



NOTICE OF RACE

LASER STRATOS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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&

SPLASH CLASS OPEN MEETING

DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB 16th & 17th JUNE 2007

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by Dabchicks Sailing Club

2. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-08, The RYA prescriptions thereto, the current class rules of the Laser Stratos Class & the Splash Class, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

3. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to any Laser Stratos (either centreboard or keel) or Splash Class Dinghy helmed by a fully paid up member of the relevant Class Association.
- 4.2 Each boat must be helmed by the person in whose name the entry has been accepted.
- 4.3 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the attached entry form and sending it together with the required fee to Dabchicks Sailing Club, Coast Road, West Mersea, Essex CO5 8NX. No later than 9th June 2007.
- 4.4 The first 20 Laser Stratos entries will, providing they compete in the event, have their entry fees refunded by their class association.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5. FEES

The entry fee for the regatta is £25 for the Laser Stratos Class and £20 for the Splash Class.

6. SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sat 16 th June.	08.00am onwards	Registration etc.
	10.30am	Briefing
	12.30pm	Warning Signal Race 1
	ASAP following race 1	Warning Signal Race 2
Sun 17 th June.	ASAP following race 2	Warning Signal Race 3
	10.00am	Warning Signal Race 4
	ASAP following race 4	Warning Signal Race 5
	14.30 (approx)	Prize-giving

For each race the Laser Stratos Class will start 10 minutes before the OK Class.

On Sunday 17th June no warning signal will be made after 14.30 hours.

7. MEASUREMENT & SAFETY

- 7.1 Class representatives may carry out random measurement & safety checks during the event.
- 7.2 All boats will be required to sign-on and sign-off before and after going afloat.
- 7.3 Boats must carry a suitable tow rope at least 10 meters long, at least 6mm in diameter.

8. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Dabchicks Sailing Club at Registration.

10. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward-triangle courses (45°, 90°,45°) laid in the Blackwater estuary.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System will be used, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores if three or fewer races have been sailed. One discard is allowed if four or five races have been sailed.
- 11.2 Five races are scheduled, of which three are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12. PRIZES & TROPHIES

- 12.1 The Organising Authority will present glassware for the Splash class.
- 12.2 The Laser Stratos Class will present National Championship Trophies, glassware and other sponsors prizes.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 13.2 The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races. A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for boats to decide

whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

- 13.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and including the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and Beach-masters.
- 13.4 Neither the provision of patrol boats nor the granting of parental consent relieves the boat of its responsibilities.

14 DATA PROTECTION ACT

In participating in this regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event in which the competitor participates and all material related to the event without compensation. The competitor also grants the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to publish details the competitor has supplied to the Internet.

FURTHER INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS TO VENUE

From South - Take A12 north and turn off at Kelvedon. Drive straight through village until you see a sign for Tiptree on your right. Turn Right. Continue to and through Tiptree (crossing B1022 at an out-of-line crossroads). Once out of Tiptree the road sweeps downhill and then starts up again. You will come to a mini-roundabout. Turn left to Tolleshunt Knights. Following this bendy road until you come to the B1026 at Salcott-cum-Virley. Turn left. Follow this road until you meet the main Mersea road (the B1025) from Colchester. Turn right and follow to island.

From North – A12 to Colchester. Turn off at northern junction onto A1232 into Colchester. After several roundabouts and junctions you will come to a roundabout on the northern ring-road. Turn left. Straight over next roundabout, then turn right at multi- roundabout keeping Tesco on your right. Go over the river and at second roundabout turn left. After 300 yards turn right up a hill and then left at next mini-roundabout. Turn right at next junction by the school and go through the estate. Turn left at next mini-roundabout opposite a garage and this is the Mersea road. Follow this for approx. 8 miles to the island.

Once on the island: Take right hand fork and follow road round a series of bends and through the village, eventually you will emerge at Coast Road. Keep following the road until you see the dinghy park on your left just past West Mersea Yacht Club. Unload boats here and park as directed. Dabchicks Sailing Club is a further 100 meters further down the road, you cannot park there. Club representatives will be on hand to assist and show you where to park etc.

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ENTRY FORM

Please accept my entry for the 2007 Laser Stratos National Championship } delete as appropriate
Splash Class Open Meeting }

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Name of Helm.....Sail Number.....

Address.....

.....Telephone Number.....

For charter boats give sail number to be used.....

Name of Boat.....Club.....

ENTRY FEE £25 Laser Stratos Class
£20 Splash Class

Cheques made payable to: Dabchicks Sailing Club

Waiver: The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the regatta. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for racing in the event.

Declaration: I declare that I hold a valid and current boat insurance which covers me for third party claims whilst racing and that I will continue to do so whilst engaged in racing in the regatta. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern the event. I have read the regatta Notice of Race and confirm I agree to be bound by its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements whenever racing in the event.

In participating in this regatta I grant the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed and other reproductions of me during the period of the event in which I participate and in all material related to the event without compensation. I also grant the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to publish details I have supplied on the Internet.

Signed Owner/SkipperDate.....

NOTE : Entries from competitors under sixteen years of age MUST be accompanied by a duly completed Parental Permission Form (see below)
An unsigned entry form will not be accepted.

Please send entry form and fee to : **Dabchicks Sailing Club, Coast Road, West Mersea, Essex
CO5 8NX**

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UNDER 16 YEAR OLD PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM
FOR JUNIOR SKIPPERS OR CREW

Declaration by Under Sixteen Year Old:

I declare I am physically fit to go to sea with the possibility of changing conditions, that the possible dangers have been explained to me and that I understand that in the event of personal injury or other loss (if any) the responsibility will lie with the boat owner/skipper and not with the event organisers.

Name..... Age.....
Signature..... Crew/ Skipper.....

Permission of Parent/Guardian:

Persons under the age of 16 must have written authority signed by their parent or guardian acknowledging that the above conditions have been read and agreed.

I have read and agree to the above and to the Notice of Race and in particular the Conditions of Entry and Rules therein.

I am the parent/guardian (delete as appropriate) and I give permission for.....
to race in the regatta. I acknowledge the Event Organisers will not be held responsible for any personal loss or injury howsoever caused.

Name.....
Signature..... Date.....