

WEST MERSEA YACHT CLUB

AUTUMN TROPHY & FINOLA CUP RACEDAY

APPENDIX TO 2017 WMYC AND DSC JOINT NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RACING RULES

Races will be sailed under the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, together with the RYA National Prescriptions, the 2017 West Mersea Yacht Club & Dabchicks Sailing Club Joint Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and this Appendix, together with any subsequent Amendments issued to those Sailing Instructions and this Appendix.

2. ENTRIES, FEES & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This race day is open to any boat entered by a member of any RYA recognised yacht or sailing club and complying with the general entry requirements.
- 2.2 All boats with a valid 2017 Local Handicap will compete for the Autumn Trophy, and the white sail fleet will compete for the Finola Cup.
- 2.3 Entries may be made on the line prior to racing if the boat holds a current LH rating issued by the Joint Handicap Committee. When entering on the line, it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the OOD has acknowledged the entry.
- 2.4 Boats which do not have a current LH rating issued by the Joint Handicap Committee should contact the Chairman of the Handicap Committee Richard Hayden (tel 07973-141120) at least seven days before the event begins, in order to obtain a rating.
- 2.5 There is no entry fee for this event.

3. START TIMES

Starts are scheduled as follows:-

Saturday October 21st	Autumn Trophy race (LH Fleet)	10:30am
	Finola Cup race (White sail Fleet)	10.40am

See Section 10 of 2017 West Mersea Joint Sailing Instructions for information relating to starts.

4. COURSES

See Section 8 of 2017 West Mersea Joint Sailing Instructions for details of courses.
The LH Fleet and the white sail Fleets may be given different courses for their races.

5. TIME LIMITS

- 5.1 The target time for this race is three hours.

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1.

5.2 The time limit for this race is 4 hours. Any boat finishing within this time limit shall make the race valid. Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat finishes will be deemed to have retired, and will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS35.

6. PRIZES

6.1 The Autumn Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the LH Class.

6.2 The Finola Cup will be awarded to the winner of the White sail Class.

6.3 Prizes which may include brandy, port and wine will also be awarded to the leading boats in each class.

On the evening of these races, the prizegiving will take place in West Mersea Yacht Club at approximately 19.00, followed by supper at approximately 19.30.

