

The Datchet Flyer 2020

5th – 6th December 2020

(Double Handers (DH) 5/12 - Single Handers (SH) 6/12)

The Organising Authority is Datchet Water Sailing Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this document means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times whilst afloat, on the pontoons or near the water's edge, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. (DWSC By-law). [DP]
 - 1.5.2 Competitors shall wear a Full body wetsuit or dry-suit at all times whilst afloat. These do not constitute a personal flotation device (DWSC By-law). [DP]
 - 1.5.3 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The official notice board (ONB) will be online at selden.sailracer.org
- 2.2 WhatsApp Group
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dbv05yMnC9h9CjvUadVtwW>

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the warning signal of the first race affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.



4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at the south end of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The times below in bold are fixed (subject to RRS procedures), the remaining entries are for guidance only and may vary considerably, including sailing races on different days. Deviation will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a):

	Sat 7th	Sun 8th	Location
Briefing			19:00 Online (4/12/20)
Registration - collect your tracker to confirm attendance	10:00	10:00	Terrace by clubhouse entrance
Warning Signal for first Race*	11:25 Double handed (DH)	11:25 Single handed (SH)	
2 additional Handicap Races back to back	ASAP	ASAP	
Last Permitted Warning Signal	14:30	14:30	
Prize giving			19:00 Online (8/12/20)

*Option that first race may be a pursuit or average laps (confirmed at briefing)

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The event will consist of a handicap series (*Option that first race may be a pursuit confirmed at briefing)
- 6.2 For the handicap series, all boats will race on a single course and be scored together. There will be two starts. Numeral One flag for the first start and Numeral Two flag for the second start.
- 6.3 Fleets will be notified on the briefing and displayed on the Official Notice Board and may depend on entries.
- 6.4 Pursuit Race (optional) boats will race in the same fleet.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The racing area is the Queen Mother Reservoir.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the mark is to be left.
- 8.2 During both the Handicap races and the Pursuit race boats shall pass through the "Gate" in the direction shown. No boat shall pass through the "Gate" in the opposite direction.
- 8.3 The number of laps is not predetermined.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Course marks will be either tall orange cylindrical marks.
- 9.2 The "Gate" marks will be a committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a short blue dumpy mark.
- 9.3 The starting marks will be a committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a staff mark displaying an orange flag.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Boats shall not pass under the pier. This is an obstruction as defined in the RRS.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between masts displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area includes the extensions of the start line. [DP].

11.3 The orange starting line flag will be displayed with one long sound **one** minute before the first warning signal in a sequence of starts is made together with the removal of the Answering Pennant.

11.4 The starting procedure for all races will use the same sequence as Rule 26 with the following changes to the times. This changes Rule 26.

Mins to Start	Signal	Notes
4	Answering Pennant (AP) removed	Orange Flag Displayed (first start in sequence only)
3	Warning	Class Flag Displayed
2	Preparatory	P, I, Black, U Displayed
1	Preparatory Removed	
0	Start	Class Flag Removed, and next class hoisted if more than one start

11.5 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.6 There will be at least one minute between a start signal and a subsequent warning signal.

11.7 Pursuit Race

11.7.1 The committee vessel will display number boards indicating the number of minutes since the start of the race.

11.7.2 Boats shall start when their class start time is displayed on the number boards.

11.7.3 Class start times will be displayed on the Official Notice Board

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 After a mark has been rounded by any boat it will not be moved for the remainder of that race.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 Handicap Races

13.1.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an Orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the blue inflatable dumpy mark (the gate).

13.1.2 Shortly before the finish, Flag (shape) S will be displayed on the committee boat accompanied by two sound signals. All boats will finish when they next pass through the gate / finish line at the end of their current lap, regardless of the number of laps that they have completed.

13.1.3 After crossing the finish line all boats must sail off the racing area and not return until the last boat has finished the race [DP]

13.1.4 Boats not crossing a finish line within a reasonable time after a race has finished may be awarded a place based on their position on the water. This reasonable time will be decided by the race committee. This changes RRS rules 35 and RRS appendices A4 & A5.

13.2 Pursuit Race

- 13.2.1 The pursuit race will last for a duration of 90 minutes from the first start, at the expiration of which a long sound signal will be made. Each boat will thereafter finish at the next finish line. After the end of the 100 minute race, but before boats have crossed a finish line, all boats must make every attempt to hold their positions in the fleet. i.e. no overtaking.
- 13.2.2 The finishing line will be either a moving finishing rib displaying a blue flag. Or a committee boat / rib displaying a blue flag and the adjacent mark of the course.
- 13.2.3 After finishing, no boat shall cross any other finish line, if this is unavoidable they must inform the second 'finish line' that they crossed that they had already finished. [DP]
- 13.2.4 Boats having finished must sail clear of the race area by the shortest route avoiding other finishing lines before returning to the beach. [DP]

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix P will not apply.

15 TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The target times are as follows:

	Duration
Handicap Races	45 minutes (Target)
Pursuit Race	90 minutes (Absolute)

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available online (selden.sailracer.org). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 40 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held online.
- 16.4 Scoring queries should be submitted online (selden.sailracer.org)

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Handicap races will be scored on average corrected lap times.
- 17.2 Corrected times and pursuit start times will be calculated using the Great Lakes Handicap System See <http://greatlakes.org.uk>
- 17.3 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.4 The low point scoring system Points System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.5 A boats series score will be the sum of her scores in the handicap series - excluding the worst score if 3 races are sailed.

18 SAFETY AND TRACKING [DP]

- 18.1 Competitors will be issued with a tracking device (1 per boat), which must be carried at all times when afloat. Competitors must return the tracking device on coming ashore after the final race of each day by the end of protest time.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 MEASUREMENT [DP]

20.1 Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed (DWSC By-law).

21 ADVERTISING [DP]

21.1 Boats may be required to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1 All boats assisting with the management or safety of the event will be considered official boats.

23 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

23.1 Support Boats will not be permitted.

24 LITTER [DP]

24.1 Litter may be placed aboard support or official boats and shall not be disposed of in the water.

25 BERTHING [DP]

25.1 Boats and trailers may be parked on the gravel of the south side of the clubhouse keeping the south launching slipway clear for club keel boats.

25.2 All cars will be asked to park down on the lower level unless otherwise instructed by DWSC Officials.

26 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

26.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

26.2 Boats will be required to carry GPS trackers provided by the organising authority.

27 PRIZES

27.1 The following prizes will be awarded:

- 1st to 5th Overall
- 1st Youth
- 1st Lady

27.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

30 INSURANCE

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

SPECIAL PROVISIONS IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

All competitors and their supporters shall comply with all COVID-19 regulations and rules in force by the UK government at the time of the event (including local lockdown rules), including not attending the event if required to quarantine, self-isolate or stay at home. Competitors that are unable to attend the event because of new local lockdown rules that were not in place at the time they entered the event, or because they have to self-isolate, will have their entry fee refunded provided that they notify the OA of their situation as soon as possible (so that their place may be taken by another competitor on the waiting list).

All competitors and supporters that do attend the event shall comply with Datchet Water Sailing Club's COVID-19 procedures throughout the event – see <https://dwsc.co.uk/>

A virtual competitor briefing, which all competitors should view before the event, will be posted on the registration webpage for the event.

There will be NO changing facilities or catering available at the venue – please come prepared. Water fountains will also be turned off.

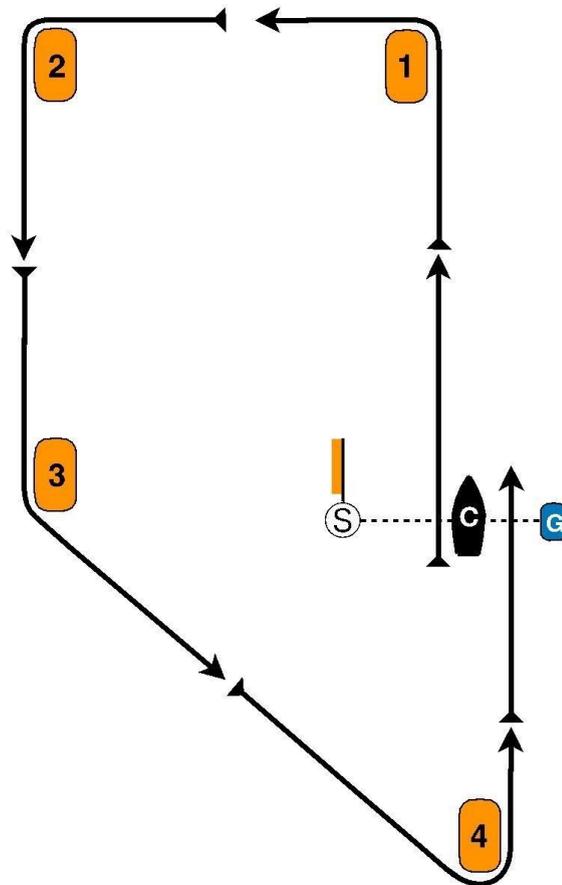
The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event, or reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76. In these cases, refunds will be issued less any costs incurred.

Attachment A - Courses

Handicap Course

Mark Rounding Order

Start – 1p – 2p – 3p – 4p – Cp/Gs



Pursuit Course

Mark Rounding Order

Start – 1p – 2p – 3s – 4s – 5p – 6p – 7p – 8p – Gp/Cs

