

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Visitor

Welcome to West Mersea and the Dabchicks Sailing Club.

On behalf of the organising authorities we wish you good luck. Please remember the result is not everything and what is much more important is you have FUN.

The aim of this document is to give you all as much information upfront as possible so please take the time to read this in detail and follow our advice as best as you can.

1. How to access West Mersea?

We operate a preferred route, 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

On crossing the Strood to access Mersea Island, please bear right at the “Y” junction and follow the signs for West Mersea (B1025) as shown on the following map.

We do not anticipate any issues during the event when the tide will close the Strood.

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 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. Please stop and unload your boats into the dinghy park or to a location advised by our helpers. Be aware that there are double yellow lines so unloading should be done promptly

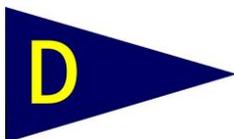
Please do not park in the dinghy park.

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.



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3. 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 accordance with the plates on the street signs. There are car parks at West Mersea marine and in front of West Mersea Yacht club. A daily fee is payable. You can leave your trailer in the dinghy park. Please park tidily so access is available

4. Registration

On arrival, please make your way to the Dabchicks Sailing Club to register in accordance with the sailing instructions. The official noticeboard is [here](#). Please note that all official matters are done through the official noticeboard and we have a competitor WhatsApp [here](#). We have added a copy of this document to the ONB

5. Food

The Bar will be open each day from 12.00 – last orders 22.00.

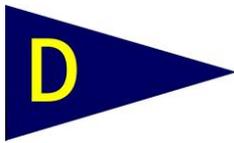
The Galley will be open Saturday and Sunday

6. Changing Rooms, Toilets and Showers.

Changing facilities are available downstairs at the Club
Please do not leave valuables in any of the changing rooms.

7. 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



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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 safety officer. Please follow the instructions in the NOR

8. Finally

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