



COMMODORES REGATTA 2018

19th May 2018

HW 15.53

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 2018 West Mersea Yacht Club and Dabchicks Sailing Club Joint Cruiser Racing Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions, & this Notice of Race.

3. Eligibility

The event is open to keelboats subject to the following conditions:-

3.1 Local Handicap Cruisers and White Sail Cruisers must comply with all the provisions of the 2018 Joint Cruiser Racing Notice of Race and Sailing instructions.

3.2 Handicaps for Local Handicap Cruisers

Will be issued by The Joint Handicap Committee.

3.3 Handicaps for White Sail Cruisers

Will be in accordance with the latest NHC.

3.4 Local Handicap Split Fleet Starts:

If entry numbers are sufficient separate starts may be granted for the following subsets of Local Handicap (LH) Cruiser:

Sportsboat / Sonata OD / Other Local Handicap Cruisers;

or a combination of two of the above subsets.

All LH competitors will sail the same course. Corrected times will be adjusted for different start times and results for the LH classes will be combined into an overall results.

3.5 Local Handicap Combined start

If entry numbers are not sufficient for separate starts as 3.6, all LH boats will start together and sail the same course.

3.6 A Sportsboat is defined as:-

- ⤴ A keelboat with a LH rating between 839 & 951
- ⤴ A maximum Length (HL) of 9.5 metres.
- ⤴ A displacement to length ratio (DLR) of 160 or less.
(see <https://ircrating.org/19-technical/faqs/507-dlr-info>)
- ⤴ Boats outside these limits may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Joint Sailing Committee.

3.7 Team Competition

A team competition is open to three boat teams comprising:

Sportsboat / Sonata OD / Other Local Handicap Cruiser (which isn't a Sonata OD or Sportsboat);

Teams must register at the DSC Clubhouse noticeboard by Friday 18th May 10pm.

Team identification by coloured streamers or similar may be stipulated in the sailing instructions.

The team competition will run if there are two or more teams registered.

4. Schedule of Races

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

4.1 Local Handicap; there will be two races, target time 60 minutes each, round the cans starting from the Nass line. The first start will be at 14.10hrs.

4.2 White Sail Cruisers; there will be one race, target time 70minutes, round the cans starting from the Nass line. The start will be 14.00 hrs.

5. Scoring

5.1 The first race for LH cruisers will also be race 7 of Mersea Spring Points.

5.2 If there are split fleet starts as 3.6, all LH competitors will sail the same course. Corrected times will be adjusted for different start times and results for the LH classes will be combined into an overall results.

5.3 The Commodores Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner calculated by LH.

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

5.5 Team Scoring (LH Cruisers)

The score for a team will be the sum of team members combined overall scores.

6. Prizes

6.1 The prize giving will take place in Dabchicks SC after racing.

6.2 Prizes will be awarded for Local Handicap and White Sail competitors.

6.3 Fleet Prizes for Local Handicap competitors may be awarded.

6.4 If there are two or more teams registered there will be a team prize awarded for the winners:

1No. x 70cl bottle of Mount Gay rum.

7. 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.

8. Disclaimer of Liability

8.1 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.

8.2 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.

8.3 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.

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

9. 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.