



NOTICE OF RACE

IOCA East Area Championships

16th-17th June 2018

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The event will take place on 16th-17th June 2018 at Dabchicks Sailing Club, Coast Road, West Mersea.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Dabchicks Sailing Club.

2. Rules

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the RYA Prescriptions and the IOCA Class rules.
- 2.2 Competitors should note that the Dabchicks Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 2.3 The exoneration penalty of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 2.4 The relevant rules and byelaws of Dabchicks Sailing Club apply.

3. Eligibility, Entry and Fees

- 3.1 The event is open to boats of the International Optimist class.
- 3.2 Entry Opens 14th May 2018
- 3.3 Eligible boats shall enter by submitting a completed Entry form, Parent Declaration and Medical via the IOCA East entry portal at www.webcollect.org.uk/iocaeast
- 3.4 The entry fee will be:

Main Fleet	£30/boat
Regatta Fleet	£25/boat
- 3.5 Entry closes at 2300 on Sunday 10th June 2018.
- 3.6 Late entries will only be accepted, at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, with payment of the late entry fee of £15/boat in addition to the entry fee. Please email your entry to club.manager@dabchicks.org.

4. Registration

- 4.1 Registration will take place at the Dabchicks Sailing Club from 0845 to 0930 on Saturday 16th June 2018
- 4.2 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.



5. Allocation to Fleets and Courses

5.1 There shall be two fleets: Main Fleet and Regatta Fleet.

5.2 Both Fleets shall use the same race area.

5.3 It is intended to race both fleets in the open tidal water of the Blackwater Estuary from the same start line. Before entering this event, sailors and their parents should satisfy themselves of their sailor's ability to sail in such a location.

5.4 All course details shall be subject to confirmation in the Sailing Instructions. It is intended to run a trapezoidal course, with the Main Fleet on the Outer Loop and the Regatta Fleet on a shorter Inner Loop more suitable for less experienced sailors.

5.5 Alternative arrangements for Regatta Fleet may be detailed in the Sailing Instructions, and will be subject to entry numbers, sailor ability, number of available Safety Boats and weather conditions.

5.6 Allocation to fleets will be entirely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

6. Schedule

Saturday

0845 to 0930 Registration
0945 Sailors Briefing
1125 First Warning Signal
Further races follow on after
previous race
1830 Fish & Chip Supper at DSC
tickets required

Sunday

1055 First Warning Signal of the day
Further races follow on after
previous race
1600 Prize giving

7. Scoring

7.1 Races Scheduled and Races required to constitute a series:

Up to eight races are scheduled.

One completed race will constitute a series.

7.2 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A using the low point system, A4. Series ties shall be dealt with in accordance with RRS A8

8. Risk Statement

- Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. 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:
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.



- The provision of, actions by, of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- The Race Organizers 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.
- 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 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2million or equivalent in any currency

10 Informative

The intention is for each race to be approximately 30 minutes duration for the first boat.

Notice of Race Ends