

PART B

Additional Sailing Instructions Applicable to Competitors in Smacks & Keelboat Classes

B1 SAFETY

Before starting and after finishing, boats in the Cruiser and Smack classes should keep clear of boats in the Dinghy and MFOB classes which may be racing.

B2 COMMUNICATION

The Committee Boat for the Smacks and Cruisers events will have the call sign "Molliette" on VHF **Channel 77**.

Competitors are strongly advised to monitor VHF **Channel 77**, particularly before and during the start of each race. (See Notice of Race 10.2).

B3 CLASSES AND START TIMES Tuesday 23rd August only

Event	Start Time Daily	Warning Signal
1 Smacks	11.00	A
2 Cruiser – IRC Handicap	11:10	B
3 Cruisers – Group A (Local Handicap)		C
4 Classic Yachts & Gaffers (Group A)	11:20	D
5 White Sail (NHC)	11:30	E
6 Sonata One Design	11:40	F
7 Cruiser – Group B (Local Handicap)	11:50	G
8 Classic Yachts & Gaffers (Group B)		H
9 Squibs	12:00	J

CLASSES AND START TIMES Wednesday 24th August, Thursday 25th August, Friday 26th August and Saturday 27th August

Event	Start Time Daily	Warning Signal
1 Smacks	10.00	A
2 Cruiser – IRC Handicap	10:10	B
3 Cruisers – Group A (Local Handicap)		C
4 Classic Yachts & Gaffers (Group A)	10:20	D
5 White Sail (NHC)	10:30	E
6 Sonata One Design	10:40	F
7 Cruiser – Group B (Local Handicap)	10:50	G
8 Classic Yachts & Gaffers (Group B)		H
9 Squibs	11:00	J

B4 STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

The line is between the main mast of the Committee Boat moored to the Committee Boat mooring buoy, approximately 200m to the SW of the Nass Beacon and the Southern Outer Limit Mark (OLM), which is a yellow buoy with a black flag, moored approximately 150 metres to the South of the Committee Boat.

An inner limit mark for both starting and finishing will be laid to the south of the Committee Boat, approximately on the starting line. This will be an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy with WMYC on its side – it **must** be left on the same side as the nearby Committee Boat.

When starting or finishing in an Easterly direction a boat shall leave the outer limit mark to Starboard and the Committee Boat and inner limit mark to Port.

When starting or finishing in a Westerly direction a boat shall leave the outer distance mark to Port and the Committee Boat and inner limit mark to Starboard.

A boat shall not sail between the inner limit mark (ILM) and the committee boat at any time after her warning signal has been made. If a boat has to sail into this area after her warning signal has been made, and is identified, the scoring Penalty rule RRS 44.3 will apply. She shall receive, without hearing, a three place scoring penalty.

B5 COURSES

The course to be sailed will be identified by a Letter and a Number displayed on boards hung as near as possible from the South side of the Committee Boat. **The letter and number refers to the Mersea Week courses in this programme** and will be displayed as soon as possible for the class concerned, but in any

case the number displayed at the preparatory signal is the course for that class. RRS27.1 is amended thereby. The number of the course may also be broadcast on VHF 77. **For information purposes**, encapsulated course cards & chart will be provided in the Entrants Pack.

B6 CHANGE OF COURSE

RRS33 is changed. Should a Race Committee boat, positioned at a turning mark, display code flag C and make continuous sound signals, then the course has been changed as follows:-

Round the mark at which a Committee boat displaying code flag C is positioned as required by the course being sailed, then:-

- a) if the original finishing direction was Westerly, leave MG Buoy to port, then proceed to the finish line and finish in a Westerly direction, or,
- b) if the original finishing direction was Easterly, leave No.14 Buoy to starboard then proceed to the finish line and finish in an Easterly direction.

B7 TIME LIMIT

A time limit of five (5) hours will apply to all classes. Any boat not completing the course within this time limit will be deemed to have retired.

B8 DECLARATIONS

Competitors in the Smacks and Cruisers classes will not be required to sign a declaration form when completing the course.

B9 POINTS SERIES

The five scheduled races (to be sailed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday) comprise a series. If four or five races are sailed, boats will discard their worst score. If three or fewer races are sailed, no discard is permitted.

B10 LIST OF ENTRANTS

Entry lists for all events will be available from THE Race Office at West Mersea Yacht Club.

B11 CRUISER HANDICAPS

IRC CLASS - boats must be in possession of a valid 2016 IRC Certificate or single event IRC certificate, a copy of which must be lodged with the Sailing Secretariat of WMYC or the Mersea Week Committee.

WHITE SAIL CLASS – This class will sail under the RYA NHC progressive handicap system and in accordance with the RYA/HNC rules all entrants will start from the NHC base handicap.

LOCAL HANDICAP CLASSES - will be taken from the 2016 Mersea Joint Handicap Committee listings, added to/modified at the discretion of the Handicap Committee for individual boats at any time during Mersea Week.

CLASSIC YACHTS & GAFFERS - will sail under Local Handicaps.

SMACKS - will sail under Local Smacks Handicaps.

The Committee will allocate the split between Group A and Group B classes.

Handicaps will be allocated by the Handicap Committee on the basis of information available.

B12 SAIL NUMBERS

Competitors must ensure that their correct sail number and /or boat name is clearly displayed. Failure to do so may prejudice the finishing time recorded by the Race Officer. Smack owners are reminded that the sail number carried on the gunwale is often obscured when the vessel is heeled.

COURSES FOR SMACKS & CRUISERS EVENTS

ALL MARKS TO BE ROUNDED ON THE HAND AND IN THE SEQUENCE INDICATED BELOW.

Code	EASTERLY START and FINISH (crossing the finishing line in an Easterly direction)	Distance Nm
E1	1 (S), 2 (P), 6 (S), BH (P), IBH (S), NWK (S), 10 (S), MG (P), 5 (S), 14 (S), Finish	16
E2	1 (S), 2 (P), 6 (S), 10 (S), 18 (S), 6 (S), 2 (S), MG (P), 5 (S), 14 (S), Finish	12
E3	1 (S), 2 (P), 6 (S), 10 (S), MG (P), 5 (S), 14 (S), Finish	9
E4	1 (S), 2 (P), 18 (P), MG (P), 17 (S), 5 (S), 14 (S), Finish	7
E5	1 (S); 2 (S); MG (P); 17(S); 5 (S); 14 (S); Finish	5
E6	18 (P), 6 (S), 2 (P), 6 (S), BH (S), 18 (P), 2 (S), MG (P), 5 (S), 3 (S), Finish	16
E7	18 (S), 2 (P), 10 (P), 6 (P), 2 (S), 1 (P), 17 (S), MG(P), 5 (S), 3 (S), Finish	13
E8	18 (P), 6 (S), 10 (S), 18 (P), 17 (S), 5 (S), 3 (S), Finish	10
E9	18 (S), 2 (S), 1 (P), 5 (S), 3 (S), Finish	7
E10	MG (S); 2 (P): 1 (P); 5 (S); 3 (S); Finish	5
E11	2 (P), 6 (S), BH (S), 10 (S), 18 (P), MG (S), 2 (P), 18 (P), 1 (P), 17 (S), 5 (S), 3 (S), Finish	16
E12	2 (P), MG (S), 6 (S), 10 (S), 18 (P), 2 (S), 17 (S), 14(P), 5 (S), 3 (S), Finish	13
E13	2 (P), 6 (S), 10 (S), 1 (P), 5 (S), 3 (S), Finish	10
E14	2 (S), 17 (S), 14 (P), 5 (S), 3 (S), Finish	5
E15	2 (P); MG (P); 17 (S); 14 (S); Finish	4

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1	Quest	Quest Motor Group
2	Gosling	J Gosling (Insurance Brokers) Ltd
3	Micro Scooters	Micro Scooters Ltd
5	Paynes Turf	F E Payne & Son
6	Blackwater Estates	Blackwater Estates
10	Ellisons	Ellisons Solicitors
12	Dura Composites	Dura Composites Ltd
14	Geoff Hunt Boatbuilding	Geoff Hunt Boatbuilding
17	Millermotorgroup.com	Miller Motor Group Ltd
18	William, Hackett Chains	William Hackett Chains Ltd
MG	Fresh Catch	Fresh Catch
OLM (S)	DSC	Dabchicks Sailing Club
OLM (E)	Work Space	Space Workplace Ltd
OLM (W)	Whittle & Co	Whittle & Co Chartered Accountants
COMMITTEE BOAT MOORING BUOY	Tolhurst Fisher Solicitors	Tolhurst Fisher Solicitors

COURSES FOR SMACKS & CRUISERS EVENTS

ALL MARKS TO BE ROUNDED ON THE HAND AND IN THE SEQUENCE INDICATED BELOW.

Code	WESTERLY START and FINISH (crossing the finishing line in an Westerly direction)	Distance Nm
W1	14 (P), 12 (P), MG (S), 2 (P), 10 (P), 6 (P), 2 (P), 10 (P), 18 (P), 17 (S), 1 (P), Finish	16
W2	14 (P), 12 (P), MG (S), 2 (P), 18 (P), 17 (S), MG (S), 2 (P), 18 (P), 17 (S), 1 (P), Finish	13
W3	14 (P), 12 (P), MG (S), 2 (P), 18 (P), 17 (S), MG (S), 2 (P), 1 (P), Finish	10
W4	14 (P); 12 (P); MG (S); 2 (P); 1 (P); Finish	7
W5	14 (P); OLM (P); MG (S); 2 (S); 17 (S); 1 (P); Finish	5
W6	3 (P), 5 (P), MG (S), 2 (P), 6 (P), 1 (P), 5 (P), MG (S), 2 (S), 6 (P), 1 (P), MG (S), Finish	16
W7	3 (P), 5 (P), MG (S), 2 (P), 6 (P), 1 (P), 17 (P), 2 (P), 18 (P), 1 (P), MG (S), Finish	12
W8	3 (P), 5 (P), MG (S), 2 (P), 18 (P), 17 (P), 2 (P), 1 (P), MG (S), Finish	10
W9	3 (P), 5 (P), 14 (S), 17 (P), MG (S), 2 (P), 1 (P), MG (S), Finish	7
W10	3 (P); 5 (P); 14 (S); 17 (P); 1 (P); MG (S); Finish	5
W11	12 (S), T (S), 3 (S), 5 (P), 14 (P), 12 (S), 3 (S), 5 (P), 1 (S), 6 (S), 2 (S), MG (P), Finish	17
W12	12 (S), T (S), 3 (S), 5 (P), 14 (S), 17 (P), 1 (S), 6 (S), 2 (S), MG (P), Finish	13
W13	12 (S), 3 (S), 5 (P), 14 (S), 17 (P), 18 (S), 6 (S); 2 (S), MG (P), Finish	10
W14	12 (S), 3 (S); 14 (P), 17 (P), 18 (P), MG (P), Finish	8
W15	12 (S); 3 (S); 17 (P); MG (P); Finish	5

Abbreviations Used

BH	Bench Head buoy	OLM	Outer Limit Mark of Start Line	(P)	Round or Pass to Port
MG	Middle Ground buoy	T	Thirslet Spit buoy	(S)	Round or Pass to Starboard
IBH	Inner Bench Head	NWK	North West Knoll buoy	CB	Colne Bar buoy