

## WMYC/DSC Joint Sailing Announcement

The Keelboat racing programme for 2020 has been finalised and will be circulated with the Molliette Journal in December. An advance copy is attached to this message for your information.

Apart from the normal major events such as Friday Night Series, Mersea Week, Cadet Week, Commodore's Regatta, RNLI Pennant etc., for 2020 we have included a Spring and Autumn series which, for the first time, includes the White Sail fleet. This means that, on most Sundays at 10.30, there will be a race for the 2 main fleets. (IRC and White Sail). Race Officers have been selected from those fleets and are detailed on the programme.

Please note:

### **Officer Of the Day Refresher Training Sessions 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February Sailwave Results Software Training on January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

#### Spring and Autumn Series - IRC and White Sail (NHC) Only.

- Both series to have Sunday starts at 10.30, 10.40.
- Race Officer to be selected from series participants.
- If less than 5 boats in either fleet combine starts at 10.30
- Gate starts to be used (if preferred) where low start numbers (i.e. Race Officer joins in)
- Results calculated using IRC and NHC handicaps.
- Trophies to be presented for nominated cup races (Uncle Stanley's Mug for example) after the race at the nominated club. See programme.
- Overall series trophies will be presented annually for IRC and White Sail with additional trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> Sonata and 1<sup>st</sup> Sports Boat.
- Discards. Both series: 10/9 sailed 6 count, 8/7 sailed 5 count, 6/5 sailed 4 count, 4/3 sailed 3 count.

#### Other Events:

For those more occasional sailors who do not want to get an IRC handicap, there are still a good number of local handicap events in the programme.

- DSC Friday Night Series (LH)
- DSC Commodores Regatta (LH, WS)
- Ancient Mariners Race (LH)
- RNLI Pennant (LH)
- Long Race Trophy (LH)
- Ladies Regatta (LH)
- Wallet Cup (LH)
- Cadet Week (various)
- Mersea Week (various)

The objective of these changes is to simplify the IRC series back to the standard Sunday morning exercise followed by polite discussions on the lawn or in the Dabchicks garden area and to expand the successful White Sail programme. We also continue to ensure that those who prefer to sail local handicap only, get their fair share of opportunities to compete.

#### **Race Officers.**

Brian Bolton and Paul Jackson are concentrating on other interests next year and consequently we have reverted to OOD's being selected from the racing fleet. The OOD role is not a daunting task and provides the opportunity for racers to get a taste of life on the committee boat. To make OOD task even easier, we have set up a refresher training session in WMYC on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and/or Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 20.00hrs.** All materials will be provided and the sessions are free.

The OOD's duty is to collect the necessary equipment (Flags, horn, timer, race sheets, Instruction sheet, etc.) from the race store, or to take Centenary, which is fully equipped, select a suitable course and start the race or races on time and note the finish times of all competitors.

If you are unable to carry out your duty for any reason, then the onus is on you to arrange a swap or replacement and advise the Hon Sailing Secretary.

#### **Race Results.**

We are arranging a training session on the Sailwave results software on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 20.00hrs.** We are looking for 5 or 6 volunteers to attend this session and then be available on a Sunday to receive the written results sheet from the OOD (by hand or by WhatsApp photo) and load them onto Sailwave for publishing to the WMYC and DSC websites. This will also allow the trophies to be presented after the races.

#### **IRC Handicaps.**

To renew IRC certificates (or apply for a new one), simply email Paul Jackson ([p.jackson769@btinternet.com](mailto:p.jackson769@btinternet.com)) and he will send the necessary forms out and ensure that you get your WMYC discount.