

West Mersea Yacht Club

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National 18 Class Championship 2018



Sunday 15th July to Friday 20th July 2018

Welcome to West Mersea and the West Mersea Yacht Club.

We are delighted that the National 18's selected the Blackwater Estuary for their 80th Anniversary National Championship. The racing will be hosted by the West Mersea Yacht Club, however we are excited to include both the Dabchicks Sailing Club, where we have a longstanding relationship, and the Blackwater sailing club, where this association is new. Thank you both for your contributions.

For those competitors travelling from Ireland, welcome to Essex. Many of us here have travelled to Ireland for events in and around Cork/Kinsale and appreciate the effort you have made to be with us. Please bring the Craich, the music, we will get the beer in, and most of all enjoy your sailing and have fun.

Our Scottish friends have had to deal with the A1 once again. On behalf of the organisers and the class thanks for the effort. We look forward to the banter and of course a few drams.

Finally welcome to all the other competitors no matter where you have travelled from, it probably took as much time to get around the M25 as it took your fellow competitors to get here.

For those of you who have never been to West Mersea before this is the home of the Oyster, more especially the Mersea Native. Unfortunately when you are here there is no R in the month so the season is over, but never fear the Rock Oysters will be plentiful. We also have a brewery and Vineyard, so the essentials of your stay are covered.

The Race team aims to provide you with fair and safe racing on the extensive waters of the Blackwater Estuary, for all the sailors we hope to give you a Fun event. No guarantees on the weather but if we get some sun we can expect SE to S sea breezes of 10 to 15 knots. Failing that the prevailing direction is SW. On shore the social team together with the Class have prepared an extensive programme commensurate with your 80th Anniversary, a mixture of food styles and types at a number of locations.

Organising Committee Contacts:

Julian Berney..... Overall and National 18 representative

Sheena Berney.....Overall and Blackwater SC representative

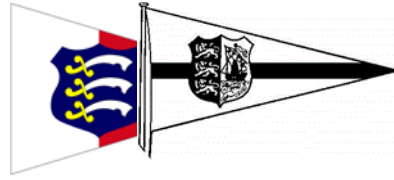
Richard Taylor.....Overall and WMYC representative

Simon Clifton.....Dabchicks representative

Peter O'Donovan.....Ireland representative and Social programme

Tommy Dwyer.....80th Anniversary Celebration

For further information email WMYCsailing@gmail.com



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NOTICE OF RACE

EVENT & ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority shall be The West Mersea Yacht Club
in conjunction with the National 18 Class Association

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the following rules:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the latter will prevail.
- 1.3 The notation (DP) in a rule of the NOR or SI indicates that the penalty for breaching this rule is at the discretion of the protest committee

2. ADVERTISING & IDENTIFICATION

2.1 (DP) Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

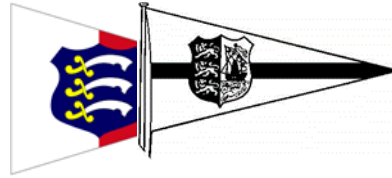
- 3.1 The regatta is open to all National 18ft class dinghies. Entries may be made from the following fleets;
 - (a) Ultra: Morrison designed hull
 - (b) Ultimate: GRP hull built to 200kg hull weight rule or built to 250kg hull weight rule and lightened to below 250kg
 - (c) Penultimate: GRP hull built and still conforming to the 250kg rule.
 - (d) Classic: Wooden boats and such other boats as the organising authority may designate; in particular Chichester Harbour 18s and Brightlingsea One Designs.
- 3.2 The Boat Owners of National 18ft class dinghies shall be members of the National 18ft Class Association
- 3.3 Entrants in the Ultra fleet (Morrison designed hull) are required to hold a valid RYA National 18 Class Measurement Certificate
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by Sailracer on Line using the link *****. Entries will close at Noon on 8th July 2018. Late entries up to 8 pm on Sunday 15th July 2018 will be subject to a surcharge of £40.

4. CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will not apply.

5. FEE

The entry fee per boat will be £175.00. Payment should be made in accordance with instructions on the entry form. There will be no entry on the day



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6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Tides in **BOLD** may result in the Strood being covered for a period.

Date	HW		Time
Sat 14 th July	1403 (5.4m)	Registration	14:00 to 17:00
Sun 15 th July	1449 (5.4m)	Registration	09.00 to 10.30
		Practice Race	1330
Mon 16 th July	1534 (5.4m)	3 Races	First warning 1055
Tues 17 th July	1618 (5.4m)	3 Races	First warning 1055
Weds 18 th July	1708 (5.3m)	Lay day or Spare day	
Thurs 19 th July	1752 (4.9m)	3 Races	First warning 1125
Fri 20 th July	1844 (4.80m)	3 Races	First warning 1125
		Prizegiving	1830 at West Mersea Yacht Club

6.2 There will be a briefing for competitors at 11.00am on Sunday 15th July

6.3 Races not sailed as scheduled, or anticipated to be affected by bad weather, may be rescheduled at the discretion of the race committee, which may include using the spare day. The procedure of rescheduling will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

6.4 It is anticipated that the Ultra design boats will start as a single group, and the Ultimate, Penultimate, classis, Chichester Harbour 18's and Brightlingsea One designs will start together

7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

There will be no formal measurement process. All boats will be inspected by the Technical Committee at any time for compliance with Class rules in accordance with Rule 92

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on line from 1st July 2018.

9. LOCATION

The sailing area is the River Blackwater Estuary

10. COURSES

10.1 Courses will be a mixture of windward-leeward and Triangular courses. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2 The race target times will be 45 minutes for all classes

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

11.2 Four races are required to constitute a Regatta.

11.3 When fewer than eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.4 When eight or nine races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

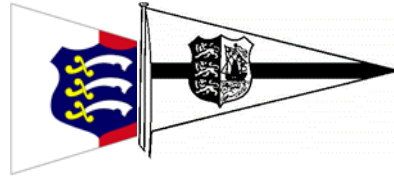
11.5 When ten or more races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst score.

12. BERTHING

(DP) Boats are to be stored ashore in the dinghy park location for the duration of the event with the exception of the Classic boats which may remain afloat and shall use the mooring they have been assigned.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

(DP) Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period



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14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

(DP) Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

15. Trophies

Details of the trophies to be awarded may be found in the Event Brochure.

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

16.2 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 does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

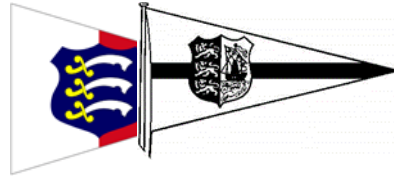
17. INSURANCE

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

18. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

18.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority

End of Notice of Race



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LOCAL FACILITIES

Accommodation

An accommodation list can be found on the West Mersea Yacht Club web page in the Contacts area. We advise that reservations are made early to ensure satisfaction.

Social Programme

A social programme connected with the event will be published on the WMYC website under events.. Bookings should be made prior to the events and may be paid in full at registration. Failure to pay at that time may result in the booking being rejected

Local Restaurants

During the summer period our local restaurants are very busy. Many of them are not open on a Sunday evening. We recommend that if you have a favourite where you want to dine you book as early as possible. Details may be found in the Contacts area of the WMYC website or the events page on WMYC website

Joining

Parking and joining instructions will be published on the web page two weeks before the event under events on the WMYC web page

Crews

If you think you will be short of crew we may be able to help. Please send the helm name, Boat number, Times needed, your mobile number and an email address. We will post these details in our Crew Register and we may be able to get a match. No guarantees. Information should be emailed to WMYCsailing@gmail.com

Once again thank you for coming to West Mersea, if you have any questions feel free to email us on WMYCsailing@gmail.com and we will do our best to answer them. Most of all have FUN when you are here.