



Joining Instructions
UKWA National Championships 2023
30th June 2023 to 2nd July 2023

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Dear Wayfarer Sailor

Welcome to West Mersea and the Dabchicks Sailing Club for your 2023 National Championship.

To all of you whether this is your first time at West Mersea or a regular visitor please come forward and ask us if you want to know something. We will do our best to answer all of them when we can.

For those who have visited us before you will know that West Mersea is in places very quirky. The aim of this document is to give you all as much information upfront as possible so please take the time to read the notes below.

Thank you

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1. How to access West Mersea?

We operate a preferred route to the club, and we would appreciate if everybody followed the route suggested below.

DO NOT follow your GPS to the club. It will take you down a narrow road which is too narrow for your road trailer, and is currently closed at the lower end of the road, with NO turning space.

On crossing the Strood to access Mersea Island, please bear right at the "Y" junction and follow the signs for West Mersea (B1025).

Once in Mersea itself, please follow the road round into Mill Road and then again into Barfield Road. In practice, although the map shows these as a left turn followed by a right turn, you just need to continue to drive until you eventually end up in the High Street.

At the bottom of the High Street, the road will bear right past the Church, on your right is the White Hart pub, and then right again. At this stage, you will be on Coast Road and will be able to see the water on your left. Continue driving along Coast Road as far as you can go. You will pass the DSC dinghy park on your left just after the access road to the hammerhead. Please stop and unload your boats into the dinghy park. We will endeavour to have some people around for help and advice. Be aware that there are yellow lines and the restrictions start on 1st April so move quickly.

Please do not park your car or trailer in the dinghy park as this will restrict your fellow sailors. Whatever you do please do not proceed with your car and trailer past the dinghy park, there is no place to turnaround.

We will endeavour to have some local helpers to advise you how and where to go on arrival. Everyone is a volunteer and please follow their instructions. The instructions are usually based upon experience, and we know the parking police are very active....

2. RNLI Lifeboat Station

Please note that between the various dinghy parks is an RNLI lifeboat station whose vehicular access is also along Coast Road. At all times, competitors must ensure that their vehicles, trailers and dinghies do not block access to the lifeboat station or Coast Road.

In the event that you hear a loud paging noise from the station, please make sure the road and lifeboat station access are clear. Do not park your boat on or in front of the lifeboat slip. These signals indicate that the lifeboat crews have been called out in response to an emergency. Please be extra vigilant at this time, as crew vehicles will be driving towards the Lifeboat Station quickly in response to being called out.



3. Trailers

Once you have unloaded your boat, please remove the road trailer/road base to Firs Chase Caravan park, Firs Chase, West Mersea, CO5 8NR. To reach this location.

Turnaround and drive back along Coast Road, At West Mersea YC turn left and drive up the hill. Take the third turning on the left into Firs Chase. Drive along to the end of the road and turn right. The Caravan Park is in front of you. Please park the trailers on the right as you enter the caravan park. We hope to have someone available to show you.

4. Car Parking Restrictions

Parking in West Mersea is difficult and limited. All along Coast Road there are yellow line parking restrictions in place. These car parking restrictions are in place effective 1st April. There are car parks in front of West Mersea Yacht club. A daily fee is payable. Please do not park in West Mersea Yacht Club car park.



5. Motorhomes

If you are joining us with a Motorhome please organise to get your vehicle to your agreed site as quickly as possible after unloading. In general, the best way to get around Mersea Island is on a bike so bringing one is a good idea.

6. Registration

The important links to the event are given below including the WhatsApp links. The Dabchicks Sailing Club will be found at the end of Coast Road as far as you can go. The Bar opening times and the Galley opening times are given in 8. Food.

The times and location of Registration are given below

Date	Class	Open	Close	Location
29/6/23	Wayfarer	14:00	18:30	DSC Bar
30/6/23	Wayfarer	08:00	09:30	DSC Bar

7. Food & Drink

Tea, coffee, a small range of soft drinks (hot & chilled) and snacks will be available during club opening hours. The bar service commences 12pm until last orders until 11pm.

A good hearty breakfast is available from The Blackwater Pearl café which you can see from the dinghy park upon arrival.

Thursday: Feel free to bring or order in your own. Menus available at registration.

Friday: BBQ served from 5:30pm. Order and pay at registration.

Saturday: Fish & Chips from Mersea Island Fish bar, served in galley from 5pm. Order and pay at registration.

8. Changing Rooms, Toilets and Showers.

Changing facilities are available in the following locations:

Male, at the Dabchicks Sailing Club

Female, at the Dabchicks Sailing Club

There are lockers available.

Please do not leave valuables in any of the changing rooms



9. Dining in Mersea

- The Blackwater Pearl café
- The Coast Inn
- Victory at Mersea
- White Hart
- Titash (Indian Restaurant)
- Mersea Fish Bar
- Dukes Seafood
- The Fox Inn

10. RIBs

It maybe you wish to bring your own Rib, this is possible, but we must know in advance. You will need to launch from your road trailer down a slipway. Please be aware that there are no visitor moorings. We can allow some boats to raft up on our moorings, but this will be at your own risk and be directed by the Event Organiser.

11. Finally

The race team (weather permitting) hope to run racing in close proximity to the Beach and hopefully in view of the family who may be travelling with you. This document is intended to answer a few of the questions but you may have others, if so please email Club.Manager@dabchicks.org who will do their best to answer them

Enjoy your stay with us and have a great event

12. Links

To assist the DSC in running the racing, we use a number of online systems, in particular <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/>

For the benefit of all can at least one member of the boat crew download from the site above the App suitable for their handheld device. There is a link to Googleplay. When downloaded open the app.

- Click on three bars top left,
- Click on select event.
- Scroll down to Wayfarer National Championships
- Click on Add competitor
- Select Your boat number

Having done this you will be informed automatically of things such as Protest time limits, and any hearings you might be involved with. You can access the official noticeboard where all the documents will be available. You can file a protest and submit a number of requests. We can respond to all of those directly with you. The individual links are here.

[Official Notice Board](#)

[File a Protest](#)

[Submit Question for Jury](#)

[Submit Crew Substitution Request](#)

[Submit Equipment Substitution Request](#)

[Submit Scoring Inquiry](#)

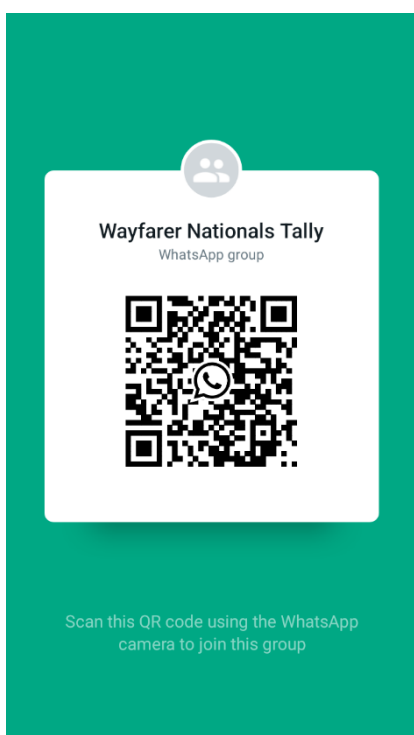




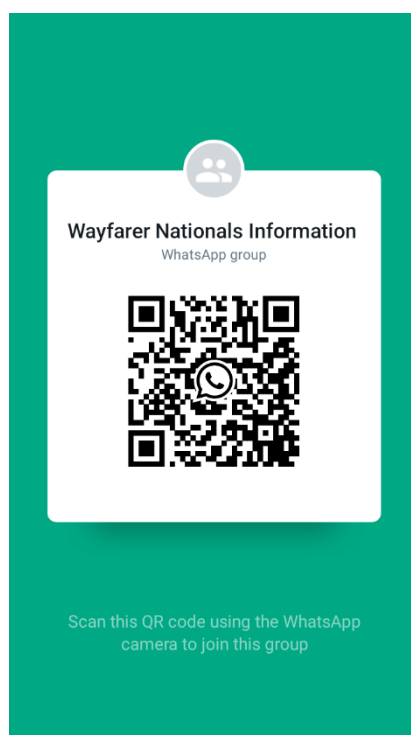
[Submit Penalty Report](#)
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We use WhatsApp to communicate two things.

- 1) Wayfarer Tally, this is only to be used in accordance with the Tallying as given in the Sailing Instructions. Please read the sailing instructions carefully.
- 2) Wayfarer Information. This is not the ONB but is used by the Organising Authority (especially the Race Officer) to keep competitors informed of the current thinking.



WhatsApp Tally



Wayfarer Nationals Information

Please join the groups.
Any Questions we will handle at Registration.

Thank you
Organising Authority