

SAILING INTRUCTIONS

NATIONAL SONATA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

**DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB 4th to
10th JUNE 2011**

Dabchicks Sailing Club extend a warm welcome to all competitors and invite them to become temporary members for the duration of the event.

Please use and enjoy the club during the championship

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 2009-12, The RYA prescriptions thereto, the current class rules of the National Sonata Class, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at DSC.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to sailing instructions will be posted before 9.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

5. MEASUREMENT AND SAFETY

5.1 On registration all boats must produce a valid measurement certificate.

5.2 Subject to 5.3 below, all sails to be used in the regatta must be measured and endorsed prior to the event. Only sails produced for registration may be used in the regatta.

5.3 In the event of damage unregistered sails may be used only with and in accordance with the terms of the prior written consent of the race committee.

5.4 The organisers may inspect any boat and its equipment for compliance with class rules before, during or after racing.

5.5 All competitors shall sign off on the form provided in the clubhouse on coming ashore each day no later than two hours after finishing the last race of that day. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from that days racing without a hearing. *This changes RRS 63.1.*

5.6 A competitor failing to comply with 5.5 above for the first time in the regatta may exonerate herself by making a donation of £40 to RNLI.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
	Sat 4 th June	11.00am onwards	Registration & Sail Registration.
	Sun 5 th June	09.00 onwards	Registration & Sail Registration.
		12.00noon	Briefing.
		14.00	Warning Signal Practice Race.(Short)
		<i>Attention Signal</i>	
	Monday 6 th June	10.20	2 Windward/Leeward Races
	Tuesday 7 th June	10.20	2 Short Races
	Wednesday 8 th June	10.20	1 Long Race
	Thursday 9 th June	10.20	2 Windward/Leeward Races
	Friday 10 th June	10.20	1 Short Race

- 6.2 The Race Committee reserve the right to amend or alter this schedule in the light of the prevailing conditions
- 6.3 From Monday 6th June to Friday 10th June the warning signal for the first race each day is scheduled for 10.20a.m. The warning signal for the second race of the day will be as soon as practicable following the first race of the day.
- 6.4 On Friday 10th June no warning signal will be made after 14.00hrs.
- 6.5 The overall prize-giving will take place after racing on Friday.

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The class flag will be IC Flag 'F'.

8. LOCATION OF RACE AREA

- 8.1 The approximate location of the race start line will be posted on the official notice board each day. In addition the committee vessel will broadcast her location on VHF channel 77 at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of racing each day.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Windward/Leeward courses will be in accordance with the diagram in appendix A. No later than the warning signal the Committee Vessel will display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.
- 9.2 For Short and Long Races the course to be sailed will be displayed by numbers or letters on a white board or boards from the Committee Vessel. Marks are to be rounded or passed in the sequence their code is displayed. The direction of rounding or passing marks will be shown by the colour of the numbers or letters displayed – thus 12 in Red indicates that number 12 race mark should be left to Port, and BH in Green indicates that Bench Head buoy should be left to Starboard.
- 9.3 When the committee vessel also displays letter 'W' an yellow inflatable buoy laid approximately to windward of the start line must be rounded before commencing the numbered course. If the displayed 'W' is green then the mark is to left to starboard, if the displayed 'W' is red the mark is to be left to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 A description of the marks is included in appendix B.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the following addition:
An attention signal (flag D with one sound) will be made five minutes before the warning signal for each race. The race committee will designate the course to be sailed (short & long races only) before or with the attention signal. Flag D will be removed with one sound one minute before the warning signal. *This changes RRS 27.1.*
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the mainmast of the committee vessel and the outer limit mark, an inflatable buoy.
- 11.3 If an inner limit mark is in use/laid at no time shall boats pass between the committee vessel and the inner limit mark. The zone between the Committee Vessel and the inner limit mark is not an obstruction.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
This changes RRS A4

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 For windward/leeward races the finish line will be between the mainmast of the committee vessel and an inflatable buoy laid as a limit mark, as shown in the diagram in appendix A.
- 12.2 For all other races the finish line will be between the mainmast of the committee vessel moored to the north of the Nass beacon and the outer limit mark (a yellow race mark with

black flag shown on the plan as ‘OLM(S)’ to the south. The Nass beacon will be the inner limit mark, not necessarily on the line. Boats must not pass between the committee vessel and the Nass beacon.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time Limits shall be as follows:

Windward/Leeward Races	2 hours
Short Races	3 hours
Long Races	6 hours

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes for windward/leeward and short races or 45 minutes for long races after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.
This changes RRS 35 and A4

14. PROTESTS AND REQUETS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is two hours after the last boat finishes the last race of the day

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

15. SCORING

15.1 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.

15.2 Eight races are scheduled, of which three are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 Series ties will be resolved according to RRS A8.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

17.1 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.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

18.1 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.

18.2 Boats may receive information regarding severe weather by any means
Changes RRS 41.

19. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

19.1 Glassware prizes will be given each day based on the combined results of all races held that day.

19.2 In addition the following trophies will be presented:

- Race 1 Island Sailing Club Bowl
- Race 2 Sonata Designers Cup
- Race 3 Clyde Yacht Club Trophy
- Race 4 SCYC Dragon Trophy
- Race 5 Hunter Boats Sonata Trophy
- Race 6 Crouch Yacht Club Trophy
- Race 7 Hayling Island Sailing Club Trophy
- Race 8 Seajet Cup
- National Champion Pimms Trophy
- 2nd Overall Leyland Daf Trophy
- 3rd Overall Satimar Cup
- David Thomas Family Trophy
- NSA Travellers Trophy (furthest travelled)
- Royal Burnham YC Trophy (Best visiting helm, not in first three)
- Royal Tay Discovery Trophy (Best helm from host club, not in first three)
- The Medway Trophy (Best helm under 23 or 24 or 25 if no younger helm competing)
- Rock Bottom Trophy (Best grounding or mistake)

20. INSURANCE

20.1 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.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 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.
- 21.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

22 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 to third parties or to the internet.
