

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS PART B

Additional Sailing Instructions

Applicable to Competitors in Smack, Cruiser & Keelboat Classes, Events 1-8 only

B1 SAFETY

Before starting and after finishing; boats in the Smack, Cruiser & Keelboat classes should keep clear of boats that may still be racing including those in the Dinghy and MFOB fleets.

B2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast on the lawn in front of the West Mersea Yacht Club.

B3 COMMUNICATION

The Committee Boat for the Smack, Cruiser & Keelboat events will have the call sign "Molliette" on **VHF Channel 77**. Competitors are strongly advised to monitor **VHF Channel 77**, particularly before and during the start of each race.

B4 CLASSES AND START TIMES

- (a) **LOW WATER** Competitors are reminded to check the low water times each day to ensure that they can arrive at the start line in reasonable time for their start.
- (b) **REGISTER PARTICIPATION** – On arrival at the racing start area, if possible, yachts shall register their participation by passing close to the Committee Vessel on the non-start line side and make themselves known to the Race Committee and receive an acknowledgement before starting.
- (c) **START TIMES** on Sunday 8th August, Thursday 12th August, and Friday 13th August.

Event No	Class	Start Time	Warning Signal
1	IRC Sportsboats	11.00	A
2	Sonata One Design	11:10	B
3	Smacks	11:20	C
4	Classic Yachts & Gaffers (Group A)	11:30	D
5	Cruisers IRC & Local Handicap (Group A)	11:40	E
6	White Sail (LH)	11:50	F
7	Classic Yachts & Gaffers (Group B)	12:00	G
8	Cruisers Local Handicap (Group B)	12.10	H

(d) START TIMES on Monday 9th August and Tuesday 10th August

Event No	Class	Start Time	Warning Signal
1	IRC Sportsboats Race 1	11.00	A
2	Sonata One Design Race 1	11:10	B
3	Smacks	11:20	C
4	Classic Yachts & Gaffers (Group A)	11:30	D
5	Cruisers IRC & Local Handicap (Group A)	11:40	E
6	White Sail (LH)	11:50	F
7	Classic Yachts & Gaffers (Group B)	12:00	G
8	Cruisers Local Handicap (Group B)	12.10	H
1a	IRC Sportsboats Race 2 [B4 (e)]	B4 (f)	A
2a	Sonata One Design Race 2 [B4 (e)]	B4 (f)	B

(e) If racing is Postponed at the start of either of these two days, only one race will be sailed on that day for these two classes. A postponed race may be re-sailed on another day at the discretion of the Mersea Week Committee.

(f) These STARTS will be as soon as possible after the first race of each day for these Classes has finished.

B5 START LINE

The starting line will be:

One of the clubs starting lines - defined as a line between the Main Mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag, moored to the Committee Boat mooring buoy (approximately 200m to the south west of the Nass Beacon) and the course side of the Starting Outer Limit Mark displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.

If the board displays 'S' then Outer Limit Mark 'S' will be used as the starting mark- (yellow buoy with a Black flag - OLMS).

If the board displays 'E' then Outer Limit Mark 'E' will be used as the starting mark - (yellow buoy with a Red flag - OLME).

If the board displays 'W' then Outer Limit Mark 'W' will be used as the starting mark (yellow buoy with a Green flag - OLMW).

Which start line to be used shall be decided by the Race Officer and displayed on the committee boat board, this information will also be transmitted on VHF channel 77 using the call sign 'Molliette', a minimum of 15 minutes before the start of the first event and may be repeated before each event start.

Inner Limit Mark

No Inner Limit Make will be laid, however a Guard Buoy will be deployed to protect the Committee Vessel, it is a Starting Limit Mark and should be left on the same side as the Committee Vessel.

B6 FINISH LINE

The line is between the main mast of the Committee Boat, displaying a Blue Flag moored to the Committee Boat mooring buoy, (approximately 200m to the SW of the Nass Beacon) and the Southern Outer Limit Mark (**OLMS**). The **OLMS** is a yellow buoy with a black flag, moored approximately 150 metres to the South of the Committee Boat.

B7 STARTING RACES

The Committee boat will broadcast a time check by VHF (channel 77), 10 minutes prior to the first start of each day using a countdown procedure.

All Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 following the start times set out in B4.

B8 RECALLS

INDIVIDUAL - In the event of an individual recall Code Flag 'X' will be displayed, and one sound signal made in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee may, using the specified VHF radio channel, give the sail numbers or names of yachts affected. They may also give the information that those yachts have returned correctly. This does not change the responsibility of each yacht to start correctly and failure to broadcast the information will not be grounds for redress (RRS 62 is amended thereby). Failure to return and start correctly will result in being scored OCS.

GENERAL - In the event of a general recall two sound signals will be made and 'First Substitute' flag will be displayed in accordance with RRS 29.2. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the 'First Substitute' is removed (accompanied by one sound signal) and the start for any subsequent classes shall follow the new start.

B9 COURSES

The course to be sailed will be identified by a Number displayed on a board hung as near as possible from the South side of the Committee Boat. **The number refers to the Mersea Week courses printed on the Mersea Week Course Card included in the Competitors' packs** and will be displayed as soon as possible for the class concerned, but in any case, the number displayed at the preparatory signal is the course for that class. RRS 27.1 is amended thereby. The number of the course may also be broadcast on VHF 77. Details of the race marks used for the courses are given in B15.

B10 CHANGE OF COURSE

RRS 33 is changed. Should a Race Committee boat, positioned at a turning mark, display code flag C and make continuous sound signals, then the course has been changed as follows: -

Round the mark at which a Committee boat displaying code flag C is positioned as required by the course being sailed, then: -

- a) if the original finishing direction was Westerly; leave MG Buoy to port, then proceed to the finish line and finish in a Westerly direction; or;
- b) if the original finishing direction was Easterly; leave No.14 Buoy to starboard, then proceed to the finish line and finish in an Easterly direction.

B11 TIME LIMIT

Event	Time Limit for First boat to finish.	Time limit for the rest of Fleet to finish after the First boat	Applies to
Multi Race day – Race 1	1.5 hours	30 mins [B11 (a)]	Sports Boats and Sonata Classes only All Classes when B15 applies
Multi Race Day – Race 2	1.5 hours	30 mins [B11 (a)]	Sports Boats and Sonata Classes only All Classes when B15 applies
Single Race day	4 hours	60 mins [B11 (a)]	All Classes

B11 (a) Any boat failing to finish within these time limits or by 1730 each day, whichever is earlier, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Exceeded). This changes rules 35, A5 and A10.

B12 SCORING

The scheduled races for each class (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) comprise a Series.

A boat's score is the total of her races scores excluding her worst scores as defined in the following table.

Number of Races Completed	3 or less	4 or 5	6 or 7
Number of Discards	0	1	2

B13 SAIL NUMBERS

Entries will be accepted from competitors who neither register nor display a distinctive sail number. This changes RRS 77 & Appendix G. However, competitors are warned that failure to display a sail number could result in their not being identified and possibly scored incorrectly. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

Smack owners are reminded that the sail number carried on the gunwale is often obscured when the vessel is heeled.

B14 CLASS PRIZES

Where separate prizes are presented for Smack Fast and Slow classes, White Sail classes or any other Class that in the opinion of the Mersea Week Committee should be given separate prizes, the winners of each group will be calculated by reference to the overall results of each class.

B15 POSTPONED RACES DAY

If it is necessary, due to a postponed race day, to provide two races on the same day for all classes, the first race will be the advertised race for that day and may be shortened at any race mark in the given course. The Committee Boat at the shortened finish may not be the Committee Boat that started the race.

Once the first race has been finished competitors should return to the normal start area ready to start the second race.

The second race of the day will replace a previously postponed race and will start using the same class order as soon as possible after the first race has finished.

B16 MARKS

The racing marks are yellow can shaped buoys that may additionally have a black flag. They are identified by their sponsor's name and or their number.

Race Marks 2021				
WMYC Mark Number	Mark Name	Sponsor	Flag Colour	Approximate position
1	No Name	No Sponsor	Black Flag	51-45.83N 00-56.24E
2	Micro Scooters	Micro Scooters Ltd	Black Flag	51-45.21N 00-56.62E
3	Tollesbury Saltings	Tollesbury Saltings Ltd	Black Flag	51-45.13N 00-52.90E
5	Paynes Turf	F E Payne & Son	Black Flag	51-44.92N 00-53.93E
6	Fiducia Wealth	Fiducia Wealth Management	Black Flag	51-45.74N 00-58.96E
10	No Name	No Sponsor	Black Flag	51-44.82N 00-59.41E
12	No Name	No Sponsor	Black Flag	51-44.47N 00-53.00E
14	Push Energy	Push Energy	Black Flag	51-45.45N 00-53.91E
17	millermotorgroup.com	Miller Motor Group Ltd	Black Flag	51-45.21N 00-55.11E
18	Waldegraves	Waldegraves Holiday Park	Black Flag	51-45.60N 00-57.62E
MG	John Munns Yacht Surveyor	John Munns Yacht Surveyor	Black Flag	51-45.61N 00-55.45E
OLM (S)	DSC	Dabchicks Sailing Club	Black Flag	51-45.58N 00-54.75E
OLM (E)	Outer Space	Space Workplace Ltd	Red Flag	51-45.68N 00-55.02E
OLM (W)	Whittle & Co	Whittle & Co Chartered Accountants	Green Flag	51-45.70N 00-54.43E
COMMITTEE BOAT MOORING	EYE Marine	Eye Marine Ltd	No Flag	51-45.78N 00-54.60E

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS PART B