FERNHURST BOOKS DRAYCOTE DASH
Part of the Navigators and General Sailjuice winter series
Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November 2026

Organising Authority (OA) is Draycote Water Sailing Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.*

1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the *RYA Racing Charter*.

1.3. Competitors must abide by the RYA anti-doping policy.

1.4. Standard Class rules apply.

1.5. [DP] Rule 40.1 applies at all times when afloat.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTION

2.1. The sailing instructions will be available electronically at website. - https://draycotewater.co.uk/events/draycote-dash-2026/ and may be available on the Sail juice website

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board will be online. - https://draycotewater.co.uk/events/draycote-dash-2026/

3.2. [DP] While racing, 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.

4. ELIGIBITY & 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 1369 (Topper) up to 7.0 metres length 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, Switch, Nacra 450 (single trapeze), RS800s, RS900s, Shadow Xs, Waszps & Weta. 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 Selden SailJuice Winter Series website and paying the required fees by 23:59 on 17th November 26

4.3. Late entries will not be accepted

4.4. Entries are limited to 130.

4.5. [DP] An online disclaimer must be completed before launching for each visiting boat to state that the Check, Clean, Dry programme has been observed.

4.6. 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

17th 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.

4.7. 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 17th November). If such permission is granted no further change will be permitted.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fees are:

Double-hander (visitors):	£70.00	
Single-hander (visitor):	£55.00	
DWSC Sailing Members*:	£30.00	(*Junior members: £25.00)

5.2. If the event is cancelled by the OA 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. CREW LIMITATIONS

None

8. ADVERTISING

8.1. [DP] Boats maybe required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

9. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Not Applicable

10.SCHEDULE

10.1. Registration:

21st November 26	8.30 - 10.00am	Lounge

10.2. Briefing:

21st November 26	10.15am	Patio

10.3. Racing:

The event will consist of up to 4, 35-45 minute average laps handicap races and 1, 120 minute pursuit race.

Date	Number of scheduled races	Maximum number of races	1st warning not before
21st November 26	4	4	11.00
22nd November 26	1	1	11:00 datum

10.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00

10.5. The average lap races will have 3 starts with the Great Lake handicap splits published on the day on the official notice board.
10.6. The pursuit race delays will be published on the day on the official notice board.
10.7. If no racing on Saturday the 4 handicap races will be run on Sunday, replacing the pursuit race.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

11.1. Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time in line with there standard class rules and event rules.

12. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

12.1. During the months of November through end of March all competitors shall wear suitable exposure proof clothing. This means adequate expanded neoprene wetsuit or drysuit covering ankles to neck and wrists.

13. VENUE

13.1. The venue is Draycote Water Sailing Club, Draycote Water, CV23 8AB.
13.2. The sailing area will be Draycote Water.

14. COURSES

14.1. The course will be Trapezoid (average lap races) and/or round the club marks (pursuit race)
14.2. Full details will be in the sailing instructions.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. Appendix T will apply.

16. SCORING

16.1. One race shall constitute an event.
16.2. When 2 or fewer average lap races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
16.3. 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.
16.4. When run, the pursuit race result will always be included in a boat's series score.
16.5. 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.
16.6. Anyone competing in a class where there are multiple Great Lakes handicap numbers:
  16.6.1. Must sail with the same configuration / handicap throughout the whole event.
  16.6.2. 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.
16.7. RRS 90.3(e) applies.

17. SUPPORT VESSELS

17.1. Support boats will not be allowed.

18.CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

18.1. The venue does not have boats for hire for this event.

19.BERTHING.

19.1. [DP] Boats shall be stored in the boat park or boat drop off areas as directed by marshals and/or signs.

20.DATA PROTECTION

20.1. 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 and to the Class Association. 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).

20.2. 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.

21. Not used.

22. Not used.

23.RISK STATEMENT

23.1. 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.

23.2. By taking part in the event, each competitor (and parent/guardian for under 18's) agrees and acknowledges that:

23.2.1. 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;

23.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

23.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

23.2.4. It is the responsibility of the competitors and/ or supervising adults to ensure personal hygiene standards are maintain such as showering and hand washing to limit the risk of water born illnesses such as blue green algae and Weills disease.

23.2.5. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

23.2.6. 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;

23.2.7. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

23.2.8. 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 any competitors briefing held for the event.

23.2.9. 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 event.

24.INSURANCE

24.1. 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.

25.PRIZES

25.1. Prizes will be awarded as below at prize giving located in the Bar asap after the final race of the final day.

25.1.1. Top places up to the square root of the number of entries (rounded down) to a maximum of 10 places.

25.1.2. 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.

25.2. Additional Prizes maybe awarded at the OA's discretion.

End of notice of race

Additional information.

Dog are not allowed onsite, 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 08:30 each day.
- Food will be available until 15;00 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 18.00. Please contact the club beforehand if you might require access after this time.

Visitor information can be found HERE
There is no camping on site, but campervans may be booked online, parking is in the lower carpark.
Cars may only be parked in the designated car parks: the club's lower car park.
For any further information, please contact the DWSC office: office@draycotewater.co.uk