

WIVENHOE TOWN REGATTA YACHT RACE

SATURDAY 6th July 2019
HW WIVENHOE 1540 BST

The Yacht race for the Slow and Fast handicaps will start off Batemans Tower at 1115 both categories will sail the same course, and finish at the Wivenhoe Sailing Club Line at around 1500.

START TIMES

Full Batemans Tower Start Schedule:

1100 Smacks
1115 Yachts, Classic Yachts and Gaffers
1230 BODs
1245 WODs
1300 Gigs

Each Race will have its own start sequence and course number displayed before its start.

ESTIMATED FINISH TIMES

Yacht Race:- 1445-1545 at the WSC line, downstream of the Barrier. *Note: No vessels will be timed in after 1545.*

RACE OFFICER


The Race Officers will work from Batemans Tower. They will listen out on VHF 77 from 1015, and the Yacht Race course will be announced on VHF 77 around 1105. The course number will also be displayed on a board at Batemans at 1105. There may be a separate course announced for the Gaffers and Classic yachts depending on the handicap of those who enter these classes.

The race officer may be telephoned before the start on: **07957453324**.

The race shall be governed by the current version of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

START LINE

Between Batemans Tower & the triangular metes on the E Mersea shore.

STARTING: 10 minutes: Horn + Code flag C 
5 minutes: Horn + Blue Peter
1 minute : Long horn + Blue peter lowered
START: Horn + Code flag 5 lowered

If a vessel is over the line at the start a second horn will sound and one flag will be raised and stay hoisted until that offender has re-crossed the line.

COURSES FOR SLOW AND FAST HANDICAP RACES

SUITABLE WINDS

All courses now combined with the upstream race following all navigate marks along the river from Batemans tower to Wivenhoe

1. Bar- S, Finish.....(7.6 NM) Light Airs
2. Bar – P, Eagle – S, BH – S, IBH - P, Finish.....(10.5 NM) NW-SW, NE-E F3
3. Colne Point - S, No12- P, No 8- S, Finish.....(8.2 NM) Nly, S/SE F2-3
4. Bar – P, Wallet Spitway – P, Bar - S, Finish.....(16.4 NM) Good breeze, no tacking
5. Bar - P, Knoll – P, North Eagle – P, Bar – S, Finish.....(11.5 NM) SW F 2-3
6. A course given over the VHF radio by the race officer.

{ BH = Bench Head. IBH = Inner Bench Head. }

FINISH

Yacht Race - A line across the river at WSC, about 100 yards seaward of the Barrier. This line is a transit line marked by the white pole on the WSC Hut and a triangular mete on the Wivenhoe shore. It is a diagonal line across the river, roughly between the WSC Hut and the West end of the sand works quay.

Once the finish line is crossed, please proceed slowly, preferably under power, through the Barrier. Please be aware that the traditional racers, (Smacks, gaffer, classic yachts & BODs), will be racing through the Barrier & will finish at the Old WSC line 300 yards beyond it. There may also be a WOD dinghy race still running. Please give all of these other vessels the right of way.

HANDICAP SYSTEM

The handicaps used will be those issued by the WSC Committee based on the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System and as issued by Byron software.

MOORINGS

Please pick up a free mooring if available, there may also be space on the pontoons at the new WSC club house. You can also be able to lay alongside the wall along West Quay. The orange WSC Safety Boat will be standing by, but will be engaged only in safety monitoring. There will be a launch available to help and to ferry crews.

PRIZEGIVING AND SHORE EVENTS

Free crew beer & BBQ will be available from outside the Rose and Crown pub. You must first get tickets from the old sailing club hut.

LATE ENTRIES

(a) Ring 07957453324 or email georgedwbrown@gmail.com

(b) Very late entries may be accepted via VHF or mobile on the day by the Race Officer before 1045

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

**HAVE A CRACKING SAIL AND ENJOY THE DAY AND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE
REGATTA AND THE NOTTAGE MARITIME INSTITUTE!!**

SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats shall carry the following safety equipment:

a) Lifejacket for each crew member, b) Lifebuoy, c) 2 RED flares and 2 ORANGE SMOKE flares
d) Fog horn, e) Echo Sounder, f) Fire extinguisher readily available, g) Anchor, 2m of chain and a
minimum of 30m cable, h) First-Aid kit, i) Compass - marine type properly installed and adjusted,
j) Manual bilge pump permanently filled and operable from the cockpit, k) Stout bucket and lanyard
l) VHF Radio, m) Bolt croppers or any means of cutting the rigging, n) Heaving line and towline,
o) All boats should be capable of shortening sails in a seamanlike manner According to the prevailing
conditions.

Recommended items:-

a) Safety harnesses one for each crew member, b) Kedge anchor and warp, c) Storm jib

This list represents a minimum and is not the basis of any definitive safety at sea Recommendation by
the organising authority.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The
organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or Personal injury or death
sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever
caused to the owner/competitor, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every
competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races. A boat is entirely responsible for its
own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions
or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for boats to decide whether it is fit to sail in the
conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for
those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers
responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result
of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and
the event, and including the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, The Race Officer, patrol boats
and Beach-masters.

Neither the provision of patrol boats nor the granting of parental consent relieves the boat of its
responsibilities.

INSURANCE

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.

The race entry fee is £10 per vessel.

Any profits from the regatta will go to local charities

Crew passes will be available to be picked up from the old sailing club hut on the quay.
Free overnight berths alongside West Quay or moorings in the river will be available and it's hoped that many racing craft will stay for the afternoon and evening.

Please use BACS to transfer the £10 to the account below. Or pay on the day at the old sailing club hut.

Wivenhoe Town Regatta
Sort code – 60-06-06
Account number – 32429592

Please email details of the vessel you are entering to georgedwbrown@gmail.com including as many of the details below as possible.

YACHT RACES ENTRY FORM

Yacht name:

Class:

LOA:

LWL:

Beam:

Draft:

Sail No:

Portsmouth No:

Keel Type: (e.g. long, fin, bilge, lifting etc)

Type of yacht, cruising yacht/cruiser-racer/racing yacht/one design

Sails available spinnaker/ghoster etc.

Hull colour:

Sail Colour:

Rig:

Owners Name:

Home tel no:

Address:

Mobile tel no:

Email address:

Number of crew on board: