In 2015, there were just two Solo dinghies at Dabchicks SC; in contrast, we are now into double figures, including several owners who have returned to dinghy racing in their "later years" after quite lengthy spells of yacht racing. Club racing takes place around high tide on most Sundays, in addition to which we have a Monday Evening Series in the summer months and the long established annual Mersea Week. Whether you're at the front of the fleet or a little further back, you'll find our racing is friendly yet competitive. Whilst we race within the full handicap fleet, with a turnout of at least six boats we have our own start.

The Solo dinghy was designed by Jack Holt as long ago as 1956, but remains one of the most popular single handers in the UK. By choosing the right mast and sail combination, a Solo can be sailed competitively by men and women weighing from 10.5 to 16 stone. The boat is quick, stable and exciting to sail. Most new boats are made from FRP, but wooden and composite boats can be just as competitive. For lots more information about the Solo, please visit the class website www.solosailing.org.uk

Boats hold their value well and there's usually a small range of second hand boats for sale at varying prices. If you're thinking about buying a Solo to sail at the Dabchicks, please get in touch, as we can endeavour to assist you in finding the right boat. You'll also get some great advice and support if you need any help. Both the Dabchicks and our Solo fleet welcomes new members, and if you'd like to know more about owning and sailing a Solo with us, please get in touch with Julian Lord – email jandjlord@ntlworld.com Tel 07875 936902 who will be only too pleased to help.

Sail No	Builder	Owner
6015	Winder Mk 1A	Simon Jacklin
5540	Gosling	Keith Stubbs
5378	Winder Mk 1	Brian Lamb
5270	Winder Mk 2	Viv Fox
5242	Winder Mk 1	Andrew Stebbing
5201	Winder Mk 1	Robin Gozzett
4928	JJ Boats	Dave Royce
4808	Speed	Paul Berry
4640	Winder Mk 1	John Mastin
3961	Thresher	Allen Vince
3693	Thresher	Steve Dines