

Sunset Series 2021 Notice of Series

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority is the Dabchicks Sailing Club. ("DSC")

2 SERIES DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

2.1 Sunset is a series of coached sailing sessions aimed at the DSC's cadet members. The emphasis is on providing fun learning through coached sailing exercises and some short course coached racing.

2.2 The objective of Sunset is to help the DSC's cadet members have fun whilst learning to sail in order that they become enthusiastic, active and competent sailors.

3 RULES

3.1 Sunset Series , sailing and racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

3.2 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times - Sailors must wear personal floatation devices when on the water. Wetsuits and dry suits are not personal floatation devices.

3.3 The relevant rules and byelaws of DSC will apply. A copy of these is available in the Downloads section of the DSC website.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Sunset 2021 Sessions are planned to run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from beginning of May through to the end of July. However, it should be noted that changes in COVID restrictions, the availability of voluntary coaching and safety resources and sailor numbers may necessitate changes to these planned schedules. Sailors and parents must check the Sailing Programme and Sunset Pages on the DSC website for the latest updates to the schedule.

4.2 Sunset 2021 will be sailed in separate sessions as follows:

Evening	Fleet	Class
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Monday	Outside Fleet	Lasers, Toppers, Picos, RS Teras, RS Fevas and others
	Gold /Silver Fleet	Optimist - Intermediate & Advanced (generally 4th/5th year sailors)
Tuesday	Diamond Fleet	Optimists – Beginner / 1st year sailors.
Wednesday	Emerald & Bronze	Optimist - Intermediate (generally 2nd & 3rd year sailors)

4.3 Sessions will normally be expected to start with a briefing at 6pm.

5 COMMUNICATION

5.1 Notices to cadet sailors and parents ('participants') will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at the Dabchicks Sailing Club.

5.2 WhatsApp groups will be set up for Sunset and for each fleet. These will be advised at the briefing and before each session.

6 ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

6.1 The number of entries will be limited based on the coaching and safety resources that we have available for the series. As the Organising Authority, DSC retains the sole right to limit the total entry numbers during the application process.

6.2 Any cadet member is eligible to apply to participate in Sunset Series.

6.3 For the purposes of Sunset Series 2021 a DSC member who will reach the age of 8 years by 31 August 2021 will be treated as an eligible cadet for Sunset. A sailor who is 19 years old or older by 31 August 2021 is not eligible for Sunset Series.

6.4 Cadets must apply to participate by completing the Sunset Series 2021 application form published on the DSC website. Applications open on 1 March 2021 and close on 31 March 2021.

- 6.5 Submission of the application does not guarantee a place in Sunset Series 2021. As the sessions are primarily coaching sessions, places are limited by the number of suitable coaches that we have available. The coaches are other DSC members who volunteer and the number varies from year to year. We will not know what coaching capacity is available until all applications have been received and reviewed. Based upon the volunteers we have available the number of places available in each fleet will be determined.**
- 6.6 Sunset coaching is structured around cadets starting their sailing in Optimists, beginning at the age of 8 years. Due to the Cancellation of Sunset Series in 2020, priority for new joiners in the Diamond fleet for 2021 will be given to those who reach the age of 8 or 9 years old in the 12 months to 31 August 2021.**
- 6.7 Where a cadet wishes to join Sunset for the first time in 2021 who will be 10 years old or older on 31 August 2021, the cadet will need to be able to demonstrate that they have a sailing ability that is on a par with the fleet relevant for their age group. The ability for that cadet to join that fleet will also depend upon whether there is coaching capacity to accept additional sailors in that fleet. In these fleets, priority will be given to applications from sailors who sailed with Sunset in 2019.**

7 VOLUNTEERING

- 7.1 Running Sunset takes significant volunteer effort. It is a condition for participation in Sunset that at least one parent (or guardian) volunteers for at least one Sunset session each week of the series. Volunteer activities include coaching, safety support helm/crew, beach support and galley. The parent's volunteering duties must be pledged in the cadet's Sunset application. The allocation of volunteers to required duties will be performed to ensure that all required duties are covered for each session. This may mean that some parents may be asked to perform different volunteer duties to those that the parent has requested/pledged. Parents must attend and perform the agreed volunteer duties for each session as a condition for their child's participation in Sunset Series.**

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sunset Series 2021 Sailing Instructions will be available for all participants on the Sunset Page of the Club website one week before the first scheduled series session.
- 8.2 All sailors and at least one parent/guardian MUST attend the pre-season Sunset Sailor briefing [scheduled for 21 April 2021]. Attendance is a condition for participation in the series. The location and final date and time for this briefing will be published on the Sunset page of the DSC Website.
- 8.3 Where Sunset combines with DSC Club racing on Mondays (Outside Fleet and Optimist Gold/Silver Fleets) the relevant Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for that series are provided in the Club's Dinghy combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions published on the DSC website.

9 SAILING AREA & COURSES

- 9.1 Sunset is sailed in the Blackwater Estuary including the creeks of Mersea and Salcott.
- 9.2 Where Outside Fleet and Gold/Silver Optimist fleets sail with DSC's Monday night racing, the courses will be set in accordance with the Club's Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions which can be found in the Dinghy section of the DSC website.
- 9.3 Any other Sunset courses will be arranged by respective coaches and advised to sailors as part of their pre-session briefing.

10 SCORING & PRIZES

- 10.1 Where a series of races is run and recorded as part of Sunset, 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

10.2 Sunset prizes will be awarded if a series of sufficient races is completed. Prizes may be awarded by the coaches to cadets on merit for effort and attainment. The issue of prizes will be at the discretion of the Sunset Coaches/Committee.

11 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

11.1 There will be support boats and safety boats for the series.

11.2 If you wish to volunteer as part of the safety fleet or support fleet you can indicate this when completing the Sunset 2021 application form.

11.3 Further specific safety boat instructions and support boat instructions will be explained at the Safety Briefing scheduled for [28 April 2021].

12 SAFETY – SIGNING ON & OFF AND TALL ON & OFF

12.1 All sailors will be required to sign on before going afloat and sign off within 30 minutes of coming. A tally system will also be in operation. Details for how sailors and parents will be required to sign on and off for each Sunset session and the process for the tally on and off the water will be set out in the Sunset Series 2021 Sailing Instructions.

13 BOAT INSPECTIONS

13.1 As part of the preparation for Sunset series each year, the coaches conduct specific but limited boat inspections for the Optimist Diamond, Emerald and Bronze fleets.

13.2 These inspections are performed to assist parents and sailors in preparing their boats and to help coaches with the smooth and effective running of each fleet on the water.

13.3 All boats in these fleets must pass these inspections and any issues identified must be resolved to the satisfaction of the relevant fleet coach before a sailor will be permitted to sail.

13.4 The dates for boat inspections will be published on the DSC website.

13.5 These inspections are NOT intended to provide any assurance on the seaworthiness of the boat. It remains the exclusive responsibility of

the sailor and their parent/guardian to ensure that their boat is seaworthy and in a safe working order.

14 COVID 19

14.1 Sunset Series will be run in accordance with any national or local COVID restrictions that may be in force during 2021.

14.2 Each participant agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any national and local regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID 19 and for complying with the DSC's COVID 19 procedures.

14.3 Participants shall comply with any reasonable request from a DSC official. Failure to comply may be regarded as a misconduct that could result in exclusion from Sunset Series. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID 19 guidance protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary are not improper actions or omissions.

15 DATA PROTECTION

15.1 By entering the Sunset Series, you agree to provide personal data to DSC. DSC will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the series, in accordance with DSC's Data privacy policy which may be found on the DSC website.

16 RISK STATEMENT & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 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 sailor is a minor this responsibility remains with their parent or Guardian.

16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the series, each participant 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 if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

16.3 It is the responsibility of participants to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this series drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or series and to attend the Sailor & Parent and Safety briefings held for the series.

17 INSURANCE

17.1 Each Participating sailing boat and volunteer support boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or equivalent.