



DABCHICKS FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISER SERIES 2024

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The races are organised by Dabchicks Sailing Club.

2. RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the RYA prescriptions thereto, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any Appendices issued.

2.1 The time limit in RRS 90.3(e) is altered to 48 hours.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the club's website

4. ELIGIBILITY

The Races are open to boats owned by or chartered to a member of any RYA recognized Yacht Club or Sailing Club.

5. HANDICAPS & CLASSES

Races will be scored using handicaps issued by the Local Handicap Committee. Yachts with a rating of under 1000 will race in the Fast fleet and those with ratings of 1000 and above will race in the slow fleet.

6. SCHEDULE of EVENTS

There are scheduled fourteen races to be held each Friday evening from 3rd May to 2nd August.

7. RISK STATEMENT

RRS Rule 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 very nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

7.1. 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;

- 7.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 7.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 7.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 7.5. 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;
- 7.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

8. SAFETY of BOAT and CREW

- 8.1 All competitors must, before racing, deposit a signed Safety Declaration (available on the club's website) with WMYC..
- 8.2 Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

9. INSURANCE

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