



Sunset Series 2018 Sailing Instructions

Dates as per the DSC Event Calendar on the Club Website

The Organizing Authority is the Dabchicks Sailing Club (DSC).

1.0 RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.2 Competitors should note this event will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020), or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

1.3 The relevant rules and byelaws of Dabchicks Sailing Club (DSC) will apply. The DSC Byelaws and rules will be available on application to the organising authority.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at the Dabchicks Sailing Club.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and signalled to competitors by the displaying of code flag L ashore for at least one hour before the advertised start time of the race where it comes into effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates and times of each race within a series are in the DSC Event Calendar on the club website.

5.2 The event will comprise of 1 series of up to 14 races.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS AND INFORMATION

6.1 The class flags will be as follows.

Fast Handicap Numeral Pennant 1 (2018 PY<1220) Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, 29er, Aero

Slow Handicap Numeral Pennant 3 (2018 PY>1220) Tera, Pico, Topper, Feva

Gold Optimist Flag 'O'

6.2 Further class flags will be advised should they be necessary.

7.0 RACING AREA

The DSC racing area is in the River Blackwater Estuary.

8.0 THE COURSES

8.1 The Courses and the number of Rounds will be shown on the Committee Boat (CB) at the warning signal for each start. Marks will be indicated on a Chalk Board on the CB.

W = Windward/Leeward Course

T= Triangle/ Sausage Course

RTC = Round the Cans Course

9.0 MARKS

9.1 Marks can be any shape or colour.

9.2 The starting and finishing mark will be either a spherical or pillar buoy.

10.0 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between the main mast displaying an orange flag on the CB and a spherical or pillar buoy (as described in 9.2), adjacent the CB.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10.5 Classes may be started in any order, independently or simultaneously.

10.6 Gold Optimist may use a separate Committee Boat and course, in which case their Committee Boat will fly a Q flag.

11.0 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11.2 When a mark has been repositioned, a support boat will be stationed near the mark at the start of the leg affected, and will fly code flag "C" with repetitive sound signals, the approximate magnetic bearing of the new direction to the next mark may be displayed near the start of that leg. Should the leg be lengthened or shortened this will be done without signalling. (This changes RRS 33).

12.0 THE FINISH

12.1 The Finish line will be between the main mast displaying a blue flag on the CB and mark (as described in 9.2), adjacent the CB.

13.0 TIME LIMITS

The time limit is 75 minutes from the start signal of each fleet. The first boat in each fleet finishing within this time limit shall make the race valid. Within each fleet, any boat not completing the course in a further 30 minutes of the first boat to finish, will be deemed to have retired, and will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing.

14.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office located at DSC. Completed forms must be delivered there within the protest time limit. For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race or the race committee signals no more racing today whichever is later.

14.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at DSC and it shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for notices and their times.

14.3 Notices of protest by the race committee, protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

15.0 SCORING SYSTEM

15.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores from races completed, as follows:

Races Completed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Scores Discarded	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6

15.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 All competitors shall before going afloat sign on, using the form provided at DSC, and shall sign off within 30 minutes of coming ashore. This is a vital safety measure and failure to comply may result in disqualification without a hearing. In addition, all helms must report to the Beach Master Team to obtain an assigned Tally Band before launching and return their assigned Tally Band as soon as practically possible when coming ashore. This changes RRS 63.1, 64 & A5.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16.3 Competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat. Neither a wetsuit nor a drysuit constitute an adequate personal flotation device. Flag Y will not be displayed (changes RRS 40).

17.0 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes for each class in each series will be given as follows:

First Overall

Second Overall

Third Overall

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

17.2 Sunset Series Prize Giving Ceremony will be held after sailing, on the final Wednesday of the series.

18.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone." Where the competitor is a minor this responsibility remains with their parent or Guardian.

19.0 RISK STATEMENT

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, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property

whether afloat or ashore.

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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibility.

f) The provision of a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

20.0 INSURANCE

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