



***Joining Instructions
(Dinghies & MFOBs)
MERSEA WEEK 2023
Sunday 13th to Friday 18th August 2023***

Dear Competitor

Welcome to Mersea Week 2023.

Please take time to read this.

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

The Mersea Week committee have introduced a number of changes to the week and these Joining Instructions are intended to help everyone through some of those changes. A few of these changes are intended to reduce our environmental impact (through less printing and no packs for dinghies and MFOBs) some are intended to move functions and process on line (Racing rules of sailing) and some are to encourage overall rules adherence (changes to rule 44). We will be using a number of apps and the QR codes for use on your handheld devices, these will be available at Registration. They are also at the end of this document. At the competitor briefing details (see section 7) we will explain how they are used. It would be helpful if at least one member of the crew of each boat attended.

For those who have visited us before you will know that West Mersea is in places very quirky. A further 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
Mersea week committee

1. How to access West Mersea? (for Visitors)

The recommended method for getting around is on foot or by bike as there is limited parking. We operate a preferred route to the clubs, and we would appreciate if everybody followed the route suggested below.

DO NOT follow your GPS to the clubs. 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

5. Sponsor Partners

Mersea Week would not happen without the help of our partners. Please take a few moments to visit their online sites by clicking the Icons below. We thank them all for their contribution to the week.



6. Tally on and off

We will be using Two WhatsApp channels to communicate Race information and Tally information the QR codes for which are at the end of these instructions. These channels are not for general discussion. The process is as follows and will be repeated in the competitor briefing.

About 15 minutes before the Delta Flag is displayed, (more later) a WhatsApp goes out on the Tally WhatsApp stating Tally is open. Competitors can then Tally using your phone and have time to put the phone in a locker or safe location. If you do not have a suitable phone we have upstairs in the DSC Race box a tally PC.

The only required information is

Sail number

Persons on Board

OUT (the word)

Approximately 15 minutes after Tally opens, "Delta flag" will be displayed on the WMYC mainmast. This tells everyone that the safety fleet is active, we are hoping to race and please head for the course area.

When you get back. Maximum 10 minutes after you arrive back on your mooring or ashore you should Tally in on the WhatsApp.

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Sail number

Persons on Board

IN (the word)

Failure to complete this in the ten minutes incurs a scoring penalty of 5 points added to the net score for the week for each offence. See the sailing instructions.

The **Competitor Information WhatsApp** is used by the Race team to communicate with the competitors, giving them new information during the day. It is used to communicate intentions and is not the ONB. It is especially used when we have postponements due to weather conditions. It should not be used for any other discussions.

7. Registration and Competitor briefing

The important links to the event are given below including the WhatsApp links. The West Mersea Yacht club is broadly opposite the hammerhead. Dabchicks Sailing club will be found at the end of Coast Road as far as you can go.

All competitors must Register. Failure to register will be scored as DNC.

The Registration times and location of Registration are given below.

Date	Open	Close	Location
12/8/23	18:30	19:30	Long room
13/8/23	08:00	09:30	Long room

A competitor briefing for Dinghies and MFOB's will take place at the time shown below. Please attend as we will explain all the new processes.

Date	Event	Time	Location
12/8/23	Dinghy and MFOB Competitor Briefing	18:00	Dabchicks Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions, daily schedules, classes/fleets will be placed on the ONB by Wednesday, however it is safe to assume no dinghy races/MFOB races will take place before Noon on Sunday.

8. Food & Drink

Dabchicks sailing club.

Opens at 0830 for a full cooked breakfast through to around 1100 hrs.

The Bar will open at noon through to around 2300hrs.

West Mersea Yacht club

Bar and food from Noon, food served until 2030 hrs, Bar closes 2300 hrs

9. Changing Rooms, Toilets and Showers.

Changing facilities are available in the following locations:

Male, at the Dabchicks Sailing Club and West Mersea Yacht Club

Female, at the Dabchicks Sailing Club and West Mersea Yacht Club

There are lockers available in the changing room of the DSC.

Please do not leave valuables in any of the changing rooms except in the lockers.

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. Food in Mersea

There are a variety of eating and drinking establishments within a short walking distance of the two clubs and the hammerhead.

The Blackwater Pearl café,	Opposite the hammerhead
The Coast Inn,	Opposite the Townhard in coast road
Victory at Mersea	Opposite the Boatyard in coast road
White Hart	Opposite the Church in the village
Titash (Indian Restaurant)	Centre of the Village
Mersea Fish Bar	Centre of the Village
Dukes Seafood	Beside the Boatyard in Coast Road

12. Finally

The dinghy 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.

Enjoy your stay with us and have a great event.

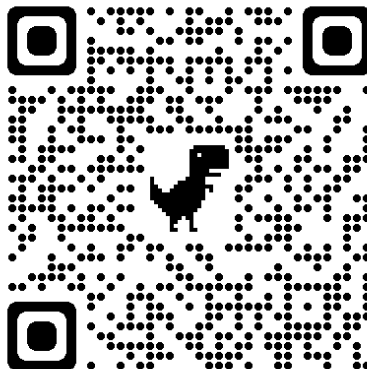
Links

The links below are for the use by competitors.

All official documents including the sailing instructions are available from the Official Notice board (link below)

Racing Rules of sailing from google play.

The App from Racingrulesofsailing.org is useful but the links below will still work without it.



Public Links

[Official Notice Board](#)

[File a Protest](#)

[Submit Question for Jury](#)

[Submit Equipment Substitution Request](#)

[Submit Scoring Inquiry](#)

[Submit Penalty Report](#)

[Protest Hearing Schedule](#)

[Protest Decisions](#)

[Questions for the Jury](#)

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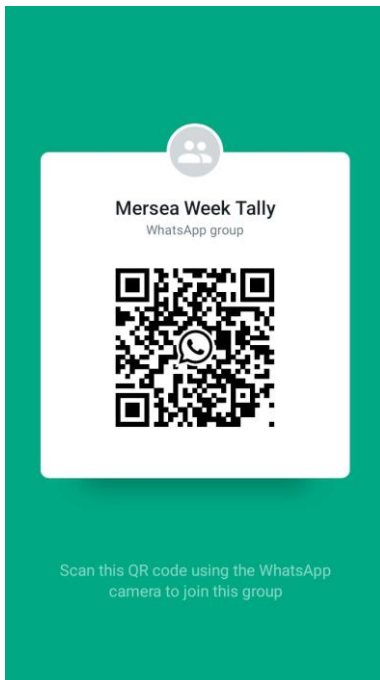
[Scoring Inquiries](#)

[Penalty Reports](#)

We use WhatsApp to communicate two things.

- 1) Mersea Week 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) Dinghy & MFOB Race 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 and intentions.

Dinghy and MFOB Tally Link to WhatsApp



Dinghy and MFOB Race Information WhatsApp

