

# Dabchicks Sailing Club

## Optimist Open meeting

on

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008

### NOTICE OF EVENT

1. **Organising Authority:** The organising authority is the Dabchicks Sailing Club.
2. **Rules:** Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008. This Notice of Race may be amended by a Notice to competitors from the Organising Authority. If there is any conflict with a Sailing Instruction, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail.
3. **Criteria for entry:** The event is open to helms meeting the following criteria:
  - Optimist sailor who is a member of a sailing club
4. **Applications for entry:** Applications for entry must be made on the official form. Application forms will be available on the day.
5. **Entry Fee:** The entry fee will be £10.00
6. **Registration:** Registration will take place from 8.30am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Dabchicks Sailing Club. If you are likely to attend please complete the online registration via the Optimist Class Association website [www.ioca.co.uk](http://www.ioca.co.uk) in order to help us cater for the number of competitors expected.
7. **Briefing:** There will be a briefing for all competitors at **10.00am** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Dabchicks Sailing Club.

8. **Sailing Instructions:** Copies of the sailing instructions will be available on the day or can be viewed on the Dabchicks web page [www.Dabchicks.org](http://www.Dabchicks.org)
9. **Racing:** There will be 3 races with one discard. If only two races or less are possible then all races will count. The first race is scheduled to start at **11.00am**. All races will be back to back so please ensure sailors take sufficient food & drink afloat with them.
10. **Courses:** All courses will be set in the Blackwater River estuary, this is a tidal location. The courses will be a triangular course, and will be explained at the briefing.
11. **Scoring:** The Low point scoring system of appendix A will apply
12. **Prizes:** Will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Overall and individual race prizes depending on entries.
13. **Safety:** All competitors shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not an appropriate standard. All competitors will be expected to Tally on and off and sign on and off.
14. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.
15. **Insurance:** Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £2,000,000.