

**DABCHICKS**  
**SAILING FOR 100 YEARS**  
**1911 - 2011**



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**NATIONAL SONATA**  
**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2011**

**DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011**

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Regatta is organised by Dabchicks Sailing Club

**2. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions thereto, the current class rules of the National Sonata Class, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

**3. ADVERTISING**

Advertising will be Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Participating boats may be required to display the advertisement of the event sponsor.

**4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

4.1 The regatta is open to any National Sonata in possession of a current measurement certificate.

4.2 Only paid up members of the National Sonata Association shall be eligible to race.

4.3 A boat shall sail with a minimum of three and a maximum of five crew, the same number of crew shall sail the boat for the entire event. The number of crew shall include the helmsman.

4.4 All competitors will be required to produce valid Class Membership and Measurement Certificates on registration.

4.5 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the attached entry form and sending it together with the required fee to **14, Queen Anne Road, West Mersea, Essex CO5 8BB**. No later than **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011**.

4.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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**5. FEES**

The entry fee for the regatta is **£95**.

## 6. SCHEDULE

| <i>Date</i>              | <i>Time</i>     | <i>Event</i>                      |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> June | 11.00am onwards | Registration & Sail Registration. |
| Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> June | 09.00 onwards   | Registration & Sail Registration. |
|                          | 12.00noon       | Briefing.                         |
|                          | 14.00           | Warning Signal<br>Practice Race.  |

It is intended to run two races on each of Monday and Tuesday, one longer race on Wednesday, two races on Thursday and one race on Friday. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June no warning signal will be made after 14.00hrs.

The overall prize-giving will take place after racing on Friday.

## 7. MEASUREMENT & SAFETY

- 7.1 On registration all boats must produce a valid hull measurement certificate.
- 7.2 Sail Registration will take place during the time for Registration. All sails to be used in the event must be registered and must have been certified by an official measurer. (Note: It is competitors responsibility to ensure that all sails presented for registration have been measurement certified, the organising authority will not be providing an official measurement service).
- 7.3 The Organisers may inspect any boat and/or her equipment before, during or after racing.
- 7.4 All competitors will be required to sign off on coming ashore each day.

## 8. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Dabchicks Sailing Club at Registration.

## 10. COURSES

The courses which will be a combination of windward/leeward, Olympic triangle and round the cans types will be laid in the Blackwater estuary off Mersea Island.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System will be used, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores ( excluding the Practice Race ) if three or fewer races have been sailed. One discard is allowed if four or five races have been sailed. Two discards are allowed if six or more races have been sailed.
- 11.2 Eight races are scheduled, of which three are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## 12. LAUNCHING & MOORING

- 12.1 Launching fees will be payable separately in advance to West Mersea Marine.
- 12.2 Mooring fees will be payable to DSC together with entry fees.
- 12.3 Details of launching and mooring arrangements will be provided on receipt of entries.

### **13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

### **14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

14.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

### **15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

A boat shall neither make radio communications while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### **16. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given each day and overall.

### **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17.2 The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races. A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for boats to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

17.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat 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 race and the event, and including the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and Beach-masters.

17.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

### **18. DATA PROTECTION ACT**

In participating in this regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event in which the competitor participates and all material related to the event without compensation. The competitor also grants the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to publish details the competitor has supplied to the Internet. The Organising Authority will not release personal contact details of competitors to third parties or to the internet.

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

### DIRECTIONS TO VENUE

**From South** - Take A12 north and turn off at Kelvedon. Drive straight through village until you see a sign for Tiptree on your right. Turn Right. Continue to and through Tiptree (crossing B1022 at an out-of-line crossroads). Once out of Tiptree the road sweeps downhill and then starts up again. You will come to a mini-roundabout. Turn left to Tolleshunt Knights. Following this bendy road until you come to the B1026 at Salcott-cum-Virley. Turn left. Follow this road until you meet the main Mersea road ( the B1025) from Colchester. Turn right and follow to island.

**From North** – A12 to Colchester. Turn off at northern junction onto A1232 into Colchester. After several roundabouts and junctions you will come to a roundabout on the northern ring-road. Turn left. Straight over next roundabout, then turn right at multi- roundabout keeping Tesco on your right. Go over the river and at second roundabout turn left. After 300 yards turn right up a hill and then left at next mini-roundabout. Turn right at next junction by the school and go through the estate. Turn left at next mini-roundabout opposite a garage and this is the Mersea road. Follow this for approx. 8 miles to the island.

**Once on the island:** Take right hand fork and follow road round a series of bends and through the village, eventually you will emerge at Coast Road. Keep following the road until you see the dinghy park on your left just past West Mersea Yacht Club. Unload boats here and park as directed. Dabchicks Sailing Club is a further 100 meters further down the road, you cannot park there. Club representatives will be on hand to assist and show you where to park etc.

### ACCOMMODATION

A list of available accommodation will be posted on Dabchicks Sailing Club's website [www.dabchicks.org](http://www.dabchicks.org)

### LAUNCHING and MOORING FEES

West Mersea Marine have kindly agreed special rates for craneage and mooring fees for Sonata competitors.

The rates are:-

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| Craneage in and out including free car & trailer parking | £80 |
| Mooring  | £60 |

The mooring fee is payable to DSC together with the entry fee, the craneage fee is payable to West Mersea Marine in advance before the event. Full details of craneage arrangements will be sent to those competitors who so indicate on the entry form. *See entry form below*

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# ENTRY FORM

Please accept my entry for the 2011 National Championship.

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Owner/Skipper Name.....Yacht Name/ Sail Number...../.....

Address.....

Telephone Number.....E-Mail.....Club.....

Eligible for Family Trophy Yes/No Helmsman's DOB if under 25 on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 .....

I require my boat to be craned by West Mersea Marine YES/NO

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
|                                | £     |
| ENTRY FEE                      | 95.00 |
| MOORING FEE <i>if required</i> | 60.00 |

Cheques made payable to: Dabchicks Sailing Club

Entries to be sent to **14 Queen Anne Road West Mersea, Essex CO5 8BB No later than 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.**

Waiver: The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the 2011 SONATA National Championship. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for racing in the event.

Declaration: I declare that I hold a valid and current boat insurance which covers me for third party claims whilst racing and that I will continue to do so whilst engaged in racing in the 2011 SONATA National Championship. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern the event. I have read the 2011 SONATA National Championship Notice of Race and confirm I agree to be bound by its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements whenever racing in the event.

In participating in this regatta I grant the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed and other reproductions of me during the period of the event in which I participate and in all material related to the event without compensation. I also grant the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to publish details I have supplied on the Internet. The Organising Authority will not release personal contact details of competitors to third parties or to the internet.

Signed Owner/Skipper .....Date.....

An unsigned entry form will not be accepted.

Please send entry form and fee to : **14 Queen Anne Road, West Mersea, Essex CO5 8BB**