

WEST MERSEA YACHT CLUB RNLI PENNANT RACE 2020



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

Notice of Race

Organising Authority West Mersea Yacht Club

1. RULES

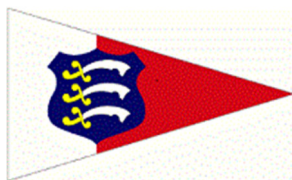
- a. The RNLI Pursuit Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. The prescriptions of RYA will apply
- c. The race will be managed by West Mersea Yacht Club.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The race is open to recognised cruiser classes, Smacks and Mersea Fishermans open boats
- b. Race entries for the race shall be made on an Entry Form at <http://www.wmyc.org.uk/wmyc-sailing-official-notice-board/>
- c. An Entry will be valid only if:
 - i. it gives the sail number and class of the boat to be raced which is an Eligible Boat.
 - ii. that the sail number is clearly displayed on the sail.
 - iii. It names her Helmsman and where possible the Local handicap or PY number
 - iv. An email address
 - v. It is received by Midnight on Wednesday 1st July. We are unable to take late entries due to the need to set start times
 - vi. Entries should be accompanied by a donation to the RNLI, we suggest a minimum of £10. Cheques payable to RNLI (West Mersea)
- d. All participants shall complete a PLF form and submit it by 9.00am on 4th July. The online form is available here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaO_DWHMGfI9qM04aEBHrV8oBnSLNzZN8jzIDrPCCcz1h36w/viewform

3. THE SCHEDULE

- a. The first start time for the cruiser and smack classes will be at 12.00hrs.
- b. Subsequent starts will be by at one minute intervals as given in the Sailing schedule posted by Friday 3rd July at <http://www.wmyc.org.uk/wmyc-sailing-official-notice-board/>



- c. The Local handicap numbers will be used for the cruiser classes.
- d. The MFOB handicaps will be used for MFOBs.
- e. The Smacks will use the same handicap as the Smack races in Mersea Week 2019

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will be available on the WMYC notice board and website at least one day prior to the race. <http://www.wmyc.org.uk/wmyc-sailing-official-notice-board/>

5. THE COURSES

- a. The course for cruisers and smacks will be in the Blackwater River.
- b. The start and finish line for cruisers will be in the Blackwater River
- c. The courses will be sailed around fixed racing and navigation marks.
- d. The courses for MFOBs will be decided on the day.
- e. The course to be sailed will be determined by the Race Officer at least 30 minutes before the first scheduled start and displayed from the Signal Boat for the Cruisers and Smacks

6. SCORING

- a. Race positions will be determined by the order of the boats on the course at the finish time.

7. PRIZES

- a. Prizegiving will comprise of a maximum of 30 people and will be streamed
- b. An RNLI Burgee will be awarded to the sailors who have the highest position at the end of the race in each class.
- c. Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the WMYC Sailing Committee.

8. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. 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.

9. 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;

10. INSURANCE

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