



2019 Club Racing for Dinghies NOTICE OF RACE

Comprising:

Christmas Pudding Race Saturday 28th December 2019 High Water 13:25

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The racing is organised by Dabchicks Sailing Club.

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
- 2.2 The relevant rules and byelaws of Dabchicks sailing Club will apply.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Any club member sailing a recognised monohull class dinghy is eligible to enter.
- 3.2
 - a) The handicaps normally used will be the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System, 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 System
- 3.3 Competitors may be divided into different classes as per the [Sailing Instructions](#).

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 **Registration:** Competitors shall register by signing on prior to racing on the day.
- 4.2 **Racing Programme:** One race is scheduled due to start at 12:00pm.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The [Sailing Instructions](#) are available for all competitors on the club website www.dabchicks.org.

6.0 SAILING AREA

Courses to be sailed are in the River Blackwater Estuary.

7.0 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed are specified in the [Sailing Instructions](#). It is anticipated to be a Club Line Start and Finish, however this may change at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8.0 SCORING

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

9.0 PRIZES

The Christmas Pudding Trophy and the Christmas Cracker Trophy will be awarded after the racing in the bar. Separate prizes will be awarded for each separate fleet racing. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee in response to number of boats entered.

10.0 SAFETY

All boats will be required to sign on before going afloat and sign off within 30 minutes of coming ashore.

11.0 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.

12.0 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.

13.0 INSURANCE

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

14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

It is anticipated that the bar will be open after the racing for the Prize Giving where mince pies and mulled wine will be available.