

NOTICE OF RACE

The Datchet Flyer – 9th-10th December 2017

and part of the **GJW Direct SailJuice Winter Series**

Venue : Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton, Berkshire SL3 9NT

1. **Organising Authority:** Datchet Water Sailing Club, Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton Road, Horton, Berkshire SL3 9NT / 01753 683872 / sailing@dwsc.co.uk
2. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the appropriate class rules, and the sailing instructions of the event. If there is conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
3. **Advertising:** No restrictions, but all advertising but must comply with ISAF regulation 20.
4. **Boat identification:** All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with RRS rule 77. Exceptions as described in Appendix G3 do not apply for this event.
5. **Eligibility & Entry:**
 - a. Entry is open to all monohull centreboard dinghies with a PY number equal or lower than the Topper and to multihulls and catamarans with a PY between 668 and 1160.
 - b. The regatta is also open to accepted DWSC classes (eg Challenger, 2.4mr, Flying Fifteen) 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.
 - c. Entrants by those under 18 years of age on the day of the event must be countersigned by a parent/guardian and presented at registration.
 - d. Entry is limited to the first 100 entries received.
6. **Registration:** Registration will be from 0900 on 9th December 2017
7. **Briefing:** There will be a briefing for all competitors at 1045 in the Windsor Suite. Documents for the event will be published at www.sailjuiceseries.com and may be available at registration. They will also be published on the official notice board.
8. **Schedule of Races:**
 - a. 3 races are scheduled for Saturday, first warning signal not before 1200. The intention is to run all boats on the same course with, depending upon numbers and class splits, 2 or 3 starts at 5 minute intervals.
 - b. One pursuit race, of 100 minutes, is scheduled for Sunday with the warning signal not before 1055. This may be split into two divisions fast and slow.
9. **Scoring:** Handicap races on Saturday will be scored on average lap times. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The low point scoring system will be used and ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A.8. A discard will be allowed if three or more races are sailed. The score for the race on Sunday will score double points and will not be discardable. The "Great Lakes SWS" PY numbers will be used in scoring for the event.
10. **Fees:** Entries are to be made online in advance at www.sailjuiceseries.com

Singlehanders:	£30 (Datchet members £20)
Doublehanders:	£35 (Datchet members £25)

11. Discounted entry fees end 4th December 2017. Entries made after this date will attract a supplementary entry fee of £10. On-line entry will close at Midnight on Thursday 7th December 2017.

12. **Prize giving:** The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the pursuit race on Sunday.

13. **Risk Statement:** Rule 4 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. 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.

14. **Insurance:** Competitors are required to hold third party insurance for racing of at least £2,000,000.

15. **Safety Regulations:** Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat or on floating pontoons. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

16. **Other Information:**

- a. **Catering:** Hot and cold food will be available from the galley on arrival and throughout the day. The bar will be open from lunch time.
- b. **Accommodation:** Please see our website: <http://www.dwsc.co.uk/aboutus/facilities-2/accommodation-2/>. Camping and motorhome spaces are also available. As of the 3rd of October rooms in terminal 5 Travelodge Heathrow are available on Friday night from £39.

Local bylaws: LOCAL RULES (derived from the Bye-laws and club rules of Datchet Water Sailing Club) <http://www.dwsc.co.uk/aboutus/club-by-laws/>

23.1 **Buoyancy:** Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed. Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members at all time whilst afloat, on the pontoons or near the water's edge.

23.2 **Protective clothing:** Between 1st November and 30th April, full body wetsuits or dry-suits shall be worn by all competitors at all time whilst afloat. These do not constitute a personal flotation device.

23.3 **Keeping Clear:** Boats shall keep clear of all motor vessels that are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. When a boat finds herself unable to keep clear of such a vessel she may use propulsion, such as paddling or rocking, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race (rule 42.3(h)).

23.4 **Parking:** You may park boats and trailers on the gravel of the south side of the clubhouse keeping the south launching slipway clear for our keel boats on Sundays. All cars will be asked to park down on the lower level unless instructed otherwise by DWSC Officials.

23.5 **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.

