



Notice of Race
Hornet National Championships 2024
13th to 16th July 2024

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Hosted by Dabchicks Sailing Club
The Organising Authority (OA) is National Hornet Class Association in conjunction with the 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).

The notation '[SP]' in a rule in the SI means that for a breach of this rule a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing." This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Rules of the Dabchicks Sailing Club.
- 1.2. The Post-Race Penalty and Appendix T will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet.
- 1.3. In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 1.4. [NP, DP] RRS 40.1 will apply at all times on the water

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Hornet official notice board on or before 6th July 2024

3. Communication

- 3.1. [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.2. The online official noticeboard is located at [Hornet official notice board](#)

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Hornet Class.



- 4.2. Entries will only be accepted via the event website, which can be accessed via the [booking website](#).
- 4.3. Entries from Russia or Belarus or with those country nationality letters are rejected in accordance with World Sailing guidelines.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Competitors shall be members of the UK Hornet Class Association. For Youth and Master categories, the competitors' age will determine in which category they are eligible.
- 4.6. The closing date for entries is 10th July 2024. Entries after the 10th July 2024 will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising authority.
- 4.7. Sailors aged under eighteen on the first day of the event will need to have a Parent/Guardian Declaration form completed and signed by a parent or guardian, to confirm that the parent/guardian understands and accepts that their sailors are entirely responsible throughout the event for themselves and their boats on land and on the water. Forms must be completed online via the booking website.
- 4.8. Entry to the event shall be limited to the first thirty entries received from eligible boats.
- 4.9. accompanied by the required fee

5. Fees

5.1.

Competitor	Early entry from (1/2/24) to (23:59 30/4/24)	Standard entry Fee up to 23:59 on 10/7/24.	
All Competitors except below	£210	£230	Includes six meals
U25 Competitors	£145	£230	Includes six meals
U18 Competitors	£105	£230	Includes six meals

2. The sum of £30 per person is included in the entry fee which includes tickets for the Chili evening, BBQ, Curry and Jacket meals, for both helm and crew. Should either/neither attend there is no refund.
3. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.
4. Social event tickets for family and guests should be ordered separately online.



5. Should the event be cancelled by the organisers, 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. Cancellation of entry

Cancellation Date	Refund
Before 23:59 on 10th July 2024	Entry fee less £15 administration charge
After 23:59 on 10th July 2024	if a competitor does not attend and fails to notify the club before July 10th there will be no refund

6. Crew Limitations

- 6.1. A boat wishing to substitute a helm or crew after registration shall make prior written request to the race committee to do so. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the race committee.

7. Advertising

1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

8. Format of Racing

2. Races will take place in the Blackwater River Estuary.
3. Courses will be a combination of Triangle/Sausages.

9. Schedule

4. Registration

Date	Class	Open	Close	Location
12/7/24	Hornet	17:00	18:00	DSC Bar
13/7/24	Hornet	08:30	09:15	DSC Bar



2. Number of Races

Class	Number of Races (max)	Max Races per day	Target time
Hornet	8	3	60 mins

3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is

Date	Class	Time of first warning signal (not before)	Races Scheduled
13/7/24	Hornet	12:55	2
14/7/24	Hornet	11:55	2
15/7/24	Hornet	11:55	2
16/7/24	Hornet	11:25	2

4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00

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

6. Other events

Date	Event	Time	Location
13/7/24	Competitor Briefing	11:00	DSC Bar
13/7/24	Chili Evening	19:00	DSC Bar
14/7/24	BBQ evening	19:00	DSC Bar
15/7/24	Curry with Jackets	19:00	DSC Bar
16/7/24	Prizegiving	ASAP after racing	DSC Bar

10. Equipment Inspection

10.1. [DP] Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate on registration as required under Nor 4.1.

10.2. [NP, DP] The event is being sailed on a tidal estuary. Boats shall carry the following equipment at all times afloat:

10.2.1. Ten metres of minimum diameter 8 mm towing warp which is not part of the running rigging and is available for immediate use.



- 10.3. At the point of registration competitors may register up to two sets of sails. Measurement stamps will be checked. At the discretion of the Race Committee, boats and gear may be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement prior to and during the event, including weighing.
- 10.4. [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.
- 10.5. [DP] A boat wishing to use a sail displaying numbers other than those registered for the boat shall make prior written request to the Race Committee to do so. Dispensation will be given provided that no other boat is using the same number

11. Venue

- 11.1. NOR Appendix one shows the Race area.
- 11.2. The intended racing area will be The Blackwater Estuary

12. The Courses

- 12.1. The courses to be sailed will be a combination of Triangles/Sausages. Full details will be in the SI together with race mark descriptions.

13. Scoring

- 13.1. Three series races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.
 - 13.1.1. When fewer than five series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 13.1.2. When from 5 to 8 series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

14. Support Vessels

- 14.1. All support and coach boats shall register with DSC in advance by email to the club manager.
- 14.2. Support Boats will comply with the support boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.3. Support person vessels shall be allowed and shall be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.
- 14.4. Support boats shall be controlled within the race area, they will not be free to roam up and down the course during racing, further details will be included within the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.5. All support boat helms shall attend all the safety briefings.
- 14.6. Each support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels. RRS 37 shall apply.
- 14.7. Support boat drivers and crews shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 14.8. When the support boat engine is running, coach/support boat drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out of the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
- 14.9. Each coach/support boat is required to carry an anchor and line suitable for anchoring in twenty-five meters depth of water, a tow line, compass, and device for making sound signals.
- 14.10. Official, Patrol and Support person vessels may be required to be marked with an appropriate coloured flag and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.
- 14.11. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support person vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will



be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so. [DP]

- 14.12. For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 100m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 100m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race.

15. Safety

- 15.1. A tally system to account for the launch and safe return of all competitors will be in operation. Details are included in the SIs and location of the Tally Board will be confirmed at the competitor's briefing

16. Berthing

- 16.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in the boat park area designated at registration. Boats shall use the same space during the whole event.

17. Data Protection

- 17.1. By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the event, and of all of his/her material related to the event, without compensation, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the event. 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 and/or World Sailing, Racingrulesofsailing.org. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18. Risk Statement

- 18.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." 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:
- 18.1.1. 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.
- 18.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their property whether afloat or ashore.
- 18.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 18.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 18.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 18.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.



18.1.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

19. Insurance

19.1. [NP, DP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the equivalent in other currencies.

20. Prizes

20.1. The following prizes will be awarded.

Prize	Awarded
Holland Hornet	First Lady helm overall
Contechs Combination Trophy	Buddy Trophy
Rakk Trophy	First Race win
Storm Bringer Trophy	Highest placed oldest boat
Challenge Trophy	First championship as a helm
Overall winner Day one results	Jack Holt Trophy
Overall winner Day two results	Founders Trophy
Overall winner Day three results	Kenny Trophy
Overall winner Day four results	Walker Trophy
Tigers Head Trophy	Junior Champions
Haggis Trophy	First mixed crew
Hornet Trophy	National Champions

21. Further Information

21.1. [NP, DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.



Appendix A

Sailing Area



END OF NOTICE OF RACE



Accommodation

17th Colchester Sea Scout Group (Mersea HQ) have kindly allowed us to hire their facilities for the Hornet Nationals event, from 12-16th July 2024.

It is within easy **walking distance** of the clubhouse and Waterfront and has **parking space** for those staying in the hut.

For more information on the event page below then entry form or to go straight to book your bunk(s) click [Scout Hut](#)