



COMMODORES REGATTA 2017
13th May 2017
HW 15.09

Sailing Instructions

Part A Applies to all competitors

Part B Applies to LH Cruisers only

Part C Applies to White Sail Cruisers only

Part D Applies to Mersea Fishermen's Open Boats only

Part E Applies to Dinghy classes only

PART A

A1. Organising Authority

The event is organised by Dabchicks Sailing Club.

A2. 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, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

A3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the event Notice Board at Dabchicks Sailing Club.

A4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on 13th May, except that any changes to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2100 on 12th May.

A5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Dabchicks Sailing Club mainmast.

A6. The Start

A6.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

A6.2 The following start lines may be used:-

a) The Cruiser Line

Comprising a line between the mainmast of the Committee Boat moored to the Committee Boat mooring buoy (approximately 200m south west of the Nass Beacon) and the OLM displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.

A6.2(a)i Outer limit mark 'S' is a yellow buoy with black flag.

A6.2(a)ii Outer limit mark 'E' is a yellow buoy with red flag.

A6.2(a)iii Outer limit mark 'W' is a yellow buoy with green flag.

b) The Club Line

Comprising a line formed by a transit between the staff on the DSC start box and the staff on the foreshore approximately 30m in front of the start box. The staff on the foreshore is the inner limit mark.

A6.3 Competitors shall start in the direction of the first mark of the designated course.

A7. The Finish

A7.1 The following Finish Lines may be used:-

a) The Cruiser Finish Line

Comprising a line between the mainmast of the Committee Boat moored to the Committee Boat mooring buoy and the Outer Limit Mark 'S' (black flag).

b) The Club Finish Line as defined in 6.2(b) above.

A7.2 Competitors will finish in the direction from the last mark of the designated course.

A8. Prizes

8.1 Trophies and/or glassware will be awarded to successful boats in all classes.

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

A9. 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.

A10. Disclaimer of Liability

A10.1 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.

A10.2 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.

A10.3 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.

A10.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

A11. 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.

END OF PART A

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PART B

LH CRUISERS ONLY

B1 Safety

- B1.1 Before starting and after finishing competitors should keep clear of other classes including dinghies and MFOBs that may be racing.
- B1.2 All competitors must comply with SI 17 of the Joint Cruiser Sailing Instructions 2017.

B2 Schedule of Races

- B2.1 It is intended that there will be two races. The first race will start at 14.00; the second race will start as soon as practicable after the first race has finished.
- B2.2 It is intended that each race will take approximately 60 minutes.

B3 Class Flag

The Class Flag for these races will be IC Numeral Pennant 5.



B4 Start & Finish Lines

Both races will start and finish at the Cruiser Line see SIs A6 & A7.

B5 Courses

The courses to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat prior to each warning signal. The course may also be broadcast on VHF channel 77.

B6 Time Limit

For each race any boat not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. *This changes RRS 35.*

B7 Handicaps

Boats will be handicapped in accordance with the latest Local Handicap list published by the Joint Handicap Committee.

B8 Scoring

- B8.1 Results will be scored using the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A.
- B8.2 Results for the two races will be combined to give overall results for the event.

END OF PART B

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PART C

WHITE SAIL CRUISERS ONLY

C1 Eligibility & Rules

All competitors must comply with the eligibility requirements set out in paragraphs 2.2 & 2.3 of the White Sail Appendix to the Joint Cruiser Sailing Instructions.

C2 Safety

C2.1 Before starting and after finishing competitors should keep clear of other classes including dinghies and MFOBs that may be racing.

C2.2 All competitors must comply with SI 17 of the Joint Cruiser Sailing Instructions 2017.

C3 Schedule of Races

It is intended that there will be one race of approximately 70 minutes duration starting at 14.10.

C4 Class Flag

The Class Flag will be IC Numeral Pennant 4.



C5 Start & Finish Lines

The race will start and finish at the Cruiser Line see SIs A6 & A7.

C6 Courses

The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat prior to the warning signal. The course may also be broadcast on VHF channel 77.

C7 Time Limit

For each race any boat not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. *This changes RRS 35.*

C8 Handicaps

Boats will be handicapped in accordance with the latest Local Handicap list published by the Joint Handicap Committee.

END OF PART C

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PART D

MERSEA FISHERMEN'S OPEN BOATS ONLY

D1 Eligibility & Rules

All competitors must comply with the 2017 Class Rules of The MFOB Association including safety requirements.

D2 Safety


D2.1 All competitors must sign on & off before and after racing. Sign on sheets will be available at Dabchicks Sailing Club.

D2.2 Before starting and after finishing all competitors should keep clear of other classes that may be racing.

D3 Schedule of Races

There will be two races of approximately 45 minutes duration starting at 14.00

D4 Class Flag

The Class Flag will be IC Flag 'J' 

D5 Starting & Finishing Lines

The first race will start at the Club Line and finish at the Cruiser Line, the second race will start at the cruiser line as soon as practicable after race one and finish at the Club Line. See SIs A6 & A7.

D6 Courses

The course to be sailed for race one will be displayed on the signing on sheet, the course to be sailed for race two will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat prior to the warning signal.

D7 Time Limit

For each race any boat not finishing within 45 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. *This changes RRS 35.*

D8 Handicaps

Boats will be handicapped in accordance with the latest handicap list published by the MFOB Association.

END OF PART D

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PART E

DINGHY CLASSES ONLY

E1 Rules & Safety

E1.1 All competitors must comply with the relevant rules & bylaws of Dabchicks Sailing Club as well as the safety requirements of The DSC Dinghy Sailing Instructions 2017.

E2 Safety

E2.1 All competitors must sign on & off before and after racing. Sign on sheets will be available at Dabchicks Sailing Club.

E2.2 Before starting and after finishing competitors should keep clear of other classes that may be racing.

E3 Schedule of Races

It is intended that there will be two races each of approximately 45 minutes duration. The first start of the first race will be at 14.10. The second race will start as soon as practicable after the finish of the first race.

E4 Class Flags & Information

E4.1 Classes may be combined or sub-divided at the discretion of the Race Committee.

E4.2 Classes & Flags may be:-

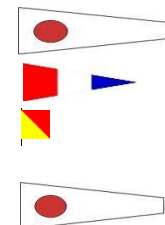
Fast Handicap IC Numeral Pennant 1

Slow Handicap IC Numeral Pennant 3

Optimist IC Flag 'O'

Or

Combined Fleet IC Numeral Pennant 1



E4.3 The Class split will be specified in writing on the Sign On sheets

E5 Starting & Finishing Lines

The first race will start at the Club Line and finish at the Cruiser Line, the second race will start at the cruiser line as soon as practicable after race one and finish at the Club Line. See SIs A6 & A7.

E6 Courses

The course to be sailed for race one will be displayed on the signing on sheet, the course to be sailed for race two will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat prior to the warning signal.

E7 Time Limit

For each race any boat not finishing within 45 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. *This changes RRS 35.*

E8 Handicaps & Scoring

E8.1 Handicaps based on the PY System will be used.

E8.2 Results for the two races will be combined to give overall results for the event.

END OF PART E