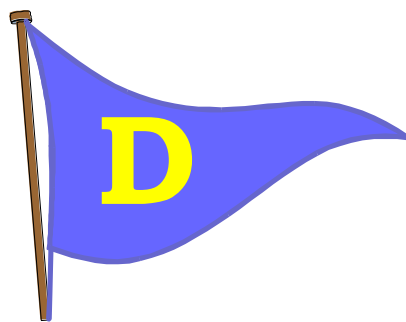
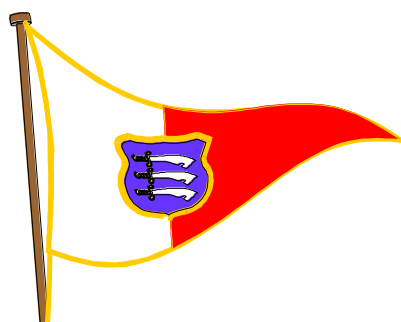


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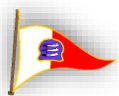


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# WEST MERSEA JOINT CRUISER RACING 2022

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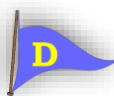
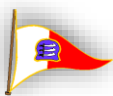
### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The races are organised jointly by West Mersea Yacht Club and Dabchicks Sailing Club.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a)

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The joint Sailing Instructions and all Appendices are available at Official Noticeboard.
- 1.3 Rules 44.3 (scoring penalty) & Rule 37 (search and rescue) shall not apply
- 1.4 [DP] Protocols relating to Covid 19 may be published at any time and will state if they have a status of a rule.
- 1.5 By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the WMYC and DSC procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. [DP]
- 1.6 [DP] Competitors attention is brought to Appendix G of the RRS, and especially G1.1 (c) and the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and RYA prescriptions. Sail numbers.
- 1.7 RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.
- 1.8 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.9 RRS 90.3a is changed as follows; The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix A, unless the notice of race or sailing instructions specify some other system. A race shall be scored if it is not abandoned and if **two boats start**, sails the course and finishes within the race time limit, if any, even if **both** retire after finishing or is disqualified.
- 1.10 Appendix A (scoring) is changed. Changes will be detailed in the sailing instructions



## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available two weeks before the first race of the 2022 season from the official noticeboard by using this link [Sailing Instructions](#)

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Noticeboard is located at <https://events.wmyc.org.uk/page/official-noticeboard>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on marine channels; 16, 67, 77, 72, 37A/M1.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF channel, and/or WhatsApp group. The channels for both will be given in the Sailing Instructions
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats
- 3.5 Hearings will be held remotely under procedures which will be communicated by notice from the protest committee.
- 3.6 The combined sailing committee have introduced an online portal to handle entry to events and to make bookings. Would boat owners please ensure that they have a login to this site by emailing [WMYCsailing@gmail.com](mailto:WMYCsailing@gmail.com).

## 4. ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY

- 4.1 These races are open to all boats of all classes subject to the following conditions

*White Sail Fleet* is intended to appeal to boats which are less than fully crewed, and which are not flat out race boats. White Sail fleets in all series shall use Local handicaps plus 20 points for no spinnakers.

*Local Handicap fleet* in all races shall use the handicaps issued or calculated by the Joint Handicap Committee, except when altered by the Sailing Instructions or their Appendices of a particular event. Local handicap fleet handicaps may be subject to amendment by the Joint Handicap Committee during the season. Any changes to those handicaps and the applicable date of change will be notified on the Official Noticeboard.

- 4.2 [DP] It is a condition of entry that yachts may be required to provide a committee vessel, OOD & start party for a designated race or races. Owners are reminded that if their yacht is so designated it is their responsibility to ensure these duties are carried out, preferably by themselves and their regular racing crew. Failure to perform these duties or to provide an adequate substitute is a serious matter and suitable penalties may be applied. You can volunteer for your preferred duty through your portal on the website

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 There are no applicable fees for these races

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

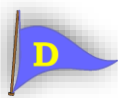
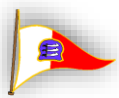
- 6.1 [DP] [NP] Crew limits may be introduced depending upon Covid regulations, these will be displayed on the Official Noticeboard See [NOR 1.4]

## 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

## 9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 This Notice of Race applies to all events designated as joint clubs racing in the Annual Sailing Programme of the WMYC/DSC published at <https://events.wmyc.org.uk/events>
- 9.2 Details of dates and start times of individual races are set out in the sailing programme jointly published by the two clubs at [Calendar](#) or in the appendices published on the Official Noticeboard



## **10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time
- 10.2 [DP] Before competing in any race boat owners shall submit to the WMYC Secretariat a signed Safety Declaration as per the attached form APPENDIX 1. This form can be completed on line by going to; [Safety declaration form 2022](#)  
WMYC will copy these forms to DSC. This changes Appendix A4.1, A4.2 and A5.
- 10.3 Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- 10.4 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **12 VENUE**

- 12.1 Races will be held in the River Blackwater estuary and the creeks of West Mersea unless specified in the event Appendix

## **13 COURSES**

- 13.1 Unless amendments or alternative sailing instructions are given, courses will be taken from the 2022 WMYC and DSC combined Course Chart. The number of the course to be sailed will be that displayed on the rail of the Committee Boat at the Fleet warning signal. The course number may be removed after the Start Signal and replaced with the course for any following fleet. If the number of the course displayed on the Committee Boat is followed by X2, this denotes that 2 laps of that course should be sailed, X3 denotes that 3 laps of that course should be sailed, etc.
- 13.2 If course number 77 is displayed then the OOD will broadcast the course to be sailed on VHF Channel 77, call sign 'Mollette' or 'Centenary'. The broadcast will be issued at least 15 minutes before the start of each race effected and may be displayed on a blackboard on the committee boat.

## **15 SCORING**

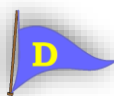
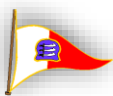
- 15.1 Details of the scoring system and the discard system shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 15.2 RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply. The time limit will be 48 hours

## **21 DATA PROTECTION**

- 21.1 The data protection policy can be found here <https://www.wmyc.org.uk/about-us/data-security/>

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"
- 22.2 Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the events, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that;
  - 22.2.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
  - 22.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
  - 22.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
  - 22.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
  - 22.2.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.



22.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

It is their responsibility to familiarize 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 safety briefing held for the event.

## **23 INSURANCE**

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent in any currency

## **24 PRIZES**

24.1 Any trophy which is subject to a covenant requiring it to be awarded only to a WMYC or DSC member will only be awarded to members of those clubs.

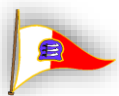
## **25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **End of Notice of Race**

### **Information**

To aid the passing of information to competitors it is anticipated that a Whats App group will be continued in 2022. This media is for the passing of general race information prior to the start or following the completion of a race. It is intended to be an aid to competitors with the latest information of the Race management team. Failure to display information or the displaying of incorrect information may not be used for redress hearings

The new official notice board at [WMYC/DSC Sailing website](https://www.wmyc.co.uk/dsc-sailing-website) will also be used extensively in 2022. We would ask all sailors and volunteers to make themselves familiar with this site and request access to the Portal. If further help is required please contact us at [wmycsailing@gmail.com](mailto:wmycsailing@gmail.com)



**APPENDIX 1**  
**WMYC & DSC JOINT CRUISER**  
**SAFETY DECLARATION 2022**

**In accordance with the Mersea Joint Cruiser Racing Sailing Instructions, and RRS92 The technical committee shall before racing ensure that, all yachts racing have signed and submitted to WMYC Secretariat a copy of this Safety Declaration.**

**A. INSURANCE** - I confirm that my yacht named ..... / Sail Number.....  
has a minimum of £3 million third party insurance cover.

**B. SAFETY EQUIPMENT** - I confirm that my yacht carries all the following items of equipment:-

Lifejackets for all crew members

Lifebuoy

EPIRB and/or Handheld VHF with charged and in date batteries

or Coastal Flare pack - 2 Red hand held flares and 2 Orange smoke flares, all in date

Fog Horn

Echo Sounder

Fire Extinguisher

Anchor, 2m chain and a minimum of 15m cable

First Aid Kit

Marine Compass

Manual Bilge Pump permanently fitted and operated from cockpit

Stout Bucket with lanyard

A working VHF Radio

Bolt croppers or other effective means of cutting rigging

Suitable knife accessible from the deck effective for cutting sheets and halyards

Heaving line & Towing line

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_