



WEST MERSEA YACHT CLUB RNLI PENNANT RACE 2021



Saturday 10th July 13:36 HW (4.8m) approx

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority West Mersea Yacht Club

1. Rules

- a. The RNLI Pursuit Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. All notices pertaining to this race are available at <https://events.wmyc.org.uk/page/official-noticeboard>

2. Entry

On line at <https://events.wmyc.org.uk/booking> or using the entry form in the WMYC foyer. All entries will be timed using Local Handicap (LH). Please indicate use of spinnaker or White Sail.

3. Start

RNLI Pennant hoisted with one sound signal at **12.55**.

IC flag 'P' hoisted with one sound signal at **12.56**.

IC flag 'P' lowered with one long sound signal at **12.59**.

RNLI Pennant lowered with one sound signal at **13.00 First Start**.

- a. Each subsequent starting number will be broadcast On VHF channel 77 and a sound signal made at each start time. **Advice may be broadcast on VHF Channel 77, including a time check.**
- b. Please obtain your start time and starting number, which will be posted on the WMYC Sailing website <http://www.wmyc.org.uk/wmyc-sailing-official-notice-board/> from 1800 hrs. Friday 3rd July. These will also be displayed on the WMYC notice board.
- c. A line between the main mast (with orange flag of the Committee Boat and the Southern Outer Limit Buoy (OLM Yellow buoy with a Black flag) to the south.



4. Courses

The course number will be displayed on a board on the South side of the Committee Boat, prior to the first start

No.1. Start Westerly,

Tollesbury Saltings (No 3) to Port, Thirslet Spit Buoy to Port, Bradwell Power Station Baffle wall to Starboard, Paynes Turf (No 5) to Port, Miller Motor Group (No 17) to Port, Quest Motor Group (No 1) to Port, John Munns Yacht surveyor MG to Starboard, Dabchicks Sailing Club OLM South (P).

No.2. Start Easterly,

(No 1) to Starboard, Miller Motor Group Ltd (No 17) to Starboard, Tollesbury Saltings Ltd (No 3) to Port, Thirslet Spit Buoy to Port, Paynes Turf (No 5) to Port, Push Energy (No 14) to Starboard, Dabchicks Sailing Club OLM South to Starboard.

First boat to round the Thirslet Spit Buoy please notify the C.V. after finishing.

5. Finish

The race is expected to last two hours. The finish line will be between the Southern Outer Limit (black Flag) and the mast of the CV when finishing.

6. Shortened Course

If it becomes necessary to shorten the course, the Committee boat, moored near to a mark of the course will fly IC code flag 'S'. Yachts will finish by passing between the mast of the Committee Boat and the mark in the direction from the last mark.

7. Abandoned

In the event of unsuitable weather, IC flag 'N over H' will be flown from either the WMYC flagstaff or the Committee Boat. That will indicate a postponement to a later date, if possible.

8. Recalls

Recalls for line infringements will not be made. Time penalties will be imposed by the Race Committee. Further donations to the RNLI may reduce these penalties!

9. Time Limit

Any yacht finishing after 15.30 will be considered to have retired.

10. Entry Fee

The entry is by a donation to the RNLI, by cash or please make your cheque payable to RNLI (West Mersea) and leave with the office.



11. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. Risk Statement

- a. Rule 3 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.”
- b. 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:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - iv. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - v. The provision of a race management team, by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

13. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover at least £3,000,000 per incident.

14. Prize Giving

Prizegiving will be held on the WMYC lawn as soon as possible after the race.