



COMMODORES REGATTA 2017

13th May 2017

HW 15.09

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

The event is organised by Dabchicks Sailing Club.

2. Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, The 2017 West Mersea Yacht Club and Dabchicks Sailing Club Joint Cruiser Racing Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions, The 2017 Class Rules of the Mersea Fisherman's Open Boat Association, the Dabchicks Sailing Club 2017 Dinghy Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

3. Eligibility

The event is open to all boats of all classes subject to the following conditions:-

- 3.1 Local Handicap Cruisers and White Sail Cruisers must comply with all the provisions of the 2017 Joint Cruiser Racing Notice of Race and Sailing instructions.
- 3.2 Handicaps for Local Handicap Cruisers and White Sail Cruisers will be issued by The Joint Handicap Committee.
- 3.3 Mersea Fisherman's Open Boats (MFOBs) must comply with The MFOB Association Class Rules; handicaps will be issued by the association.
- 3.4 Dinghy racing is open to any competitor sailing a recognised monohull class dinghy. Handicaps based on the

Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme will be issued by the Dabchicks Sailing Committee.

- 3.5 Dinghies may be split between Fast Handicap, Slow Handicap & Optimists; the split to be decided by the Race Officer depending on the number of entries. Any such split to be notified to competitors in writing on the signing on sheet.
- 3.6 If entry numbers are sufficient a separate class start will be granted for any recognisable distinct class.

4. Schedule of Races

Subject to prevailing or forecast weather conditions the following schedule is intended:-

- 4.1 Local Handicap Cruisers; there will be two races, target time 60 minutes each, round the cans starting from the Nass line. The first start will be at 14.00hrs.
- 4.2 White Sail Cruisers; there will be one race, target time 70 minutes, round the cans starting from the Nass line. The start will be 14.10 hrs.
- 4.3 MFOBs; there will be two races, target time 45 minutes each. The first race will start at the Dabchicks Club line and finish at the Nass line; the second race will start at the Nass line and finish at the Dabchicks Club line. The first start will be 14.00hrs.
- 4.4 Dinghies; there will be two races, target time 45 minutes each. The first race will start at the Dabchicks Club line and finish at the Nass line; the second race will start at the Nass line and finish at the Dabchicks Club line. The first start will be 14.10 hrs.

5. Sailing Instructions

In addition to the Joint Cruiser Sailing Instructions and the Dabchicks SC Dinghy Sailing Instructions supplementary Sailing Instructions for this event will be available on the Dabchicks website www.dabchicks.org and from the Dabchicks SC on the day of the event.

6. Scoring

Where two races have been completed the results of both races will be combined to provide an overall result for each class.

7. Prizes

7.1 Trophies and glassware will be awarded to successful boats in all classes.

7.2 The prize giving will take place in Dabchicks SC after racing

8. Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone' Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

9. Disclaimer of Liability

9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

9.2 The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races. A competitor is entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether they are fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By

launching or going to sea, the competitor confirms that they are fit for those conditions and are competent to sail and compete in them.

- 9.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the competitor taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and including the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and Beach-masters.
- 9.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

10. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.