

AIB DBSC 2025 Summer Season Notice of Race

First Scheduled AIB DBSC Race: Tuesday 22ND April

Last Scheduled AIB DBSC Race: Saturday 27th 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*, this notice of race and the sailing instructions. In the case of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

1.2 Any changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing, as permitted by RRS 86.1(b), will appear in the relevant section of the NOR or SIs.

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

3.2 No entries from a commercial partnership shall be accepted

3.2 A person in charge as defined by RRS 46, Person in Charge, shall be on board at all times when racing. The Irish Sailing prescription to RRS 46, Person in Charge will apply.

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

3.3 In cruiser classes, boats will only be scored if a current ECHO, VPRS or IRC certificate has been issued. A copy of such certificates may be requested by the Hon. Secretary.

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

3.4 All keelboat classes must be of a monohull design and construction

3.5 By entering a Cruiser Class, competitors acknowledge that racing will be conducted on the basis that all boats meet CE Category C, Inshore, and are capable of operating in coastal waters and large bays and lakes with winds up to and including Force 6, and significant seas 2 metres high.

3.6 A boat in cruiser classes Cr 0*, 1,2,3,4 and 5 shall not be eligible to race unless (a) she complies with the following safety clauses

Boats shall be compliant with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations – Appendix B Special Regulations for Inshore Racing at www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/. In addition to the equipment required by Appendix B the following items shall be carried on board and be in working order:

- Permanently installed and operational manual bilge pump with handle made fast and freely available.
- An operational marine VHF, which may be a handheld VHF. Safely secured and protected from accidental transmission and freely available.
- A first aid kit and manual
- Two orange smoke flares.
- An effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the boat.
- OTHER CLASSES EQUIPMENT
Boats shall be compliant with class safety rules.

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

3.8 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.

3.9 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.

Addendum A

Intended changes to racing rules:

It is the intention of the Race Committee to change some Racing Rules of Sailing. These changes shall be stated in the Sailing Instructions. Some changes are listed below. Other changes may be made in SIs:

- [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The Race Committee may penalize a boat without a hearing, under RRS 60.5(b)(3), for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction by adding 3 points to her score. (This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1)
- [DP] A boat entered in a DBSC series shall not cross the start or finish line of any race in which she is not racing. The Race Committee may penalize a boat without a hearing, under RRS 60.5(b)(3), for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction by scoring her DSQ in the race or races she has sailed that day. (This changes RRS A5.1)
- [DP] On Saturdays, boats having finished their race shall not sail between the Orange Black or Green Starting Marks and the DBSC Hut. The Race Committee may penalize a boat without a hearing, under RRS 60.5(b)(3), for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction by scoring her DSQ in the race or races she has sailed that day. (This changes RRS A5.1)
- The race committee give a penalty to any boat breaking A 11.1 – 11.5 without a hearing, under RRS 60.5(b)(3). When the boat has broken one of these instructions when not racing her penalty shall apply to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident. (This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1).
- RRS A5.3 shall apply but is amended changed to read: a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS A5.3

Rosemary Roy, Hon. Secretary DBSC