be taking part each day, launching from Hatston slipway and transiting to the sailing area for races each morning and afternoon.

The Committee boat and Support craft will head out to the racecourse around 09:00 with the sailing dinghies and safety boats following on around 30 minutes later. The racing will commence at approximately 10:00 BST daily until approximately 16:00.

There are two practice races planned on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and then 4 races each day from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> is a reserve day and may not be used.



Hatston Slip will be used for launching and recovery of the sailing dinghies. Access will be restricted during launch and recovery periods which will generally be around 09:00 to 10:00, between 12:00 and 14:00 and 16:00 to 17:00. Parking areas will be limited to event vehicles as per plan below.



The medal ceremony of the Orkney 2025 Regatta will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at the area adjacent to the North of the old Harbour Master's and Orkney Ferries Office on Kirkwall Pier. There will be some parking restrictions on Kirkwall pier to allow the podium to be set up and this will be from 16:00 until after the ceremony which is expected to conclude at 19:00. The plan below details the area affected.



This Notice will be cancelled on 19th July at 18:00 following completion of the event.

**1.2 Changes to existing routing measures/vessel movement**

Care should be taken to avoid marker buoys on passage through Kirkwall Bay

**1.6 Details of any areas to be avoided**

Racing Area between Hatston Pier and Scargun Shoal.

Hatston slip where access may be restricted during periods of launching and recovery.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VESSELS**

Vessels involved will be keeping continuous listening watch on Channel 16 and will display appropriate lights and marks as required by the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

Mariners are requested to give the regatta a wide berth.

**Name:****Signature:****Date:**