



# 2019 Club Racing for Dinghies

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

**Monday Night Dinghy Series**  
**Sunday Sessions Series**  
**Dinghy Championships**  
**Christmas Pudding Race**

Dates as per the [DSC Event Calendar](#) on the Club Website

### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
- 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](http://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

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

### 3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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

- 4.1 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 events will comprise as follows:

Event	Number of Series	Number of Races
Monday Night Series	1	7
Sunday Spring Series	1	4
Sunday Summer Series	1	4
Sunday Autumn Series	1	4
Dinghy Championships	1	3
Christmas Pudding Race	-	1

## 6.0 CLASS FLAGS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Classes may be combined or sub-divided at the discretion of the Race Committee in response to number of boats entered.

6.2 The class flags will normally be as follows:

Fast Handicap                    **Numeral Pennant 1**

Slow Handicap                   **Numeral Pennant 3**

Optimist Fleet                   **Flag 'O'**

or

Handicap Fleet (all in)       **Numeral Pennant 1**

Further class flags will be advised should they be necessary

6.3 Split between Fast and Slow Handicap will be decided by the Race Officer in response to number of boats entered. Race Officer should show class split via a written instruction on the Sign On/Off form at DSC. Appendix I – Class Split Guidance for Race Officers.

## 7.0 RACING AREA

The DSC racing area is in the River Blackwater Estuary.

## 8.0 THE COURSES

8.1 The Race Officer will notify competitors whether a Club Line Start (CLS) or Committee Boat Start (CBS) will be used via a written instruction on the Sign On/Off form at DSC.

8.2 Either **Club line starts:** The Course will be displayed via a written instruction on the Sign On/Off form at DSC.

8.3 Or **Committee Boat Starts:** 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.

8.4 If Classes are set different courses, it will be displayed alongside the Course (see 8.2 and 8.3). Otherwise, all classes are to sail the same course.

## 9.0 MARKS

9.1 Marks can be any shape or colour.

- 9.2 **Club line starts:** The inner limit mark is a fixed yellow staff topped with a red triangle on the foreshore approximately 30m in front of the start box.
- 9.3 **Committee Boat starts:** 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 Either **Club Line Starts (CLS):** defined as a transit of the staff on the start box at DSC and the staff on the foreshore approximately 30m in front of the start box. The staff on the foreshore is the inner limit mark.
- 10.3 Or **Committee Boat Start (CBS):** starting line will be between the main mast displaying an orange flag on the CB and a spherical or pillar buoy (as described in 9.3), adjacent the CB.
- 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.

## 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 Either **Club Line Finish (CLF):** defined as a transit of the staff on the start box at DSC and the staff on the foreshore approximately 30m in front of the start box. The staff on the foreshore is the inner limit mark.
- 12.2 Or **Committee Boat Finish (CBF):** finishing line will be between the main mast displaying a blue flag on the CB and a spherical or pillar buoy (as described in 9.3), adjacent the CB.

## 13.0 TIME LIMITS

The time limit is 60 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 **Club series comprising 4 or more races:** 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
Scores excluded:	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3 and so on

- 15.3 **Dinghy Championships:** One discard if 3 races completed.
- 15.4 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.5 Should a competitor undertake a Race Management Duty, points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all the races in the series except the race in question will be awarded.

## 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. 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 Details of prizes are published in the Notice of Race for each series.
- 17.2 Criteria for **The Dabchicks Trophy – Centenary Club Champion for Dinghies:**
- Results from the Saturday Spring, Summer and Autumn Series will be used.
  - For 2019 this will comprise a potential 12 races in total with 3 worst scores excluded. Should any races not be completed, the number of scores to be excluded will be adjusted as follows:

Races completed:	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15
Scores excluded:	10	10	9	9	8	8	7	7 and so on
  - A High Points Scoring System will apply. For each race, each boat will receive point(s) equal to the number of boats she beat, plus one point. If a boat is marked OCS or DNF they will be awarded one point. If a boat is marked DNS, DNC, RET or DSQ they will be awarded zero points. Should a competitor undertake a Race Management Duty, point(s) equivalent to 3<sup>rd</sup>

place in that race will be awarded. At the end of the season, the boat with the most points will be the overall champion.

- d) In the event of a tie: each tied boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boats(s) with the highest score(s). If a tie still remains they will be ranked in order of their scores in the last race.

## **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:

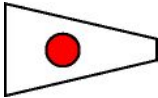
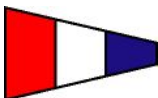
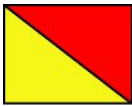
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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.

# Appendix I

## 2019 Club Racing Class/Fleet Split - Guidance for Race Officers

Class/Fleet	PN 2018 values	Class/Fleet Flags	Example Boats
Fast Handicap	1239 or lower	Numeral Pennant 1 	Musto Skiff, B14, RS 400, RS 500, RS 200, Laser, Laser Stratos, OK, RS Aero 5, Wayfarer, Enterprise, Laser Radial, Solo, Europe, Laser 4.7, Topaz Duo, Splash
Slow Handicap	1240 or higher	Numeral Pennant 3 	RS Feva XL, Sea Ranger, Topaz Uno, Pico, Topper, RS Tera Pro, Mirror, RS Tera Sport
Optimist	= 1665	O Flag 	

a) The handicaps normally used will be the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme, as defined for the year of the event.

b) The Sailing Committee may, in their absolute discretion:

- Vary any handicap rating;
- Allocate a rating to any class not listed in RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme

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