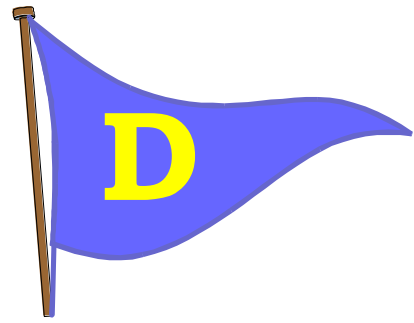
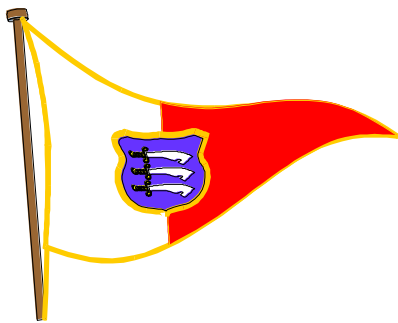


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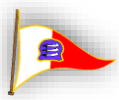
NOTICE OF RACE

2024

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WEST MERSEA JOINT CRUISER RACING 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Valid for

May Regatta

125th Celebration Regatta

Autumn Regatta

Not valid for Round West Mersea Island Race/Mersea Week

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 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4 [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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 Appendix A (scoring) is changed. Changes will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

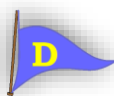
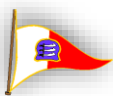
- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available two weeks before the first race of the 2023 season from the official noticeboard by using this link [Sailing Instructions](#)

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Noticeboard is located [here](#)
- 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY

- 4.1 These races are open to all boats of all classes subject to the following conditions.
 - 4.1.1 White Sail cruisers (WS) White Sail Fleet is intended to appeal to boats which are family cruisers crewed by friends and family with fewer than a full crew. The white sail fleet shall not use spinnakers



or similar specific downwind sails. White Sail fleets shall use Local handicaps plus 20 points for no spinnakers.

- 4.1.2 Local Handicap fleet (LH) 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.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 [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.

4.4

Regatta	Date	Race Name	Classes	Entry link
May Regatta	11/5/24	Long Distance Race	LH & WS	Entry May Regatta
May Regatta	12/5/24	Wallet Cup	LH	Entry May Regatta
May Regatta	12/5/24	Ancient Mariners Race	LH	Entry May Regatta
125 Years Regatta	22/6/24 & 23/6/24		LH & WS	125-year Regatta
September Regatta	14/9/24 & 15/9/24	Autumn Trophy	LH	Entry September Regatta
September Regatta	14/9/24 & 15/9/24	Finola Cup	WS	Entry September Regatta

5. FEES

- 5.1 There are no applicable fees for these races

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

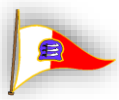
- 6.1 See Appendices.

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.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Details of dates and start times of individual races are set out in the sailing programme jointly published by the two clubs at Calendar.



8.2

Regatta	Date	Race Name	Number of Races	Classes	First Warning Signal
May Regatta	11/5/24	Long Distance Race	One	LH & WS	11:25
May Regatta	12/5/24	Wallet Cup	One	LH	10:55
May Regatta	12/5/24	Ancient Mariners Race	One	LH	13:55
125 Years Regatta	22/6/24 & 23/6/24		Three	LH & WS	TBA
September Regatta	14/9/24 & 15/9/24	Autumn Trophy	Three	LH	TBA
September Regatta	14/9/24 & 15/9/24	Finola Cup	Three	WS	TBA

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 9.2 [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;
- 9.3 Safety declaration form 2024 WMYC will copy these forms to DSC. This changes Appendix A4.1, A4.2 and A5.
- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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.

10. VENUE

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

11. COURSES

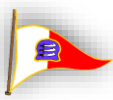
- 11.1 Unless amendments or alternative sailing instructions are given, courses will be taken from the 2024 WMYC and DSC combined Course Chart. The number of the course to be sailed will be that displayed on the rail of the Committee Boat at the Fleet warning signal. The course number may be removed 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.
- 11.2 If course number 77 is displayed then the OOD will broadcast the course to be sailed on VHF Channel 77, call sign 'Molliette' 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.

12. SCORING

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

13. DATA PROTECTION

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



14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states “The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.
- 14.2 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;
- 14.2.1 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.
 - 14.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - 14.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 14.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - 14.2.5 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.
- 14.3 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.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1 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.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 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.

Appendix One

The NOR/SI's for the following events 125th Regatta (22nd/23rd June 2024) will be published on 1st May 2024

The NOR/SI's for the following events are amended for the Ancient Mariners Race (12th May 2024) as follows.

NOR 4. ENTRIES & ELIGIBILITY

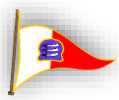
- 4.5 This race is open to boats crewed by helms aged 60 and above.
- 4.6 Entries should be made Online through this link [Entry](#).
- 4.7 No crew member may be less than 50.
- 4.8 Competitors in this race must denote their intention to race and state the number of people and their date of birth on board their boat by completing the Entry form which will be on the website from 1st July 2022
- 4.9 Where more than three boats declare they are White sail then their handicap will be adjusted by a further 20 points.

SI 16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Time limit first boat to finish 2.0 hrs.
- 16.2 Finish window after first boat finishes 60mins
- 16.3 All boats finishing after the Finish Window closes will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS35.

SI 18. SCORING

- 18.7 The boats will be scored using local handicap modified as follows;
- 18.7.1 A boat with the crew's average age of 60 will sail off its LH number.



18.7.2 5 points will be deducted from the LH number for each year of average age below 60,

18.7.3 5 points added to the LH number for each year of average age above 60.

The NOR/Sl's for the following events are amended for the Wallet Cup Race (12th May 2024) as follows.

NOR 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 This race is open to boats crewed by one, two, three or four people, including the helmsman.
- 6.2 Competitors in this race must denote their intention to race and state the number of people on board their boat by completing the entry form online.

SI 16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Time limit first boat to finish 2.5 hrs.
- 16.2 Finish window after first boat finishes 60mins
- 16.3 All boats finishing after the Finish Window closes will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS35.

SI 18 SCORING

18.7 Before the TCF (Time Correction Factor) is applied to the elapsed time of boats which have completed the course, the following adjustments will be made to the elapsed time of those boats:

Boats sailing single handed – 10% of the elapsed time will be deducted.

Boats sailing with 3 people on board – 10% of the elapsed time will be added.

Boats sailing with 4 people on board – 20% of the elapsed time will be added.

(NB Boats sailing double handed will have no adjustment made to their elapsed time)

The NOR/Sl's for the following events are amended for the Long-Distance Race (11th May 2024) as follows.

SI 9.0 COURSES

SI 9.1 is amended as follows

The course to be sailed will be announced by the Committee Vessel on Channel 77 and may use Navigation marks further to seaward.

SI 16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Time limit first boat to finish 3.5 hrs.
- 16.2 Finish window after first boat finishes 90mins
- 16.3 All boats finishing after the Finish Window closes will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS35.

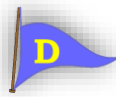
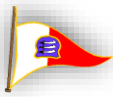
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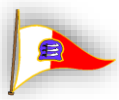
9.3 The LH Fleet and the white sail Fleets may be given different courses for their races.

SI 16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Time limit first boat to finish ** hrs.
- 16.2 Finish window after first boat finishes **mins
- 16.3 All boats finishing after the Finish Window closes will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS35.



End of Notice of Race



APPENDIX 1

WMYC & DSC JOINT CRUISER
SAFETY DECLARATION 2024

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, 1 per crew member

Lifebuoy with whistle and drogue attached.

Second means of propulsion (Inboard, Outboard, Paddle)

Handheld or permanently installed VHF able to be operated from on deck.

Fog Horn

Echo sounder or lead line.

Fire Extinguisher

Anchor and rode suitable for securing the vessel.

First aid kit

Marine compass

A means to detach the rigging from the chainplate.

Bucket and lanyard

Waterproof flash light.

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

Heaving and towing line.

The safety declaration can be completed through this link [Safety Declaration](#)