

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions - 2020

1 Rules

- 1.1 DSC Club racing 2020 will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2 DSC implements the RYA Racing Charter and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with the charter. This can be found at the front of the RYA book- Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 1.3 DSC follows the Bye Laws and Safety Information published in the Dartmouth Harbour Guide 2020 and all racing competitors agreeing to sail in compliance with this code.

2 Advertising

Boats may display advertising.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 DSC members may sign in a visitor as defined in DSC Club rules as crew or helm. Results will be scored DNC in the race & series where a non-member is helm.
- 3.2 Boat Eligibility. DSC Club Racing is open to mono-hull dinghies with a Portsmouth Number listed in the 2020 RYA Dinghy Portsmouth Number List. Those wishing to enter the event with a boat not listed should contact the DSC Sailing Committee to agree an acceptable Portsmouth Number in advance of racing.
- 3.3 Boats entering races are expected to conform to their class rules; however a boat not meeting its class rules may still race if an appropriate Portsmouth Number can be agreed in advance of the first day the boat races. Laser or other class replica sails are allowed.
 - 3.3.1 Boats entering club racing at DSC who do not have a valid measurement certificate should conform to the spirit of their class rules.
- 3.4 Each boat shall be sailed by the same helm throughout the series.
 - 3.4.1 In the event that an owner sells his dinghy and replaces it with another of identical class, the points awarded to the original dinghy may be moved to its replacement.

3.5 Young competitors

3.5.1 Young competitors are those under the age of 18 on the first day of each series.

3.5.2 During the event the parents or guardians of young/junior competitors shall either be in or around DSC or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the Race Officer/event organiser in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. Those acting in loco parentis shall either be in or around DSC or afloat participating in the event. Parents, guardians or persons acting in loco parentis of young competitors are reminded of DSC Club Rules.

3.5.3. A young competitor who is a DSC member whose parent or guardian has had a young Person Consent form accepted by DSC, may participate in club racing without a parent, guardian or person acting in loco parentis being present at DSC during the event.

3.6 Veteran Competitors are those aged 70 and over on the first day of the series.

3.7 Eligible competitors shall enter on the day by entering their boat details on the declaration sheet in the centre DSC ground floor room.

4 Risk Statement

4.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

4.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) 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; and for boats sailed by young and junior competitors the competitor's parents or guardians or those acting in loco parentis for the parents or guardians also accept this.

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) 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;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue and event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

5 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

6 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be notified at the pre race briefing.

7 Fleet definitions

- 7.1 Class Flags for each series are defined on the Programme Card.
- 7.2 Novice Series; DSC wish to encourage members to start racing. If agreed with the Race Officer before the event, a Novice Fleet may be organised. Coaching may be provided to members of the Novice Fleet. Novice Fleets will not be available for Long Distance Races

8 Courses

- 8.1 The course including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the course board at the pre race briefing.

9 The Start

- 9.1 The starting line shall be defined at the race briefing.
 - 9.1.1 Club Line Start. The starting line will be an extension of the line between the tall flag pole in front of the DSC starters box and a channel marker (this could be an inner distance or an outer distance mark). Starts may be upstream or down stream which will be defined in the course instructions.
 - 9.1.2 Committee Boat / Support Boat start - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a large cylindrical buoy.

10 The Finish and Finishing

- 10.1 Club finish line. The Club finish line will be an extension of the line between the flag pole in front of the DSC starters box and a nominated racing mark.
- 10.2 Committee / Support Boat finish. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on DSC committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the portend finishing mark which will be an inflatable cylindrical buoy.

- 10.3. Where the shorten course flag is displayed with a Class Flag only for the class/classes indicated.
- 10.4. Average lap race finish. When the shorten course flag or class shorten course flag is displayed all affected boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line.
- 10.5. A discretionary last place finish may be offered to any dinghy that is significantly behind.
- 10.6 Time Limits; There is no time limit for club racing. However, an advisory time for the leading boat is 45 minutes.

11 **Scoring.**

- 11.1 The Low point System will be used.
- 11.2 Race Series - One race is to be completed to constitute a series. When 1 or 2 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 3 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be half races completed plus '1'.
- 11.3 Boat's Score – Duties
The boat's helm or crew may claim average points for races not sailed subject to the following:
The average points awarded shall be the average of the boat's scores in the races in which the boat started
The number of races that may be awarded average points under this instruction shall be no more than 50% of the number of races started by that boat in any series.

Note: The Club uses the HALSail computer program to record and calculate results. The document entitled Race Management explains how the Duty Race Team should deal with 'average points' within the program.

12 **Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress**

- 12.1 A boat may take a two penalty turns (720 degree) i.e. one tack and one gybe if she has broken a Rule in Part 2 "when Boats Meet" of the 2017-2020 Rules,. If a boat touches a racing mark, then she should take a single turn 360 degree turn.
- 12.2 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned.
- 12.3 Protest forms are available at Dittisham Sailing Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within an appropriate time limit.
- 12.4 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 62.2

- 12.5 Notices will be posted on the clubs ground floor notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and protests will be heard as soon as practical for all parties.

13 **Safety Regulations**

- 13.1 RRS Rule 40 (personal floatation) applies at all times while afloat.

13.1.2 Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

- 13.2 Young competitors shall wear a wet suit or a dry suit when conditions warrant.

- 13.3 The helm of every boat intending to race must sign on before going afloat. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by advising the Race Officer.

14 **Local Variations**

- 14.1 Competitors are warned that cruisers, ferries and other power boats in the approach channels to the the DSC racing area cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and hence cannot be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

- 14.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

15. **Duties**

DSC expects all members to undertake two duties a year. All DSC members who compete in club racing are expected to undertake three duties a year.

16. **Supporting Information**

- 16.1 Results will be posted on DSC web site - <https://www.dittishamsc.org.uk> and may also be emailed to competitors and published in the press.

- 16.2 Competitors shall accept that photographs and motion pictures of their boat and its crew could be taken whilst attending an event.

- 16.2.1 In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

17. **Prizes**

17.1 Prizes will be awarded at the race committee's discretion. All Club trophies shall remain the property of Dittisham Sailing Club.

17.2 The prize giving will be held following the completion of the seasons racing.

18 **Contact details:**

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