



DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB FRIDAY NIGHT SERIES 2024

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 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.

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

2. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag mast at Dabchicks Sailing Club.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES & ELIGIBILITY

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

(b) The series will consist of fourteen races held each Friday commencing 3rd May until 2nd August.

(c) The Scheduled start times will be Slow Fleet 1900hrs, Fast Fleet 1910 hrs.

(d) Yachts that opt to race under White Sail rules must do so for the whole series and fly IC flag numeral 4 from their backstay whilst racing.

4. CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS

(a) The slow fleet shall comprise yachts with a local handicap of 1000 and above.

(b) The fast fleet shall comprise yachts with a local handicap of 999 and below.

(c) Yachts complying with White Sail rules will sail under their local handicap with the addition of 20 points in the appropriate class above.

(d) The following class flags will be used:-

Slow Fleet IC flag F



Fast Fleet IC flag R



5. RACING AREA, COURSES & MARKS

- (a) The racing area will be the Blackwater estuary.
- (b) The course to be sailed comprising a list of buoys and the hand on which to be rounded or passed and will be displayed by the committee boat prior to the first warning signal. Both classes will sail the same course.
- (c) The course may also be broadcast on VHF channel 77 and posted on WhatsApp
- (d) The marks used are to be found on the Dabchicks website and include buoy 11.
- (e) There is an exclusion zone at approximately 51° 45.00N 000° 56.00E. The zone is marked by yellow buoys. No competitor may enter this zone at any time; any competitor identified in breach of this instruction will be disqualified without a hearing.

6. THE START

- (a) Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- (b) RRS 30 and SI 6.3 will not apply.
- (c) The intended start times are, Slow Fleet 1900hrs, Fast Fleet 1910hrs.
- (d) The start line will be a line between the mast on the Committee Vessel, moored to the Committee Boat mooring buoy (approximately 200m to the south west of the Nass Beacon) displaying an orange flag and the starting mark displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.
 - 6.(d).1 If the board displays 'S' then outer limit mark will 'S' will be the starting mark (yellow buoy with black flag)
 - 6.(d).2 If the board displays 'E' then outer limit mark 'E' will be the starting Mark (yellow buoy with red flag)
 - 6.(d).3 If the board displays 'W' then outer limit mark 'W' will be the starting Mark (yellow buoy with green flag)

7. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the Committee Boat moored to the Committee Boat mooring, displaying a blue flag and the course side of the Outer Limit Mark 'S' (black flag) to the south of the Committee Boat mooring buoy.

8. SCORING

- (a) RRS A5.3 shall apply.
- (b) Fourteen races are scheduled; yachts will count their best eight results; if less than eight races are completed all results will count.
- (c) OODs that normally race will receive points for third place.

9. PROTESTS

- (a) The Protest time limit is ninety minutes after the last boat in the race finishes.
- (b) Written protests shall be lodged at Dabchicks Sailing Club.
- (c) Hearings in person shall be arranged as soon as practicable.

10. RETIREMENTS

Boats that retire from a race shall inform the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

11. 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:

- 11.1 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;
- 11.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 11.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 11.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 11.5 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;
- 11.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

12 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.