

**RS700 OPEN MEETING**  
**Rooster National Tour**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**Dabchicks Sailing Club, West Mersea**  
**Sponsor: Rooster Sailing**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority is Dabchicks Sailing Club.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

**1. RULES**

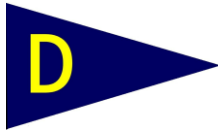
1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 All documents governing this event, including the sailing instructions, will be available from the event website and official notice board hosted by DSC at: [Official Noticeboard](#)
- 2.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 3.1 The event is open to boats of the RS700 class.
- 3.2 The helm shall be a full member of the UK or International RS Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter at: Dabchicks Sailing club on 05<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- 3.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 3.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association website here: [Medical Consent Form](#)



#### 4. FEES

4.1 Entry fees is as follows:

RS700 £20

4.2 No entries will be accepted after 10.00am on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025

#### 5. ADVERTISING

[DP][NP] Boats shall display any advertising material supplied by the organizing authority.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration will take place upstairs in the Dabchicks Sailing club from 0900 on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and close at 1000

6.2 A briefing will be held at 10:15 for competitors in the clubhouse.

6.3 The number of races and time of first warning signal scheduled each day is as follows:

Date:	Time of first warning signal	Up to Races:
5/07/25	11:55	4
6/07/25	10:55	4

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

#### 7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.

7.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

#### 8. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

8.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 (*Personal Flotation Devices*) shall apply at all times while afloat.

#### 9. VENUE

9.1 The racing area will include The Blackwater Estuary.

9.2 Venue information is available at the official notice board

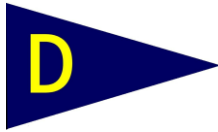
#### 10. COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

#### 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.2 The Post Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from



Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **12. SCORING**

12.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.2.2 When from four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

13.1 [DP][NP] Support Person Vessels shall register at the Dabchicks Sailing club.

13.2 [DP][NP] Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **14. BERTHING**

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst ashore in the boat park.

## **15. MEDIA RIGHTS**

By entering the event, 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.

## **16. DATA PROTECTION**

The Dabchicks Sailing club Data Protection Policy is available on the Dabchicks website

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

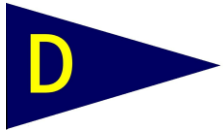
17.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(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;

(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 organizer 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 familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

## **18. INSURANCE**

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

## **19. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded, dependent on entry numbers and at the discretion of the organizing authority, as follows.

End of Notice of Race

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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