

Notice of Race
DSC Optimist Open Meeting

Saturday 2nd July 2022

Hosted by Dabchicks Sailing Club
Coast Road, West Mersea, Colchester, Essex CO5 8NX

The Organising Authority (OA) is Dabchicks Sailing Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.
This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All documents including any amendments, pertaining to this event are available at <https://dabchicks.org/optimist-open-2nd-july-2022/>
The Exoneration Penalty of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 1.3. The relevant rules and byelaws of Dabchicks Sailing Club apply.
- 1.4. Rule 40.1 shall apply at all times on the water.
- 1.5. Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have a status of a rule. [DP]
- 1.6. RRS 77 Identification on Sails does not apply. Boats shall however display a sail number or other clearly visible marking on their sail that is distinct from that of any other boat in the same class entered in the event, and shall inform the race committee of that sail number or marking when entering or registering on the day.
- 1.7. The following Rules have been changed, Appendix A 5.1, A5.2, A10, RRS 33, 35, 60.1(a), 77, 61.1b, 62.1a, 62.2, 63.1

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the DSC website at least one week before the event and copies will also be available at Registration.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official noticeboard is located at <https://dabchicks.org/optimist-open-2nd-july-2022/>

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Optimist dinghy class.
- 4.2. Sailors must 15 years old, or younger than 15 years old, on the 31 December 2022 in order that their age at the event is in accordance with the Optimist Class rules
- 4.3. Eligible boats shall enter online by submitting a completed Entry form. PLEASE NOTE: Online entry is not complete until you receive the automated confirmation email. (Check for that email – including spam folders!)



- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Online entry shall close at 22:00pm on 29th June 2022 and entries after this will only be accepted at the discretion of the DSC. Please contact: Charles MacLennan by email: charles.maclennan@dabchicks.org.
- 4.6. As competitors are under the age of 16 years they must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone over 18 years of age acting in loco parentis while at the club. The responsible adult shall remain at or near the club, and be available to take responsibility for the competitor at all times while the competitor is at the club (including while they are on the water). Forms must be completed online via the event website.
- 4.7 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply.
Optimist main fleet 40 boats
Optimist Regatta fleet 40 boats
- 4.8 When the limit has been reached a waiting list will be started by fleet. Priority will be given to those who entered earliest on line
- 4.9 The responsible adult and competitors shall register together online as stated in NOR 9.1.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Online Entries must be submitted.

Entries received before 22:00 on 29th June 2022.	£12/sailor 50% Discount for DSC Members
ALL entries received after 22:00 on 29 th June	£15/sailor No discounts

- 5.2 Should the event be cancelled, a refund of at least 85% of the entry fee will be made after transfer fees. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed to by and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

N/A

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may also be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority [DP]

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

N/A

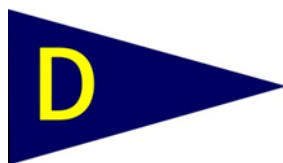
9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration

Date	Class	Open	Close	Location
2nd July 2022	Optimist (all)	0930	1030	Clubhouse

9.2 Equipment Inspection

See NOR 10



9.3 Number of Races

Class	Number of Races	Races per day scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Optimist Main fleet	4	4	4
Optimist Regatta fleet	4	4	4

9.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is;

Date	Class	Time of first warning signal (not before)	Races
2nd July 2022	Main fleet	1230	4
2nd July 2022	Regatta fleet	1230	4

9.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00

9.6 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race

9.7 Other events

Date	Event	Time	Location
2 nd July 2022	Briefing	1030	Clubhouse
2 nd July 2022	Prizegiving	ASAP after racing	Clubhouse

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.2 A boat may not protest another boat for a breach of class rules. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [NP] Competitors should note in particular that use of replica equipment that does not convey a competitive advantage will not normally be penalised.

11. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

N/A

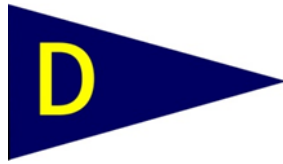
12. VENUE

12.1 A plan of the event venue layout will be available on arrival.

12.2 NOR Appendix Two shows the Race area.

12.3 Racing for Main Fleet and Regatta Fleet racing shall take place on the open, tidal waters of the River Blackwater. Before entering, sailors and their parents or guardians shall ensure they are competent to race on these waters.

12.4 The Regatta Fleet is proposed to be run as a 'fun racing fleet' for less experienced sailors who will be coached 'from the back' to get them around the course. The Regatta Fleet course will



be decided on the day by the CRO, depending on the conditions, but is likely to take place on a separate course with a separate start line located in more sheltered waters.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 Courses to be sailed will be advised at the briefing and in the sailing instructions.
- 13.2 The target time for each race will be 30 minutes, failure to achieve the target time are not grounds for redress.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
 - 15.2.1 When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.2.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 There will be no support boats at this event, only safety fleet.
- 16.2 Personal equipment such as food bags, drinks, spare parts, and extra clothing will not be stored on any official boat for the duration of the event. Competitors should ensure that for the duration of the event they carry sufficient food and water on their own boat for the scheduled daily races.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

N/A

18. BERTHING AND LAUNCHING

- 18.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned area of the dinghy park during the event from the start of their event until the completion of the final race. [DP]
- 18.2. Tallying shall be required. Details will be in the sailing instructions [DP]

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

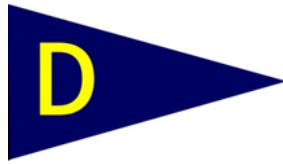
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20. DIVING EQUIPMENT & PLASTIC POOLS

N/A

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for



processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority, and/or World Sailing. racingrulesofsailing.org used for hearings may use servers in Canada. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 22.2 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:
- 22.2.1 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;
- 22.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 22.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 22.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 22.2.5 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;
- 22.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- 22.2.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each Participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5 million per event or equivalent.

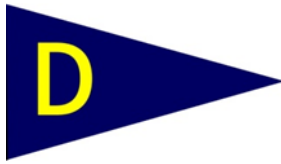
24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Trophies and prizes will be presented at the discretion of DSC.

25 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 25.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE



Appendix ONE – Race Area

