RHYC Dinghy Shiver Series 2027

10th January – 21st March 2027

Organised by the Royal Harwich Yacht Club.

Notice of Race

1. **Rules**

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 [DP] The Port of Ipswich and the Harwich Haven Authority Byelaws also apply.

1.3 A boat may not protest another boat for a breach of class rules. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for any breach of class rules may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2. Competitors should note in particular that use of replica equipment that does not convey a competitive advantage will not normally be penalised.

1.4 RRS 77 Identification on Sails does not apply. [DP] Boats shall however display a sail number or other clearly visible marking on their main sail that is distinct from that of any other boat in the same class entered in the event and shall inform the race committee of that sail number or marking when signing on for racing each day.

2. **Eligibility and Entry**

2.1 The event is free to all dinghies with a member of the Royal Harwich Yacht Club as helm or crew. Visitors £60.00 per boat for the series to include free dinghy storage. Or visitors may pay £15 for a day to include racing only. All entries must be online prior to 3.30pm Friday before racing.

2.2 There will be separate classes for ILCA / Laser dinghies (all sizes of sail racing together on handicap) and all other dinghies (racing as a handicap fleet). Where a competitor uses different sized rigs, handicaps will be for the largest rig used in the series.

2.3 Handicaps will be determined by the organising authority and for development classes may differ between boats in the same class.

2.4 Every eligible member combination of helm / crew and boat that signs on for a race in the event will automatically be entered in the event. If different people helm the same boat in different races of the event, then each such combination of helm and boat will be treated (and scored) as a separate entry in the event.

2.5 [DP] Competitors under the age of 16 years shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone over 16 years of age acting *in loco parentis* while at the club. The responsible adult shall remain at or near the club and be available to take responsibility for the competitor at all times while the competitor is at the club (including while they are on the water).

3. **Sailing Instructions**

3.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the club website.

4. **Schedule**

4.1 Racing is scheduled to take place on the following dates, with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day and the number of races scheduled for that day as follows:

Date	Class	Scheduled time of Start signal for first race	Number of races scheduled for the day
10th Jan	Laser	11:30	2
	Handicap	11:35	2
24th Jan	Laser	11:30	2
	Handicap	11:35	2
7th Feb	Laser	11:30	2
	Handicap	11:35	2
21st Feb	Laser	10:30	2
	Handicap	10:35	2
7th Mar	Laser	10:30	2
	Handicap	10:35	2
14th Mar	Laser	14:00	2
	Handicap	14:05	2
21st Mar	Laser	10:00	2
	Handicap	10:05	2

4.2 Races scheduled on the same day will normally be sailed back-to-back, with the warning signal for each subsequent race being made shortly after the last boat has finished the previous race.

5. **Venue**

5.1 Racing will be on the river Orwell.

6. **Courses**

6.1 Courses are expected to be a mixture of round-the-cans and laid courses (e.g. windward-leeward).

7. **Scoring**

7.1 Three races are required to be completed by a class to constitute the series for that class.

7.2 The series score for each entry in the event will, subject to RRS 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her '(n-1)/2' worst scores,

7.3 RRS A5.3 applies.

7.4 Competitors unable to race on any given day as a result of undertaking official duties in connection with the event (e.g. as a member of the race committee or in a support boat) will be awarded average points for each race completed on that day calculated in accordance with RRS A9(a). No more than 50% of the race scores included in a competitor's series score will be such average points scores.

8. **Privacy Statement**

8.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in this event. If you have agreed to be 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. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

9. **Risk Statement**

9.1 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. By taking part in this 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, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

f) The provision of support 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 competitor briefing held for this event.

10. **Insurance**

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a

minimum cover of £5m per incident or the equivalent.

11. **Prizes**

11.1 There is a trophy and prize for the winning boat in each class. Other place prizes will be awarded depending on the number of boats participating.

12. **Further Information**

12.1 For further information please contact the club office.

12.2 In the event of extreme wind being forecast for a race day then the OOD will endeavour to make decision on early abandonment at the club 2 hours before the advertised start time. If the OOD has access, this will be posted on RHYC face book page. Class Captains can be contacted for further information.