



WEST MERSEA YACHT CLUB RNLI PENNANT RACE 2020



Saturday 4th July 12:00 HW (5.1m) approx

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority West Mersea Yacht Club

Date	Covid National alert level	Event Planning level
30/6/20	3	3

1. Rules

- a. The RNLI Pursuit Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. The prescriptions of RYA will apply
- c. The race will be managed by West Mersea Yacht Club.
- d. Participants are expected to comply with any social distancing regulations, Currently (1+mitigation) both ashore and on board their vessel. No crew shall exceed a total of six people. Breaches of this SI will not be grounds for a protest by a boat
- e. Prior to the race all participants shall complete a PLF form available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaO_DWHMGfI9qM04aEBHrV8oBnSLNz_ZN8jzIDrPCCcz1h36w/viewform
- f. The crew should comprise of a maximum of 6 socially distanced in accordance with 1+ mitigation.
- g. All notices pertaining to this race are available at <http://www.wmyc.org.uk/wmyc-sailing-official-notice-board/>

2. Start

RNLI Pennant hoisted with one sound signal at **11.55**.

IC flag 'P' hoisted with one sound signal at **1156**.

IC flag 'P' lowered with one long sound signal at **1159**.

RNLI Pennant lowered with one sound signal at **1200 First Start**.

- a. Each subsequent starting number will be displayed on a board on the South side of the Committee boat prior to each start and a sound signal made at each start time.
Advice may be broadcast on VHF Channel 77, including a time check.
- b. Please obtain your start time and starting number, which will be posted on the WMYC Sailing website <http://www.wmyc.org.uk/wmyc-sailing-official-notice-board/> from 1800 hrs. Friday 3rd July.



- c. A line between the main mast (with orange flag of the Committee Boat and the Southern Outer Limit Buoy (OLM Yellow buoy with a Black flag) to the south.

3. Courses

The course number will be displayed on a board on the South side of the Committee Boat, prior to the first start

No.1. Start Westerly,

Tollesbury Saltings Ltd (No 3) to Port, Thirslet Spit Buoy to Port, Bradwell Power Station Baffle wall to Starboard, Paynes Turf (No 5) to Port, Miller Motor Group Ltd (No 17) to Port, Quest Motor Group (No 1) to Port, Geoff Hunt Boatbuilding MG to Starboard, Dabchicks Sailing Club OLM South (P). Continue around the loop until 1400hrs

No.2. Start Easterly,

Quest Motor Group (No 1) to Starboard, Miller Motor Group Ltd (No 17) to Starboard, Tollesbury Saltings Ltd (No 3) to Port, Thirslet Spit Buoy to Port, Paynes Turf (No 5) to Port, Push Energy (No 14) to Starboard, Dabchicks Sailing Club OLM South to Starboard. Continue around the loop until 1400hrs

4. Finish

The race is expected to last two hours and the CV will finish the fleet after that period in the position the boats are on the course. The vessel claiming first place should hail the Committee boat to that effect at 1355hrs

5. Shortened Course

If it becomes necessary to shorten the course, the Committee boat, moored near to a mark of the course and will fly IC code flag 'S'. Yachts will finish by passing between the mainmast of the Committee Boat and the mark in the direction from the last mark.

6. Abandoned

In the event of unsuitable weather, IC flag 'N over H' will be flown from either the WMYC flagstaff or the Committee Boat. That will indicate a postponement to a later date, if possible.

7. Recalls

Recalls for line infringements will not be made. Time penalties will be imposed by the Race Committee. Further donations to the RNLI may reduce these penalties!

8. Time Limit

Any yacht finishing after 1415 will be considered to have retired.

9. Entry Fee

The entry is by a donation to the RNLI, Please make your cheque payable to RNLI (West Mersea) and leave with the office



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 telephones.

11. Risk Statement

- a. 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.”
- b. 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:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - iv. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - v. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - vi. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

12. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover at least £3,000,000 per incident.

13. Prize Giving

Prizegiving will be held on line