



# 2024 Club Racing for Dinghies

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

### Monday Night Dinghy Series

#### Monday Autumn Dash

#### Spring Series

#### Summer Series

#### Autumn Series

#### Sundowner Week

#### Dinghy Cup

#### Christmas Pudding Race

#### Monday Night Outside start series

Dates as per the [DSC Sailing Programme](#) on the Club Website

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. [DP] Protocols relating to Covid 19 may be published at any time and will state if they have a status of a rule.
- 1.2. The races will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any Appendices. 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. 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. 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. Changes Race Signals

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Dabchicks Sailing Club mainmast.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates and times of each race within a series are in the <https://dabchicks.org/sailing-programme-2024> on the club website.



5.2. The events will be as per calendar

**6. CLASS FLAGS AND INFORMATION**

6.1. Classes may be combined or sub-divided at the discretion of the Organising authority 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' This changes flag signals and RRS 30.2
Optimist/Topper Fleet	Flag 'O'
MFOB Flags	TBA on order
RS700	Numeral Pennant 7
Performance Class	Numeral Pennant 7

Further class flags will be advised should they be necessary



## **7. RACING AREA**

7.1. The DSC racing area is in the River Blackwater Estuary.

## **8. 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.  
Or
- 8.3. 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.

## **9. 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. 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.  
Or
- 10.3. 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 9.4), 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. 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 signalling. (This changes RRS 33).

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 Either Club Line Finish (CLF): defined in 10.2  
Or
- 12.2 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.  
Or



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

### 13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. 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 45 minutes of the first boat to finish, will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing.

### 14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 In addition to RRS 61.1(a) (hail protest) a boat intending to protest should notify the Race Officer immediately upon finishing the race or retiring and await acknowledgement. The display of a red flag is not required. This changes RRS 61.1 (a)
- 14.2 Protests/Redress shall be lodged at the Clubhouse with Race Officer. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit using the online form available Protest form
- 14.3 The protest time limit for each class is 90 minutes after the last boat of each class has finished the last race of the day or after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 14.4 A Hearing/Arbitration Schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after a protest has been lodged, but not later than 30 minutes after the end of Protest Time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be heard in the order specified on the Hearing Schedule. Parties and witnesses are required to be available at the time stated on the Hearing Schedule. It is the responsibility of each party to ensure their witnesses are available.
- 14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) hearings.
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

### 15. SCORING SYSTEM

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. 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
Discards	0	1	2

- 15.4. Dinghy Cup Weekend: One discard if 3 races completed.
- 15.5. The Dabchicks Trophy – Centenary Club Champion for Dinghies: Results from the Spring, Summer, Autumn series with discards applied to the combined results as described in 15.4.
- 15.6. Rule A5.3 shall apply.



## 16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Details of overall prizes are published in the Notice of Race.
- 16.2. Further prizes will be awarded for the overall series in the following categories:
  - 16.2.1. First under 18 boy helm
  - 16.2.2. First under 25 helm
  - 16.2.3. First Master  $\geq 55$  years  $\leq 64$  years
  - 16.2.4. First Grand Master  $\geq 65$  years
  - 16.2.5. First under 18 girl helm
  - 16.2.6. First Female helm
  - 16.2.7. First Solo
  - 16.2.8. First ILCA
  - 16.2.9. First RS700

## 17. 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. RISK STATEMENT

See Notice of Race 18

## 19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3million