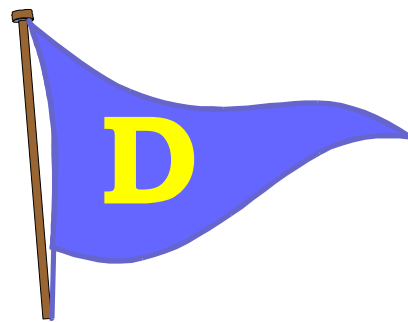
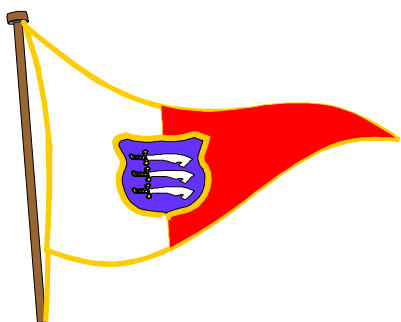


**WEST MERSEA YACHT CLUB**

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**DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB**



***NOTICE OF RACE***

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# WEST MERSEA JOINT CRUISER RACING 2017

## NOTICE OF RACE

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), together with the RYA National Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, The WMYC sailing Instructions and all Appendices if appropriate.
- 1.2 Rules 44.3 (scoring penalty) shall not apply
- 1.3 Automatic mechanical and wind vane devices for steering are prohibited
- 1.4 Competitors attention is brought to Appendix G of the RRS, and especially G2. Sail numbers.

#### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 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.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

These races are open to all boats of all classes subject to the following conditions

- 3.1. IRC Fleet – A boat racing in this fleet must be in possession of a valid 2017 IRC certificate, a copy of which must be lodged with the Secretariat of WMYC (who will provide a copy to DSC). Both clubs must be advised of any alteration of the rating during the season.
- 3.2 2017 IRC Rules parts A.B.C shall apply with the following exceptions. IRC Rule 22.4.1, IRC Rule 22.4.2 and IRC Rule 13.7 shall not apply.
- 3.3 The White Sail Series is intended to appeal to boats which are less than fully crewed and which are not flat out race boats.
- 3.4 White Sail fleets in all series shall use NHC handicaps.
- 3.5 Local Handicap fleets in all races shall use the handicaps issued or calculated by the Joint Handicap Committee, except when altered by the Sailing Instructions or their Appendices of a particular event.
- 3.6 Local handicap fleet, handicaps may be subject to amendment by the Joint Handicap Committee during the course of the season. Any changes will be notified on the WMYC web page.
- 3.7 Before competing in any race boat owners shall submit to the WMYC Secretariat a signed Safety Declaration as per the attached form APPENDIX 1. WMYC will copy these forms to DSC on a weekly basis. **WITHOUT EXCEPTION, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN BOATS BEING SCORED D.N.C.**
- 3.8 Boats entered in the National Squib class shall race in accordance with their Class Rules
- 3.9 Squibs shall carry the safety equipment as detailed in their class rules plus a handheld marine radio
- 3.10 It is a condition of entry that yachts may be required to provide a committee vessel, OOD & start party for a designated race or races. Owners are reminded that if their yacht is so designated it is their responsibility to ensure these duties are carried out, preferably by themselves and their regular

racing crew. Failure to perform these duties or to provide an adequate substitute is a serious matter and suitable penalties may be applied.

#### **4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1. This Notice of Race applies to all events designated as joint clubs racing in the Annual Sailing Programme of the WMYC/DSC
- 4.2. Details of dates and start times of individual races are set out in the sailing programme jointly published by the two clubs.

#### **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1. Sailing Instructions will be available two weeks before the first race of the 2017 season

#### **6. COURSES**

- 6.1. Races will be held in the River Blackwater estuary and the creeks of West Mersea

#### **7. SCORING**

- 7.1. Details of the scoring system and the discard system shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **8. PRIZES**

- 8.1. 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.

#### **9. RISK STATEMENT**

- 9.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"
- 9.2. Sailing by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the events, each competitors agrees and acknowledges that;
  - 9.2.1. 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
  - 9.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
  - 9.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions
  - 9.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
  - 9.2.5. 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.
  - 9.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
  - 9.2.7. 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.
  - 9.2.8. 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.

#### **10. INSURANCE**

- 10.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent in any currency

**.End of Notice of Race**

#### **Information**

To aid the passing of information to competitors it is anticipated that a Whats App group will be started in 2017. This media is for the passing of general race information prior to the start or following the completion of a race. It is intended to be an aid to competitors with the latest information of the Race management team. Failure to display information or the displaying of incorrect information may not be used for redress hearings

**APPENDIX 1**  
**WMYC & DSC JOINT CRUISER**  
**SAFETY DECLARATION 2017**

In accordance with the Mersea Joint Cruiser Racing Sailing Instructions, and RRS92 The technical committee shall before racing ensure that, all yachts racing have signed and submitted to WMYC Secretariat a copy of this Safety Declaration.

**A. INSURANCE** - I confirm that my yacht named ..... / Sail Number..... has a minimum of £2 million third party insurance cover.

**B. SAFETY EQUIPMENT** - I confirm that my yacht carries all the following items of equipment:-

Lifejackets for all crew members

Lifebuoy

EPIRB and/or working handheld VHF or

Coastal Flare pack - 2 Red hand held flares and 2 Orange smoke flares, all in date

Fog Horn

Echo Sounder

Fire Extinguisher

Anchor, 2m chain and a minimum of 30ft cable

First Aid Kit

Marine Compass

Manual Bilge Pump permanently fitted and operated from cockpit

Stout Bucket with lanyard

A working VHF Radio

Bolt croppers or other effective means of cutting rigging

Suitable knife accessible from the deck effective for cutting sheets and halyards

Heaving line & Towing line

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_