



Dabchicks  
Sailing Club



## Wayfarer National Championships 11-13 September 2020



Following recent discussions with the organisers of the 2020 National Championships at Dabchicks SC, Coast Road, West Mersea, we are pleased to report a continued intention to run the Championships this September. These discussions have taken place following feedback from the membership where there was considerable support for the event going ahead albeit with several of those who responded sensibly and understandably expressing the view that there will need to be more easing of current restrictions. It is clear that as the Government Guidance and the laws stand a Championship could not be sailed tomorrow either on or off the water. The social distancing arrangements and lack of changing room facilities would make it impossible. However, there has been considerable easing of the restrictions over the past few weeks and, subject to continuing control of the R-rate, there is every reason to hope that further easing in the future will permit the event to go ahead.

Of course, we understand that if restrictions are not eased sufficiently to allow the event to proceed or there is a Covid-19 spike locally or nationally, with increased restrictions or a re-implementation of a lockdown situation or a realistic threat of such a situation occurring from 11-13 September then the event will have to be cancelled. The UKWA and Dabchicks SC will continue to review the situation. In the event that the Championships are cancelled Entry fees which have been paid to DSC will be refunded to competitors in full.

On that basis, Dabchicks SC have now reopened entry to the Championship which had been suspended in earlier in the year. Please visit <https://dabchicks.org/wayfarer-national-championship/> for more details and to enter.

Please note

- The closing date for entry remains 30th August 2020;
- All persons visiting the club will be asked to sign an Event Personal Location Form with contact details for track and trace and confirming that they are Covid-free. An example of the existing form can be found on the DSC website;
- DSC will be posting an amended Covid compliant Notice of Race on their website. Please keep an eye on their website for that. Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions, if required, will be posted closer to the event;
- With the exception of the Entry fee, you will understand that neither DSC nor the UKWA will accept responsibility for any irrecoverable costs or expenses incurred by competitors (including any accommodation costs) in connection with the Championship if it has to be cancelled.

Dabchicks Sailing Club and its neighbour the West Mersea Yacht Club have worked very hard to successfully reinstate some keelboat and dinghy racing within their clubs in recent weeks. DSC clubhouse bar reopened on 6th July. Of course, it is much easier to facilitate sailing for local people who can go home to shower afterwards than it is to put on a major event attracting competitors from all over the country. DSC will do its very best to put on a great event for the UKWA subject to being permitted to do so by rules and guidance in force from time to time.

The Association would like to encourage its members to enter the Nationals so please visit the DSC website and enter the event if you have not already done so.



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UKWA Racing Secretary  
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