



Datchet Water
Sailing Club

Where membership matters



Notice of Race

The Datchet Flyer

Part of the Navigators & General Sailjuice Winter Series

5th & 6th December 2026

The organising authority is

Datchet Water Sailing Club, Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton Road, Horton, Berkshire, 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 2025-2028*.

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online before the event.

3. Communication

3.1. The Series official notice board can be found online (Selden.SailRacer.org)

3.2 At the event, notices to competitors will be posted on the event official notice board situated in the club house ground-floor wet-bar area.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. Entry is open to all monohull centreboard dinghies with a Great Lakes Handicap Number equal or lower than the Topper 5.3 and to multihulls and catamarans with a Great Lakes Number between **639 and 1160**.
- 4.2. The regatta is also open to accepted DWSC classes (e.g. Challenger, 2.4mr, Flying Fifteen, K1) that are either owned by a DWSC member or will be helmed by a disabled member of a recognised Sailability Group, subject to prior consent from the Organising Authority.
- 4.3 Entry is also open to the following keelboat classes: VX One; 2.4mR; K6; SB20.
- 4.4. Entries from competitors aged under 18 years of age on the day of the event must be countersigned by a parent/guardian and presented at registration.
- 4.5. Entry is limited to the first 100 entries received.
- 4.6. Eligible boats may pre-enter online at selden.sailracer.org
- 4.7. On-line entry will close **Friday 4th December 2026 (20:00)**

5. Fees

5.1. The **Discount date** is Tuesday 1st December 2026 (23:59)

5.2. The following fees will be applied to each entry:

	Single handers	Others
Online Before the Discount date in 5.1	£35	£40
Online After the <i>Discount date</i> in 5.1	£45	£50
Entry or payment at the event	£55	£60
DWSC Member before the <i>Discount date</i>	£25	£30
DWSC Member after the <i>Discount date</i>	£35	£40

5.3. Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:

5.3.1. Full refund minus a £5 administration fee for cancellations received before the *Discount date*.

5.3.2. No refund available after the *Discount date*.

6. Crew Limitations – Not Applicable 7. Advertising

7.1. [NP] Boats may be required to display event advertising as instructed by the Organising Authority.

8. Event Format

8.1. The event will consist of a handicap series and a pursuit race.

8.2. For the handicap series, all boats will race on a single course and be scored together but starts may be split depending on numbers. If split, slower fleets will start first.

9. Schedule

<i>Event Schedule Plan</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	Location
Registration	09:00 – 10:30	Downstairs wet bar
Competitors' Briefing & collection of GPS tracker	10:30	Downstairs wet bar
Warning Signal for Handicap Race 1	Not before 11:57	
Handicap Races 2 & 3, back-to-back	ASAP	
	<i>Sunday</i>	
Competitors' Briefing	09:30	Downstairs wet bar
Warning Signal for 100-minute pursuit race	Not before 10:57	
Prize Giving	After Sailing	Upstairs Lounge

10. [NP] Equipment Inspection

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).

11. [NP] Clothing and Equipment

- 11.1. RRS 40.1 (wearing personal flotation devices) will apply at all times whilst afloat, on the pontoons, or near the water's edge.
- 11.2. The following minimum clothing requirements are mandatory for all sailors: a full wetsuit or a dry-suit with appropriate undergarments.

12. Venue

The race area will be on the Queen Mother Reservoir.

13. Courses

The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the official noticeboard.

14. Penalty System

RYA RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. Handicap races will be scored on average corrected lap times.
- 15.2. Corrected times and pursuit start times will be calculated using the Great Lakes Handicap System See <http://greatlakes.org.uk>
- 15.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.4. A boats series score will be the sum of her scores in the handicap series, excluding her worst score if 3 handicap races are sailed, plus **double** her score in the pursuit race, which cannot be excluded.

16. Support Person Vessels [NP]

- 16.1. Support Person Vessels will not be permitted.

17. Chartered or Loaned Boats – Not Applicable

18. Berthing [NP][DP]

- 18.1. Boats and trailers may be parked on the gravel of the south side of the clubhouse but keeping the south launching slipway access clear.
- 18.2. All cars shall park down on the lower level unless otherwise instructed by DWSC Officials.

19. Haul-Out Restrictions – Not Applicable

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools – Not Applicable

21. Data Protection

- 21.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the racing. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the racing (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the racing and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 21.2. By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during racing, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.
- 21.3. In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with General Data Protection Regulations. More details are available on request.

22. Risk Statement – covered in the Sailing Instructions

23. Insurance

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

24. Prizes

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Datchet Water SC has adopted the **RYA Racing Charter** and sailors are expected to compete in accordance therewith.

Reservoir perimeter: Note that entering the perimeter of the reservoir beyond the club boundaries is not permitted.

Friday Night Boat Drop Off: The site will remain open until **19:30** on Friday 4th December for boat drop off.

No Dogs are allowed on site – except for guide dogs/assistance dogs.

Catering: Hot and cold food will be available from the club galley on arrival and throughout the day. The bar will be open from lunch time. Cards and cash are accepted.

Accommodation: Please use our postcode SL3 9NT to search for suitable nearby accommodation, which ranges from top hotels to B&Bs. Camping and Motorhomes are not permitted at the reservoir.

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 entrance roadway to the club.