

## JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

### Dear Visitor

Welcome to West Mersea and the Dabchicks Sailing Club.

To all of you whether this is your first time or a further step up the sailing ladder we involved 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 them.

## 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.

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 you boats into the dinghy park. Be aware that there are red lines so unloading should be done in the bays.

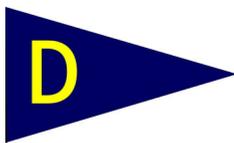
Please do not park in the dinghy park.

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 and parents 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 red line parking restrictions in place. These car parking restrictions are in place year-round. 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 car park of the scout hut, and we will direct you there on arrival. Please park tidily so access is available

### 4. Registration

On arrival, please make your way to the Dabchicks Sailing Club to register.

### 5. A Word about Litter:

Finally, a word about litter! In all the car and dinghy parks, there will be ample and numerous dust bins. Please ensure that all litter however small is collected and disposed of sensibly in the provided dustbins.

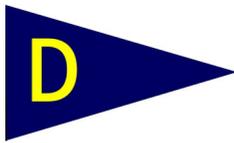
### 6. Food

The Dabchicks Sailing Club Galley will be open each day from 08.30 to 10:00 for Breakfast and will remain open until 12:00.

The Bar will be open on Saturday from 12.00 – last orders 22.00 on Saturday & Sunday from 12:00 to 18:00. Tea/coffee is available from the bar.

A 'Pasta Pot' will be served from the galley for competitors when they come ashore both days.

On Saturday evening, Fish & Chips with cheesecake for dessert, we will be served @18:00 (price included for competitors in entry fee). Parents/Guardians should order additional meals when registering on Saturday morning and will be charged: Large Cod &



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Chips £9:50, Medium Cod & Chips £8, Kids Cod & Chips £5, Sausage & Chips £4. Cheesecake Slices £1.50.

The class have asked for a social event to take place at the club after the fish and chips and this will take place in the bar from @19:00.

### **7. Changing Rooms, Toilets and Showers.**

Changing facilities are available in the following locations:

Boys and Girls, at the Dabchicks Sailing Club

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

### **8. 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 safety officer

### **9. 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](mailto:Club.Manager@dabchicks.org) who will do their best to answer them

Enjoy your stay with us and have a great event