



West Mersea Yacht Club
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Sam's Race

Wednesday 14th August 2019 Start Time 12:15 BST

NOTICE OF RACE

EVENT & ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority shall be The West Mersea Yacht Club in conjunction with
The Mersea Fishermans Boat Association

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the following rules:

- 1.1 The racing rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of the RYA.
- 1.2 The rules and handicaps of the Mersea Fishermans Boat Association
- 1.3 This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the latter will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

No advertising (except manufacturer attached trademarks on the sails) on any part of the competitors' boats, rigging and sails will be allowed.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 The event is open to all Owners/Helms who are members of the Mersea Fishermans Boat Association Association.

3.2 Boats may be entered by the owner completing the Race Entry Form by 11:00am on 14th August 2019

3.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Officer

4. SCHEDULE

Date	HW	
14 th August	12:39	
	12:00	All boats to be beached in front of WMYC or tied to the WM Pontoon. One crew member to remain with the boat
	12:05	Remainder of the crew to be mustered by the flagpole of the WMYC
	12:10	Warning signal
	12:15	Start

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on Tuesday 13th August

6. FORMAT OF RACING

6.1 All boats shall be beached or moored in front of WMYC or tied to the West Mersea Pontoon by 12:00 on the day of the race.

6.2 All crew members (except one) shall be mustered on the WMYC lawn by 12:05

6.3 At the start gun all crew members on the lawn shall drink a tot, (glasses will be checked they are empty). Non alcoholic beverages will be available for under 18's

6.4 The sailors will then sprint (if they can) to their boats and sail the course starting through a start and finish line which will be between the WMYC mast and a flag on a post on middle ground.

6.6 The boats time will be taken when they cross the finish line.



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7. SAILING AREA

The sailing area is the River Blackwater Estuary

8. COURSES

The course will be shown on a board at the WMYC prior to the warning signal

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.
- 9.2 One Race is required to constitute a series.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

11. PROTEST & REDRESS

11.1 There will be no protest hearings

11.2 Failure to comply with the RRS or committing other misdemeanours as defined by the race management team including unfair behaviour shall result in time penalties, being added to the race time.

The race management team are the sole arbiter and there is no appeal

- Minor Misdemeanour 30seconds added [DP]
- Intermediate Misdemeanour 120 seconds added [DP]
- Serious Misdemeanour 600 seconds added [DP]

12. PRIZES

Prizes for races will be awarded as follows;

- Sam's trophy will be awarded for the first Brig on handicap
- Prizes for 2nd and 3rd position will be awarded as glassware
- Other prizes will be awarded at the event organiser's discretion.

13. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 13.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 13.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 13.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 13.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 13.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 13.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

End of Notice of Race