

**Mini May Wednesday Evening Series**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
**NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS VIRTUAL REGATTA SERIES**  
**F50s**

In the comfort of your homes, using the virtual regatta app inshore or webpage [virtualregatta.com](https://virtualregatta.com)

### **1.0 RULES**

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and VirtualRegatta.com

1.2 Any infringements of these rules are penalised during the race with an automatic slowing of boat speed. This is shown by a red mark & exclamation mark next to the offended while penalty is active. These cannot be appealed. This changes rule 44.

1.3 Rubbish shall not be put overboard, however it may be put in your bins at home.

1.4 Competitors shall give way to patrol boats and race management craft carrying out their duties at all times.

### **2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

2.1 The regatta is open to all Datchet Water Sailing Club members, non-sailors are also welcome. Use the code DWSC to enter.

2.2 The races are limited to 20 participants per race.

2.2 All helms under the age of 18 are required to encourage a Parent/Guardian to also compete

2.3 Boats can make modification to colour and pattern on their boats.

### **3.0 ENTRY FEE**

There is no entry fee, participation is free.

### **4.0 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE**

4.1 Race 1 aims to start at 19.00, entry will be available approximately 18.55.

4.2 Race 2 aims to start at 19.15, entry will be available approximately 19.10.

4.3 Race 3 aims to start at 19.30, entry will be available approximately 19.25.

4.4 Race 4 aims to start at 19.45, entry will be available approximately 19.40.

4.5 Alongside the races a zoom meeting will be available, any changes to this schedule will be announced using this.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 684 405 9069

Password: 138105

## **5.0 THE COURSES**

The course will be shown on entry to the race.

## **6.0 MARKS**

Course marks will be Orange/Yellow cylindrical buoys. The next mark of the course is highlighted with a beam of light.

## **7.0 VENUE**

Races will be sailed in a variety of locations around the world however you will be able to access of this from your home!

## **8.0 SCORING**

8.1 Standard scoring will apply (Low Points scoring system as set out in RRS Appendix A) with the exceptions that any boats that are in the series that did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored 20 points.

8.2 There will be 1 discard for every 4 races sailed, where the highest score will be discarded. This will remain for the length of series.

## **9.0 PRIZES**

The pride and glory or being a true champion will be awarded to the winning boat. Other prizes will be awarded, depending on entry numbers.

## **10.0 RADIO (zoom) COMMUNICATION**

A boat is encouraged to use zoom while racing but asked to remember Juniors are competing (even if it gets heated!).

## **11.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times. Safety is of the highest priority although the use of sailing gloves is not encouraged.

## **12.0 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". Virtual Sailing is by its nature an incredibly unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves some serious 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 lockdown household and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event; (b) They accept responsibility for any damage to keyboards etc. that may be caused by spilt cereal bowl or cups of coffee; (c) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate (they are alert and awake and have not just rolled out of bed).

### **13.0 TIME LIMITS**

If a boat takes longer than 2 minutes to cross the start line after the start has passed they will be disqualified and a DNF awarded.