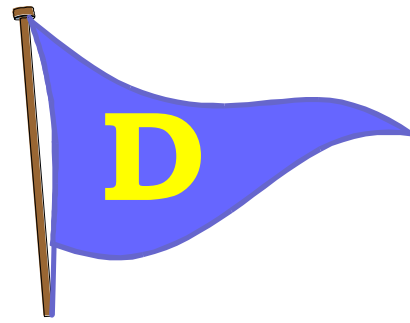
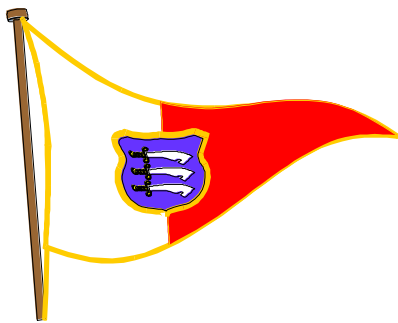


WEST MERSEA YACHT CLUB

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DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

2026

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WEST MERSEA JOINT CRUISER RACING 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Valid for

All Races Separate SI amendments may be made for
Wallet Cup, Ancient Mariners race, Finola cup and Autumn Trophy

Not valid for

Not valid for Round West Mersea Island Race/Mersea Week

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The races are organised jointly by West Mersea Yacht Club and Dabchicks Sailing Club.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The joint Sailing Instructions and all Appendices are available at Official Noticeboard.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 63.5 (e) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.5 Appendix A (scoring) is changed. Changes will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

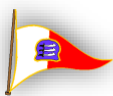
- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available two weeks before the first race of the 2026 season from the official noticeboard by using this link [Sailing Instructions](#)

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Noticeboard is located [here](#)
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on marine channels; 16, 67, 77, 72, 37A/M1.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF channel, and/or WhatsApp group. The channels for both will be given in the Sailing Instructions
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 Hearings will be held remotely under procedures which will be communicated by notice from the protest committee.
- 3.6 The combined sailing committee have introduced an online portal to handle entry to events and to make bookings. Please enter [here](#)

4. ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY

- 4.1 These races are open to all boats of all classes subject to the following conditions.
 - Races will be scored using YTC handicaps issued by ytc.org.uk. Yachts with a YTC handicap of under YTC 980 will race in the Fast fleet and those with ratings of 980 and above will race in the slow fleet.
 - Boats shall decide which fleet they will sail on entry and prior to the first race of the series. (YTC or YTC (No Spinnaker). Following this they may not change fleet.
 - Each boat shall hold a valid YTC rating for the current season. The published YTC number at 1800 on the day prior to the first race will be used for scoring.
 - A boat's YTC rating shall not be changed after this time except:
 - to correct an error made by the rating authority, or
 - at the discretion of the Race Committee where a material mistake is evident.



5. FEES

5.1 There are no applicable fees for these races

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 See Appendices to this NOR by event.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Details of dates and start times of individual races are set out in the sailing programme jointly published by the two clubs at Calendar.

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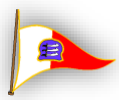
Regatta	Date	Number of Races	Classes	First Warning Signal
Joint keelboat event	24/5/26	1	YTC/YTC No Spi	10:55
Joint keelboat event	14/6/26	1	YTC/YTC No Spi	10:55
Joint keelboat event	5/7/26 Wallet Cup	1	YTC/YTC No Spi	10:55
Joint keelboat event	12/7/26 Ancient Mariners	1	YTC/YTC No Spi	10:55
Joint keelboat event	23/8/26	1	YTC/YTC No Spi	10:55
Joint keelboat event	6/9/26	1	YTC/YTC No Spi	10:55
Joint keelboat event	27/9/26	1	YTC/YTC No Spi	10:55
Joint keelboat event	4/10/26 Finola Cup & Autumn Trophy	1	YTC/YTC No Spi	10:55

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9.2 [DP]Before competing in any race boat owners shall submit to the WMYC Secretariat a signed Safety Declaration as per the attached form APPENDIX 1. This form can be completed on line by going to; [Safety Declaration](#)

9.3 Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to



withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

- 9.4 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 Races will be held in the river Blackwater estuary and the creeks of West Mersea unless specified in the event Appendix

11. COURSES

- 11.1 Unless amendments or alternative sailing instructions are given, courses will be taken from the 2026 WMYC and DSC combined Course Chart. The number of the course to be sailed will be that displayed on the rail of the Committee Boat at the Fleet warning signal. The course number may be removed after the Start Signal and replaced with the course for any following fleet. If the number of the course displayed on the Committee Boat is followed by X2, this denotes that 2 laps of that course should be sailed, X3 denotes that 3 laps of that course should be sailed, etc.
- 11.2 If course number 77 is displayed then the OOD will broadcast the course to be sailed on VHF Channel 77, call sign 'Molliette' or 'Centenary'. The broadcast will be issued at least 15 minutes before the start of each race effected and may be displayed on a blackboard on the committee boat.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Details of the scoring system and the discard system shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2 RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply. The time limit will be 48 hours

13. DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1 The data protection policy can be found here <https://www.wmyc.org.uk/about-us/data-security/>

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 14.2 Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the events, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that;
- 14.2.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
 - 14.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - 14.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 14.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - 14.2.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 14.3 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue, or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent in any currency.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Any trophy which is subject to a covenant requiring it to be awarded only to a WMYC or DSC member



will only be awarded to members of those clubs.

End of Notice of Race