

# DWSC Summer Race Series Briefing 2025

Welcome to another DWSC race briefing. Heading into Summer race there are a few changes upcoming that our racing members should be aware of, these are outlined below. As always if anything is unclear please ask.

The Sunday series starts on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, this is the morning after the clocks change – don't forget! Wednesday evenings start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6:30pm.

I look forward to seeing you all on the water this summer!

*Simon Odling, Rear Commodore Sailing*

## Start Sequence & Schedule

Please review the schedule for both Sundays and Wednesday evenings. The start order for Sunday morning and afternoon racing has remained the same as winter – but with one crucial change.

The GL split point between fast and slow fleets has changed to 1025.

<b>Sunday Race 1</b>		
Warning		Not Before 11:00
Preparatory		11:01
Start 1	Fireball & Menagerie Fast Fleet - GL 1025 & below	11.04
Start 2	Aero - 5, 6, 7, 9	11.07
Start 3	Flying Fifteen	11.10
Start 4	ILCA (Laser) - 4, 6, 7 (4.7, Radial, Std)	11.13
Start 5	Menagerie Slow Fleet - GL 1026 & above	11.16
<b>Sunday Race 2</b>		
Warning		Not Before 13.15
Preparatory		13.16
Start 1	Fireball	13.19
Start 2	Menagerie Fast Fleet - GL 1025 & below	13.22
Start 3	Flying Fifteen	13:25
Start 4	Menagerie Slow Fleet - GL 1026 & above	13.28

This summer we are running a changed Wednesday evening based on participation data and keeping the Fast/Slow fleet split. Don't forget the first 2 weeks start 30minutes early!

<b>Wednesday Evening Race</b>		2/4, 09/4, 27/8, 3/9	16/4 – 20/8
Warning		18.30	19.00
Preparatory		18.31	19.01
Start 1	Flying Fifteen Menagerie Fast Fleet GL 1025 & below	18.34	19.04
Start 2	ILCA (Laser)	18.37	19.07
Start 3	Menagerie Slow Fleet GL 1026 & above	18.40	19.10
Start 4	Aeros (5, 6, 7, 9)	18.43	19.13

On Sunday mornings if the 1<sup>st</sup> race is delayed and does not start before 12pm it will be automatically cancelled, and the afternoon race may be sailed as planned.

### [Signing on Sheets & Series Sail Number introduction](#)

No major updates here – please remember to use your series sail number to prevent any issues with results.

### [Signing off – Club Sailing Instructions - Rule 16.2](#)

No sign off or retirement sheet will be printed out and provided, instead if you retire from a race you should sign off as in the example below.

**FAST MENAGERIE (GL Below 1000)**

PLEASE ENTER FIRST NAME AND SURNAME \*These Columns for OD use only

Boat Class	Sail No	Helm	Crew	Series Sail Number (If applicable)	No. of laps*	Stopwatch Time*
RS400	1234	Joe Bloggs	Jon Bloggs		DNF	

### [Updates to OD Instructions](#)

1. The start line should be shortened after the final start to reduce the size of the gate to approximately half the length. This will make tracking boats laps and finishing easier.
2. The shortened course flag will be on the committee boat and should be raised at the same time as shortening the course with the lights. This will improve visibility and prevent issues if there are equipment failures.
3. Where conditions and participation permit, OD's should discuss running a Windward-Leward course occasionally on Sunday Afternoons. This type of course is not suitable for a wide range of fast and slow boats so please check with Dave/Simon/Will/Matt if not sure.

## GL Updates & Pursuit Series starts

At Draycote we the Great Lakes Handicap System. There have been some updates this year, more than usual and as such the pursuit race starts have changed for some classes.

With the Fast/Slow fleet split point set at 1025 please check which start to use for Sunday & Wednesday racing.

Please check your Pursuit Race start time before the first race at Easter.

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Great Lakes Handicaps 2025 - Pursuit Starts 2025 : 100 minute race			Mar-25		
Boat	Yardstick	Delay in minutes	Boat	Yardstick	Delay in minutes
OPTIMIST	1631	-19	Flying Fifteen Silver (2701-3400)	1036	24
CADET	1455	-6	ROOSTER 8.1	1035	24
RS TERA SPORT	1445	-6	SCORPION	1035	24
TOPPER 4.2	1425	-4	LASER EPS	1033	25
RS TERA PRO	1370	0	BUZZ	1030	25
Topper	1369	0	RS AERO 9	1024	25
MIRROR	1368	0	FLYING FIFTEEN	1022	25
Laser Pico	1330	3	RS100 8.4	1001	27
HARTLEY 12 Racer	1290	6	PHANTOM	998	27
RS FEVA XL	1244	9	Blaze HALO	992	28
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	1212	11	RS300	985	28
COMET	1208	12	MERLIN ROCKET	983	28
WANDERER	1201	12	RS100 10.2	981	28
MIRACLE	1196	13	International Moth - no foils	980	28
FIREFLY	1190	13	470	973	29
LIGHTNING 368	1168	15	CONTENDER	969	29
STREAKER	1155	16	Devoti D-One	965	30
ENTERPRISE	1152	16	RS500	963	30
SOLO	1149	16	FIREBALL	959	30
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	1149	16	VORTEX	950	31
BYTE CII	1149	16	RS400	948	31

Slow

Fast

## Missed fleet starts

If for any reason a fleet does not start on its allotted start time it must not start with or in between another fleet's start. This has been an issue during the summer.

The fleet should send a representative to the OD boat, taking care to avoid interfering with any other starts to request that they start at the back of the sequence. Where no General Recall has happened, this would be on start 6 after the Slow Menagerie fleet have started.

The same applies to any fleet planning on starting after the main sequence for any reason – speak to the OD beforehand and let them know your plans.

If this does happen please also be courteous to the slower boats ahead of you, you probably aren't actually racing them and most of the time its faster to avoid each other!