



Sunset Series 2020 Notice of Race/Series

Dates as per the DSC Event Calendar on the Club Website

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The racing is organised by Dabchicks Sailing Club.

2.0 RULES

2.1 Any racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 The relevant rules and byelaws of Dabchicks sailing Club will apply.

2.3 The organising authority wish to point out to all competitors and their support teams the changes to RRS2, RRS3, RRS69. On registration you will be required to sign the following statement: As a Parent/Guardian/Support person, I acknowledge and agree that I am bound personally by the rules, including the responsibilities of a competitor under rule 3 with regard to support persons.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Any club member who will reach the age 8 years old or older by 31 August 2020, sailing a recognised mono-hull class dinghy is eligible to enter. However, parents should not that the training provided by the parent volunteer coaches as part of Sunset Series is focused on certain designated dinghy classes : Optimist, Topper, RS Terra, RS Fever and Laser.

3.2 The handicaps used will be the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System, as defined for the year of the series.

3.3 The split between Handicap Classes will be made by the Race Committee. Details of the split will be given in the Sailing Instructions (see 5.0), as will the details of the classes and prizes being competed for.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Registration: Competitors shall register by completing and returning the Sunset Series Application Form available via club website.

4.2 The sailing and racing programme is as per the DSC Event Calendar available on the club website.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions are available for all competitors on the club website one week before the first scheduled series session/race on the clubs website.

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 (see 5.0).

8.0 SCORING

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

8.2 Races per series and number of races to constitute a series are shown in the Sailing Instructions (see 5.0).

9.0 PRIZES

9.1 Prizes will be awarded if a series of sufficient races is completed but also prizes may be awarded by the coaches to cadets on merit for effort and attainment at the discretion of the Sunset Committee.

10.0 SAFETY

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

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, safety and support boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibility.
- f) The provision of a safety/support 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.