

DABCHICKS REGATTA (RESCHEDULED RACES),

MFOB Summer Points 6 and

SUNDAY SESSIONS - AUTUMN RACE 1

1st September 2019

Notice of Race

(Full Sailing Instructions will be available on the day)

1. **Organising Authority:** The races are organised by the Dabchicks Sailing Club in collaboration with the Mersea Fisherman's Open Boat Association.
2. **Rules:** The races will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the RYA prescriptions thereto, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any Appendices issued.
3. **Advertising:** All boats and their crews shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, the Advertising Code.
4. **Eligibility:**
 - A) The re-scheduled Regatta races are open to those competitors who entered the Dabchicks Regatta on Sunday 11th August in the following classes:-
 - Mersea Fisherman's Open Boats: This Class will also be governed by the Class Rules and safety regulations of the Mersea Fisherman's Open Boat Association. For details please contact:-Mark Farthing (Chairman) – Tel 07730110728. The handicaps used will be those issued by the Mersea Fisherman's Boat Association.
 - Medium Regatta Dinghies: This class is open to boats of any recognized monohull dinghy class. The handicaps used will be the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System (Dinghy Classes).
 - B) Series Racing:
 - Mersea Fisherman's Open Boats Summer Points 6: Open to all members of the Mersea Fisherman's Open Boats Association.
 - Sunday Sessions Dinghies Autumn Race 1: This class is governed by the Dabchicks Sailing Club Dinghy Racing Sailing Instructions and associated Notice of Race.
5. **Start Times:**

Slow Division MFOB	13.30	Code Board E
Fast Division MFOB	13.40	Code Board Z
Medium Regatta Dinghy	14.20	Code Board T
Sunday Sessions Dinghy	14.30	Code Board Numeral 1

Start and Finish on the DSC line
6. **Risk Statement:** RRS Rule 4 states 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' Sailing is by its very nature an unpredictable sport and

therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that: 6.1. 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; 6.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; 6.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions; 6.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate; 6.5. 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 responsibilities; and 6.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances .

7. **Disclaimer of Liability:** 7.1. The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. 7.2. Parents or Guardians of people under the age of 18 must be confident in their child's ability to sail in the prevailing conditions and without support services. They should not permit their child to start or to continue to race if they are in any doubt as to their child's ability.
8. **Safety of Boat and Crew:** MFOBs must comply with the specific safety requirements set out in the MFOB Sailing Instructions 2019: Mandatory Items :☑ Lifejackets or buoyancy aids for all crew members, a suitable anchor and warp, a bucket, adequate buoyancy, with the aim of keeping the boat in an upright position when swamped. And a painter 1.5 times length of boat with a float tied to the end. Recommended Items: Hand Flares. Assistance: The nearest boat to any capsized must stand by and give assistance if necessary with due consideration for safety at all times. Manual Means of Propulsion: In the event of gear failure all efforts should be made to return to a safe mooring under own power. Therefore a manual means of propulsion should be carried i.e. oars and rowlocks or sculling oar.
9. **Signing On/Off :** All MFOB and Dinghy skippers must sign-on and sign-off at the DSC before and after each race.
10. **Support Boats:** 10.1. The DSC and the MFOB Association will provide Support Boat services for the Dinghy and MFOB classes. 10.2. The provision of Support Boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities. 10.3. Support Boat Services may be withdrawn at any time without prior notice due to stress of weather, mechanical breakdown, shortage of crew, or other unforeseen contingency.
11. **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.