



2021 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 concurrent [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#).

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 or at <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 [Notice Board](#)

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	9
Sunday Series	3	21
Dinghy Championships	1	3
Christmas Pudding Race	1	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.

6.4 Other than reefing, if any sail size is changed which carries its' own PY number, this will be deemed as a separate entry into the series.

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 which is a transit to 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 previous mark and will fly code flag "C" with repetitive sound signals, the approximate magnetic bearing of the new direction to the repositioned mark may be displayed. Should the leg be lengthened or shortened this will be done without signaling. (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.

12.3 Or **Support Boat Finish (SBF)**: finishing line between a fixed point on board to the nearest mark or buoy on the course.

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, maybe deemed to have retired, and may 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 A4 will apply to races, series and Championships.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 Should a competitor undertake a Race Management Duty or Support Boat Duty, points equal to the average points in all their races of the series excluding discards.

15.4 **Club series comprising 4 or more races:** A boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst scores from races completed, as follows:

Races completed	1 to 3	4 to 5	6 to 7	>=8
Discards	0	1	2	3

15.5 **Dinghy Championships Weekend:** One discard if 3 races completed.

15.6 **The Dabchicks Trophy – Centenary Club Champion for Dinghies:** Results from the Sunday Session races will be used with discards applied to the compilation of races as described in 15.4.

16.0 PRIZES

16.1 Details of prizes are published in the Notice of Race for each series.

17.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All competitors shall before going afloat sign on, using the form provided at DSC or WhatsApp group (with Name, Boat Type, Sail Number and complete the online [Personal Location Form](#)), and shall sign off within 30 minutes of coming ashore via WhatsApp or in person with the Race Officer. This is a vital safety measure and failure to comply may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, 64 & A5.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.

17.3 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).



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 assistance of the event organisers and the 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.

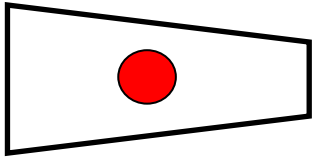
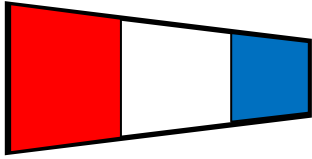
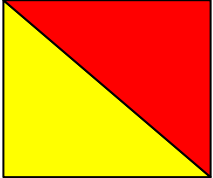
20.0 INSURANCE

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

2021 Club Racing Class/Fleet Split - Guidance for Race Officers

Class/Fleet	PY 2020 values	Class/Fleet Flags	Example Boats
Fast Handicap	1243 or lower	Numeral Pennant 1 	B14, RS 400, RS 500, RS 200, Laser, OK, RS Aero 5,7,9, Wayfarer, Enterprise, Laser Radial, Solo, Europe, Laser 4.7, Topaz Duo, Firefly,
Slow Handicap	1244 or higher	Numeral Pennant 3 	RS Feva XL, Signet Sea Ranger, Topaz Uno, Pico, Topper, RS Tera Pro, Mirror, RS Tera Sport
Optimist	= 1642	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

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