



AIB DBSC 2024 Summer Season Notice of Race

First Scheduled AIB DBSC Race: Tuesday 23rd April

Last Scheduled AIB DBSC Race: Saturday 28th September

For full schedule of racing please see Schedule of Racing on www.dbsc.ie

Weekly Racing Programme

Tuesdays: Keelboats – From West Pier Hut

Tuesdays: Dinghies - In the harbour or the bay depending on conditions

Wednesdays: Water Wags – Harbour sailing

Thursdays: Keelboats – Committee Boat starts

Saturdays: Keelboats – Committee Boat starts and West Pier Hut starts

Saturdays: Dinghies – 11, initially in the harbour. Location to be reviewed depending on turnout.

1 Rules

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

- (a) The rules in the rule book, including the Definitions, Race Signals, Introduction, preambles and the rules of relevant appendices, but not titles;
- (b) World Sailing Regulations that have been designated by World Sailing as having the status of a rule and are published on the World Sailing website;
- (c) the prescriptions of Irish Sailing,
- (d) the class rules (for a boat racing under a handicap or rating system, the rules of that system are 'class rules');
- (e) the notice of race;
- (f) the sailing instructions; and
- (g) (list here any other documents including, for example Dublin port rules).

1.2 Changes to the racing rules and to class rules will appear in full in this notice of race and the sailing instructions. Class rules may be changed to allow the use of GPS and VHF.

2. Fleet and Class Divisions

Entrants will be divided into divisions which may not be finalised until the numbers of entries for fleets are known. Divisions will be published on www.dbsc.ie

The composition of divisions will be determined at the sole discretion of the Committee on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:

- (a) The need for a reasonable number of boat entries in each division;
- (b) Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each division;
- (c) Extra divisions from those used in previous years, with different break-points, may be created.

3 Conditions of entry

3.1 A boat shall be eligible to race only when a properly completed entry form and entry fee have been accepted by the Hon. Secretary.

All written communications will be directed to the person first named in the entry form.

3.2 In cruiser classes, boats will only be scored if a current ECHO, VPRS or IRC certificate has been issued and a copy delivered to the Hon. Secretary

For ECHO or IRC certificate apply at <https://www.sailing.ie/Racing/Handicapping>

3.3 A boat in cruiser classes Cr 0*, 1,2,3, 4 and 5 shall not be eligible to race unless (a) she is fitted with lying down bunks for two people and sitting down accommodation for four people, (b) she is capable of racing around the Burford marks in wind force 6 and can cope with wind force 8 conditions, (c) she is a monohulled boat and (d) she conforms to her class rules except where changed in this NOR or in the sailing instructions. In order to facilitate the development of a new class Cape 31 boats may enter under Cruiser 0 IRC for the 2024 season despite not having bunks or seats below. This will be reviewed yearly, or if needed sooner on the basis of safety and appropriateness of the division in which they sail.

3.4 DBSC recommends that boats entered for DBSC racing should also enrol in their local class association.

3.5 Boats visiting the area to compete in local club events or championship races or making a temporary stop in a waterfront club or marina while on a passage, may enter for DBSC racing for a period of up to 14 days. The current entry fee is €50. This fee must be paid and a visitor's entry form and declaration (obtainable from the Hon Secretary), be completed before racing.

3.7 After the first scheduled race of the season, late entries may not be scored for any race sailed less than seven full days after the Hon. Secretary receives a properly completed entry form and entry fee.

4 Disclaimer of Liability

4.1 It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat's skipper to decide whether or not to start or continue to race: and each owner/helm shall sail or race his/her boat entirely at his/her own risk; and that Dublin Bay Sailing Club Ltd. and its committee, race officers and organisers shall not be liable in the event of any accident or mishap. All Yachts shall be adequately covered by 3rd party liability insurance.

4.2 The committee reserves the right to accept or reject a boat entry on grounds of safety or other such grounds as they deem appropriate.

5 Sailing Instructions

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on-line no later than two weeks before the first scheduled race.

5.2 Sailing Instructions and amendments will be posted on www.dbsc.ie.

6 Venue

6.1 Racing area: The environs of Dublin Bay and Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

7 Courses

7.1 The courses to be sailed, which may use fixed marks or laid marks, will be set out in the sailing instructions and course cards.

8 Risk Assessment

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. 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.
- (g) 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 safety briefing held for the event.

9. Data protection and use of image:

Data Protection

Any personal information provided to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate participation in the event. Competitors and support persons are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor's or support person's national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

Use of images

Competitors and support persons are informed that the Organising Authority may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore. Competitors and support persons give consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, its sponsors, the organising authority, and the class associations.

Rosemary Roy, Hon. Secretary DBSC