



**FERNHURST BOOKS DRAYCOTE DASH**  
**PART OF THE SELDEN SAILJUICE WINTER SERIES**  
**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> & SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024](#).
- 1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the [RYA Racing Charter](#).
- 1.3. All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices while float, except while briefly adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.4. During the months of November, December, January, February and March, all persons on the water shall wear exposure proof clothing. For the purpose of this instruction 'Exposure proof clothing' shall mean an adequate expanded neoprene wet suit providing protection from neck to ankle or a dry suit providing watertight cover from neck to ankle.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available electronically on the [Selden SailJuice Winter Series](#) and [DWSC](#) websites.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The official notice board will be [online](#).
- 3.2. The competitor briefing will be posted online at least a week before the event on the DWSC and Selden SailJuice Winter Series websites. No briefing will be given at the event.

**4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 4.1. The event will be open to recognised national or international dinghy, multihull and keelboat classes with a Great Lakes handicap number equal to or lower than 1365 (Topper) up to 7m subject to the following restrictions:
  - 4.1.1. Craft using hydrofoils and / or with twin trapezes and / or with a Great Lakes handicap lower than 800 are not permitted unless specific permission has been given. Specific permission has been given for 49ers, 49erFXs, Cherubs, Dart 18s, International 14s, International Moths, Nacra 450 (single trapeze), RS800s, RS900s, Shadow Xs & Waszps. For any other classes, please contact the Race Director prior to entry.
  - 4.1.2. Multihulls are only permitted if their hulls and permanent appendages when rigged for sailing do not exceed 5.5 metres in length and 2.5 metres in width, except that single-handed Challenger trimarans are permitted.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration on the Selden SailJuice Winter Series website and paying the required fees by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.
- 4.3. Entries are limited to 130 boats.
- 4.4. A disclaimer must be signed before launching for each visiting boat to state that the Check, Clean, Dry programme has been observed prior to arriving at Draycote Water and will be observed afterwards.
- 4.5. All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with RRS rule 77. Under exceptional circumstances a boat may be permitted to carry sail numbers or letters in contravention of her class rules provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the event's online registration closing date (Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November). If such permission is granted no further change will be permitted. If a competitor enters with the same sail

number as that of another class, the Race Committee may ask one of the boats to add (and will provide) an extra digit. This will be applied to both sides of the sail for the duration of the event.

- 4.6. All competitors shall sail in the class (and version of that class) stated in their entry. Under exceptional circumstances a competitor may be permitted to change their class provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the event's online registration closing date (Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November). If such permission is granted no further change will be permitted.
- 4.7. As well as entering online, competitors must also register in the upstairs bar area of the clubhouse before going on the water on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fees are:

Double-hander (visitors):	£55.00	
Single-hander (visitor):	£45.00	
DWSC Sailing Members*:	£25.00	(*Junior members: £20.00)

- 5.2. If the event is cancelled by the Organising Authority a refund less any costs incurred will be issued.
- 5.3. If a competitor cancels within 7 days of the event no refund will be given. Before 7 days, 80% refund will be given.

## 6. TRACKING UNITS

- 6.1. Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit whilst racing as supplied by the Organising Authority. On both days these will be available for collection from the Clubhouse a minimum of 1 hour before the first warning signal of the day. The tracker must be returned after each day's racing within the protest time period. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in scoring penalties. **This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.**

## 7. SERIES

- 7.1. It is intended that the series will consist of:
- Four (35-45 minute) average lap handicap races
  - One 120-minute pursuit race

## 8. SCHEDULE

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|------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8.1. | 0800 – 1030         | Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | Registration in Clubhouse             |
|      | Not before 1100     | Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | Race 1 warning signal                 |
|      | Asap after Race 1   | Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | Race 2 warning signal                 |
|      | Asap after Race 2   | Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | Race 3 warning signal                 |
|      | Asap after Race 3   | Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | Race 4 warning signal                 |
|      | 1100                | Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> November | Pursuit race datum                    |
|      | Asap after the race | Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> November | Prize giving in lounge bar (upstairs) |
- 8.2. The average lap races will have 3 starts with the Great Lake handicap splits published on the day on the official notice board.
- 8.3. The pursuit race delays will be published on the day on the official notice board.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1. The venue is Draycote Water Sailing Club, Draycote Water, CV23 8AB.
- 9.2. The sailing area will be Draycote Water.

## **10. COURSES**

- 10.1. The courses will be as follows:
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| Average lap races: | Trapezoid            |
| Pursuit race:      | Round the club marks |
- 10.2. Full details will be in the sailing instructions.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1. The post-race penalty and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The post-race penalty will be 30%.

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1. One race shall constitute an event.
- 12.2. When 2 or fewer average lap races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. When 3 or more average lap races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst average lap score.
- 12.4. When run, the pursuit race result will always be included in a boat's series score.
- 12.5. All racing will be scored using a locally adjusted version of the "Great Lakes" handicap numbers, as used in all the events that are part of the Selden Sailjuice Winter Series.
- 12.6. Anyone competing in a class where there are multiple Great Lakes handicap numbers:
- 12.6.1. Must sail with the same configuration / handicap throughout the whole event.
- 12.6.2. Must provide sufficient information on their entry to identify which number they are sailing under. If they do not, they will be handicapped according to the lower handicap for that class.

## **13. SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 13.1. Support boats will not be allowed.

## **14. DATA PROTECTION**

- 14.1. Results: As part of entering this event your results will be published in the public domain and may be given to the RYA for their Portsmouth Yardstick scheme. While your results contain personal data, it is normal practice to expect that, when entering an event, your results will be published, and this is a condition of entry. It is therefore part of the contract to provide you with race entry and administration that we will publish the results, which may include such information such as sail number, sailing club, age and gender (if there are age and gender related results).
- 14.2. Photography: By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event and consent to these being published in class, club, sponsor and other publications and / or the class, club, sponsor or other websites.

## **15. RISK STATEMENT**

- 15.1. Rule 3 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." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- 15.2. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 15.2.1. 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;
- 15.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- 15.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 15.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- 15.2.5. 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;
- 15.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 15.2.7. 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 or event and to attend (watch) any competitors briefing held for the event.
- 15.2.8. The organising authority will not accept any liability for loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **16. INSURANCE**

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
  - 17.1.1. Top places up to the square root of the number of entries (rounded down).
  - 17.1.2. Class prizes: Any individual class (using the same Great Lakes Handicap) or category (Junior helm: under 18; Master: aged 60+; Lady helm) with 6 or more entries will be awarded a prize, not necessarily to the first placed boat.
  - 17.1.3. Other prizes may be awarded.
  - 17.1.4. Prizes will not necessarily be awarded to those not at the prize giving.

### **End of notice of race**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Dogs are not allowed on site but may be walked in the adjacent country park.
- Vehicles must only be parked where instructed, usually the car parks.
- Under no circumstances shall vehicles be on the slipway, foreshore or grass areas.
  
- The Clubhouse will be open from 0830 each day.
- Food will be available until 1500 each day.
- The bar will be open from 1200 to at least 1800 each day.

If you are travelling to the club on Friday night and require access, please be aware that the site may be locked after 1900. Please contact the club beforehand if you might require access after this time.

Visitor information can be found [HERE](http://www.draycotewater.co.uk/sailing-events/visitor-information)  
([www.draycotewater.co.uk/sailing-events/visitor-information](http://www.draycotewater.co.uk/sailing-events/visitor-information))

There is no camping on site, but campervans may be parked (for a fee) provided that they are parked in the lower club car park at the far end.

For any further information, please contact the DWSC office: [office@draycotewater.co.uk](mailto:office@draycotewater.co.uk)