

SailEAST 2013 Notice of Series

1.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The SailEAST IRC Series will comprise the following 12 qualifying races:

Race	Date	Regatta / Location
1, 2 & 3	Saturday 25 th May	Dabchicks, West Mersea & IRC East Coast Championship
4 & 5	Sunday 26 th May	Dabchicks, West Mersea & IRC East Coast Championship
6 & 7	Saturday 13 th July	Felixstowe, Harwich
8 & 9	Sunday 14 th July	Felixstowe, Harwich
10 & 11	Saturday 24 th August	Burnham Week
12	Sunday 25 th August	Burnham Week

Where a regatta comprises a number of classes/divisions, the SailEAST IRC qualifying races will only be those conducted in the Regatta's IRC Handicapped classes.

Please refer to each organising club for Race Entry Forms, Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions at the Regatta websites in Appendix 1.

2.0 Rules for IRC Classes

2.1 General

The Series will be governed by:

The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, with RYA Prescriptions

The 2013 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C

Where applicable, One Design Class Association rules

Individual regatta Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions

This Notice of Series

Where there is a conflict, succeeding items will take precedence

2.2 Advertising

Advertising shall be permitted as stipulated by the organising authorities for each individual regatta.

2.3 Sail Limitations IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d)

IRC and individual Class Association rules apply for individual regattas as per the Notice of Race. Each regatta is separate for the purposes of applying IRC Sail Limitation rules during the Series.

2.4 Crew Limitations:

Under IRC Rule 22.4.3 Regattas can change IRC Rule 22.4 Crew Number/Weight in the Notice of Race. Refer to that Regatta's Notice of Race.

2.5 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations:

SailEAST races are run using the minimum safety requirements required by the sponsoring yacht clubs, which typically accord with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 (but often deleting requirements for navigation lights and with reduced structural requirements). In

addition most Regattas require the carrying of a VHF radio for both safety & race communications. Please see each Regatta's Notice of Race.

Full details of the Categories can be found at: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php> and specific details for each Regatta can be found at the Regatta website, see Appendix 1.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

The SailEAST Series is open to any monohull boat carrying a valid IRC Certificate and which competes in at least one qualifying regatta of the Series.

Note: Individual races may carry certain other eligibility criteria (e.g. minimum safety requirements). Refer to that race's Notice of Race.

4.0 CLASSES

The Series will be competed for on an overall basis and in the following classes:

4.1 IRC Classes

IRC Class	TCC
Class One	1.010 and above
Class Two	0.960 – 1.009
Class Three	0.900 – 0.959
Class Four	0.740 – 0.899

SailEAST reserves the right to amend the class bands in the light of 2013 data before the start of the season (Dabchicks Regatta).

Note: Some race organisers may adopt different IRC class divisions for the purposes of their own race starting and scoring. In these cases, races will be sailed in accordance with these different divisions. SailEAST will recast the overall results of the qualifying races into its own divisions for use in allocating Series points.

5.0 SCORING

5.1 Scoring System:

The points for each race of the Series will be awarded in accordance with the low-point scoring system (RRS Appendix A4.1) - 1 point for first place, 2 for second, 3 for third, etc. Each race to score equally. A series-score tie shall be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

5.2 Races to Score:

An IRC boat may count her best (lowest) scores for 7 races, but may only count scores from a maximum of 3 races from any of the 3 qualifying regattas.

5.3 Non Placed Scorings

Boats not starting or finishing in a race or those retiring or being disqualified will be scored for the Series as follows:

Classification	Series Scoring
RDG	Score as placing given by Protest Committee
Did Not Enter & Entered but DNC	SailEast Series entry plus one
DSQ & DND	Race entry plus two
DNF and other classifications	Race starters plus one

6.0 TROPHIES & PRIZES

6.1 Classes and Overall

Awarded each year to the owners of the boats with the best (lowest) score in overall and class as follows:

1 st IRC Overall	Dolphin Sails £1,000 Voucher & Hutton Trophy
2 nd IRC Overall	HCC Trophy
Class One	Dolphin Trophy
Class Two	Orridge Cup
Class Three	Gillingham Trophy
Class Four	Gozzett Cup

Prizes are awarded each year to overall and class winners, and 2nd and 3rd placed yachts in class provided that they have competed in at least one qualifying regatta.

6.2 Perpetual trophies will be recalled by the Secretary at the beginning of December of the year the trophy was collected (i.e. December 2013 for trophies awarded for the 2012 season). SailEAST is responsible for the engraving of perpetual trophies before they are awarded.

6.3 John Parker Team Challenge Trophy

The Team Trophy will be awarded to the Yacht Club or other recognised organisation whose best three placed boats in the overall IRC Series receive the aggregate lowest score. A boat may race for only one Club/Organisation during the Series, unless it notifies the Secretary SailEAST of its intended change of allegiance prior to competing in its first race of the Series. Boats sailing under the burgee of more than one Club/Organisation for any race, must notify the Secretary SailEAST of the Club/Organisation which they want to have their points awarded. Failure to comply with notification shall result in the boat being ineligible for the Team Challenge Trophy.

6.4 SailEAST Impala Trophy

This takes place as a "one-design" event, with placings being taken from the elapsed time on the water, without the application of IRC handicaps. Yachts and owners must comply with the current Impala Class Rules, except that yachts may deviate from the class rules, provided that no individual change is made which could contribute towards an increase in the yachts IRC rating.

(For the avoidance of doubt, alterations which could affect the rating may not be netted off against one another, so, for example, a yacht which is over-weight is not permitted to carry over-sizes sails, even if her IRC rating was still lower than the class standard).

The owner must be a member of the Class Association to be eligible for this series.

6.5 Rig Magic Trophy - One Design/Class

Awarded to the owners of any other recognised class of boat where the class contains three or more boats that compete in at least the required number of races to score (see 5.2). Races will be scored by extracting class positions from the regatta overall results and applying SailEAST scoring (See 5.0).

6.6 Chris Goldsmith Trophy - Youth Challenge:

The Youth Challenge Trophy is open to crew members who are under 22 years of age at the time of completing the minimum qualifying number of races for the SailEAST Series (see 5.2).

The Youth Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the youth crew member on the highest placed overall boat in the Series.

6.7 Geek Trophy – Best Unrewarded Performance
As decided by the SailEAST Committee.

6.8 Lucky Bastard Trophy
As decided by the SailEAST Committee.

6.9 Dolphin Trophy – SailEAST and EAORA
For the yacht with the best score in the SailEAST and EAORA series combined.

Appendix 1

Dabchicks: <http://www.dabchicks.org/saileast.htm>

Felixstowe: www.felixstoweregatta.co.uk

Burnham: www.burnhamweek.org.uk