



## Notice of Race (NoR)

### Datchet Winter Warm-Up Series 2024

The organising authority is  
Datchet Water Sailing Club,  
Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton Road, Slough, Berks. SL3 9NT

#### Notation

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 The by-laws of Datchet Water Sailing Club shall apply to all competitors and support persons and to all craft afloat. These can be found <https://www.dwsc.co.uk/club-terms-and-policies/club-rules>
- 1.3 Datchet Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are expected to sail in accordance with this charter. This can be found at the start of the RYA Rule Book or from [www.rya.org.uk/racingrules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules)
- 1.4 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Device) will apply at all times whilst afloat, including whilst on the pontoons or near the water's edge.
- 1.6 Rubbish shall not be put overboard; however it may be put in support or safety boats.
- 1.7 The use of anchors at the reservoir is prohibited due to the installed aeration system. Boats are therefore not required to carry anchors.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS


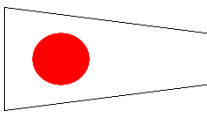
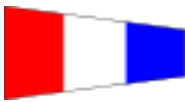

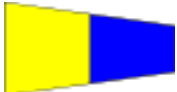

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the club racing section of the website and in the Club Wet Bar. Any supplementary sailing instructions will also be posted on the website and in the Club Wet Bar. The web page link is: <https://www.dwsc.co.uk/sailing/club-racing>

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be located within the Wet Bar.
- 3.2 A WhatsApp chat group may also be used for race management communication prior to racing. This "Sunday Race Group" can be accessed by contacting the club office or from a bar code on the Official Noticeboard.
- 3.3 The race office can be contacted at the club office (01753683872) or by email [sailing@dwsc.co.uk](mailto:sailing@dwsc.co.uk).

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open, free, to all Members of Datchet Water Sailing Club. This event runs concurrently with the DWSC Winter series and results count in both series.
- 4.2 The event is open to non-members who have completed an entry for the event and paid the entry fee.
- 4.3 The event is open to all boats with valid *Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap Rating* or Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System certificates.
- 4.4 Start Groups and Fleets are defined as follows:

Start	Fleet	Start Flag	Course	Eligible Boats
1	Flying Fifteen	2		Flying Fifteens
	General Handicap	1		All classes not included in other fleets.
2	Junior Handicap	3		Youth classes with a PY greater than 1107
	Asymmetric Handicap	4		Asymmetric Dinghies
3	Catamaran Handicap	5		Catamarans
	Foiling Handicap	6		Waszp and other foiling dinghies
				Windward Leeward

- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter their details by completing the entry form which can be found on the club website in the Winter Warm Up event. In addition, competitors must sign on for each day's racing using the Sign-on/declaration form in the Club Wet Bar. However, a sign-off declaration need only be made if a signed-on boat does not compete (DNC), does not start (DNS) or retires (DNF).
- 4.5 All craft entering the event must be in a good state of repair and adequately prepared for sailing in racing conditions. Any craft deemed by the Organising Authority or Race Committee to present a danger to its crew or the event may be excluded from the event or prevented from going afloat under RRS 76.1.
- 4.6 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

**5 FEES**

5.1 The entry fees will be as follows:

DWSC Club Member Incl. winter members	Winter Warm-Up	Free
Single-handed boat	Winter Warm-Up	£49
Two-handed boat	Winter Warm-Up	£69
Flying Fifteen	Winter Warm-up plus Open Meeting 9/10 March	£99

6-8 NoR Sections 6 to 8 are not used.

**9 SCHEDULE**

9.1 [NP]The Winter Warm-Up series will be run concurrently with regular Sunday club sailing, consisting of two races, back-to-back on each Sunday morning of February 2024. If races are not run for any reason during February, up to two replacement qualifying races may be sailed on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.

9.2 Boats may register at any time before the race for which they wish to sail.

9.3 Equipment may be inspected at any time throughout each series.

9.4 Dates of racing:

<b>Winter Warm-Up Series 2024</b>	<b>First warning signal not before 1027</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	2 races, back to back
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	2 races, back to back
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	2 races, back to back
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	2 races, back to back
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March potential catch up races, see 9.1 above.	up to 2 races back to back

Sailors can refer to the DWSC calendar, available at: <https://www.dwsc.co.uk/events>.

9.5 [NP] It is intended that two races will be sailed on each day, back to back, but the Race Committee may in its absolute discretion alter this schedule and sail fewer or more races on any day.

9.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will not be before 10.27.

**10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP]**

10.1 All boats must display on their mainsails their own sail number with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.

- 10.2** 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).

### **CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT [NP]**

- 11** RRS 40.1 (wearing of personal Flotation Device) will always apply whilst afloat, on the pontoons, or near the water's edge.

**11.1**

A full wetsuit or a drysuit with suitable underclothing must be worn while afloat between 1st November and 30th April. (DWSC By-law).

**11.2**

## **12 VENUE**

- 12.1** The race area will be a specified area on the Queen Mother Reservoir

## **13 COURSES**

- 13.1** The courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

- 13.2** The racing marks used shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1** For boats in starts 1 and 3, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

- 14.2** For infringements of rules other than in Parts 1, 2, or 3 of the RRS, the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## **15 SCORING**

Four races are required to constitute a series.

When 4 races are completed all races shall count.

When 5 or 6 races are completed there will be 1 discard.

When 7 or 8 races are completed there will be 2 discards.

- 16** NOT USED

## **17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

- 17.1** A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **18 BERTHING**

- 18.1** [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

- 19/20** NoR sections 19 & 20 are NOT USED

## 21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 21.2 In order to manage the event, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

## 22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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.
- (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 omissions.
- (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 on any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any briefing held for the event.

## 23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 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.

## 24 PRIZES

Prizes will be covered in the Sailing Instructions.

## 25 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 Site opening and closing times are available on the club website.
- 25.2 **Reservoir perimeter:** Note that entering the perimeter of the reservoir beyond the club boundaries is not permitted
- 25.3 **No Dogs** are allowed on site – excluding guide dogs/assistance dogs
- 25.4 **Invasive Species:** In accordance with Environment Agency guidelines and to prevent the spread of invasive species, DWSC is adhering to the CHECK CLEAN DRY principle. Please make sure your boat has been clean and dry for 2 days prior to your arrival and is washed and dried before returning to other venues. A wash station is available on the exit ramp from the club.
- 25.2 Further information can be obtained through the club website or the following contact details.

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Office 01753683872

[www.dwsc.co.uk](http://www.dwsc.co.uk)