



2022 Club Racing for Dinghies

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

**Monday Night Series, Monday Dash Series,
Sunday Sessions Series', Performance Series*
Sundowner Series*, Winter Series, Dinghy Cup Racing*,
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 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.
- 1.3 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (This changes RRS63.7).

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at <https://dabchicks.org/race-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 signaled 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 <https://dabchicks.org/calendar/> on the club website.

- 5.2 The events will comprise as follows:

Event	Number of Series	Number of Races
Monday Night Series	1	7
Monday Dash Series	1	4
Sunday Series	3	21
Sundowner Series	1	4
Performance Racing	1	5
Dinghy Championships	1	3
Winter Series	1	6
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:

Mixed Handicap **Numeral Pennant 1**

Solos **Flag 'T'**

ILCA **Flag 'Z'**

Optimist/Topper Fleet **Flag 'O'**

Or

Handicap Fleet (all in) **Numeral Pennant 1**

Further class flags will be advised should they be necessary

6.3 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 A pin-mark will be attached to the mooring buoy of 'Omar' positioned to the south of the hammerhead. This mark must be left port when passing in an easterly direction, and left to starboard when traveling in a westerly direction.

8.4 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.

8.5 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 The **Club line** inner limit mark is a fixed yellow staff topped with a red triangle on the foreshore approximately 30m in front of the start box.

9.3 The Club outer limit mark is a yellow triangle fixed to a pile on the south side of Ray Creek.

9.4 **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 clubhouse start box and 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 in 10.2
- 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 90 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 use the WhatsApp group to show intent to race. Competitors must sign on before going afloat, using the form provided at DSC (with Name, Boat Type, Sail Number), and shall sign off within 30 minutes of coming ashore. 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 3 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

See Notice of Race 18


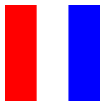


20.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.



Appendix I

2022 Club Racing Class/Fleet Split – Guidance for Race Officers

Class/Fleet	Class/Fleet Flags
Mixed Handicap Or / & All in Handicap	Numeral Pennant 1 
Solo Fleet	Flag 'T' 
ILCA Fleet	Flag 'Z' 
Optimist & Topper Fleet	Flag 'O' 

Races will be scored using the Dabchicks PY numbers issued by RYA PY online dated 5/1/22.

New entries whose boat class do not appear will be scored for her first 4 races using National Portsmouth Yardsticks numbers before the Dabchicks Handicap is calculated via RYA PY Online.

Classes may be started in any order, independently or simultaneously.