



Mersea Cadet Week 2017

Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July



NOTICE OF RACE

Mersea Cadet Week will be held at Dabchicks Sailing Club and West Mersea Yacht Club from 24th July to 28th July 2017. The Organising Authority is the Mersea Cadet Week Committee, a joint committee appointed to run the event on behalf of the Dabchicks Sailing Club and the West Mersea Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note this event will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020).
- 1.3 The exoneration penalty of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 1.4 The relevant rules and byelaws of Dabchicks Sailing Club and the West Mersea Yacht Club will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all Cadet Members of Dabchicks Sailing Club and West Mersea Yacht Club who fulfil the age requirements.
 - 3.1.1 Cadet Members must be a minimum of 8 years old by 1st May 2017 and not have reached the age of 19 years by 31st August 2017.
 - 3.1.2 Competitors may be invited from other "affiliated clubs" at the discretion of the organizing committee, provided they fulfill the age criteria.
 - 3.1.3 Racing shall be run on two race course areas known as Inside Fleets and Outside Fleets. The Inside Fleets will be exclusively Optimists, comprise of individual fleets based on sailor ability, and will include Gold Fleet. The Outside Fleets will comprise of individual fleets known as Slow Handicap (menagerie fleet with classes), Medium Handicap (menagerie fleet with classes), and Fast Handicap (menagerie fleet with classes). The number of entered boats will be limited to an overall number of 120 boats (70 Inside Fleets and 50 Outside Fleets) except where approval is agreed by the organizing committee to extend this number. All vessels should be recognised dinghy classes.
 - 3.1.4 The fleet break down will be made using the Portsmouth Yardstick number as defined for the year of the event, modified for local conditions. Details of the split will be given in the Sailing Instructions, as will the details of the classes and prizes being competed for.
 - 3.1.5 No Inside Fleets sailor, with the exception of Gold Fleet sailors, who has finished in the top three places of a fleet at the preceding Cadet Week may compete again in that same fleet for the current Cadet Week.
- 3.2 Entries this year will be via an on-line registration system, the link for the on-line registration can be found on the Cadet Week website at www.cadetweek.co.uk. Entries will open on 3rd June 2017. Fully completed entries shall be received, together with the entry fees, on or before noon 30th June 2017. Entries received after this date will be subject to a 50% late entry surcharge, the final date for entries will be noon 7th July 2017, entries will not be accepted after this date.
- 3.3 All helms and crews are required to supply an electronically signed Entry and Parent/Guardian Declaration on the entry form. Medical forms as part of the entry form are required to be completed for all competitors. All competing boats will be expected to comply with their class rules.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fees are as follows:

Single Handers:	£ 60.00	Double Handers:	£ 120.00
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All outstanding fees must be paid in full prior to the start of the event.
- 4.2 Social members and specialist fees for evening events will be charged. This will be detailed on the entry forms.

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5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration

Competitors shall register at the competitor briefing on Sunday 23rd July 2017. Registration and briefing for the Inside Fleets (exclusively Optimists) will be at the Dabchicks Sailing Club at 18:00hrs and the Outside fleets at West Mersea Yacht Club at 18:30hrs.

5.2 Racing Programme

5.2.1 Morning racing is scheduled to take place for all fleets for all or any of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

5.2.2 Afternoon racing is scheduled for Outside fleets for all or any of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A sail-off is planned for Friday afternoon.

5.2.3 Afternoon racing is scheduled for Inside fleets for all or any of Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Special events may take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

5.2.4 In order to reach the scheduled number of races, the Race Committee reserves the right to run racing for Inside Fleets on Wednesday and/or Friday afternoon if necessary.

5.2.5 There will be no restriction on the number of races on each day. Races may be sailed back to back.

5.3 The warning signal for the first race on Monday 24th July 2017 will not be before 09:55 hrs

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available for all competitors at the respective competitor briefings.

6.1.1 There will be separate Sailing Instructions for the Outside Fleets and the Inside Fleets.

6.2 Provisional Sailing Instructions will be available on the Cadet Week website: www.cadetweek.co.uk from 17th July 2017. Questions on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may be addressed in writing to the organising committee via West Mersea Yacht Club.

7 VENUE

7.1 Racing areas will be announced at the competitor briefing.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be trapezoid and/or as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING

9.1 The scoring system will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score.

(c) When from 7 to 9 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

(d) When more than 9 races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

9.3.1 The scoring system for the Inside fleet may differ and will be detailed in their Sailing Instructions.

10 SAFETY/SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 Except when requested by or agreed with the Race Committee, Coaches, Safety/Support boats and Supporters may not communicate with competitors afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.

10.2 Owners of all safety and support boats must sign a declaration of insurance and hand this to the event Safety Officer prior to or at the time of registration.

10.3 All support boats must be registered with the Safety Officer prior to launching.



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11 BERTHING

- 11.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.
- 11.2 Boats and crews will follow the instructions of the Beach Master at all times.

13 PRIZES

Prize details will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

14 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone." Where the competitor is a minor this remains with their Parent or Guardian.

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:

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

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent. Competitors may be requested to produce a copy of their insurance.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

All competitors shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat. All competitors will follow the instructions of authorised Safety/Support boats at all times.

End of Notice of Race