

WIVENHOE TOWN REGATTA SMACK RACE

SATURDAY 6th July 2019
HW WIVENHOE 1540 BST

The Smack race will start off Batemans Tower at 1100, and finish at Wivenhoe at approximately 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.

RACE OFFICER

The Race Officers will work from Batemans Tower. They will listen out on VHF 77 from 1015, and the Smack's Race course will be announced on VHF 77 around 1050. The course number will also be displayed on a board at Batemans at 1050.

The race officer may be telephoned before the start sequence 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 5 minutes: Horn + Code flag C 
4 minutes: Horn + Blue Peter
1 minute : Long horn + Blue peter lowered
START: Horn + Code flag C 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:

SUITABLE WINDS

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| 1. Bar- S, BH- S, IBH- P, No12- P, No 8- S, Finish.....(13 NM) | NW-SW, NE-SE. F3-4 |
| 2. No 8- S, No12- S, No 8- S, Finish.....(7 NM) | Light Airs |
| 3. IBH- S, No12- P, No 8- S, Finish.....(9 NM) | Nly. F2-3 |
| 4. IBH- S, No19- S, IBH- S, Finish.....(14 NM) | W-SW, E-SE. F4-5 |
| 5. BH- P, Bar- P, IBH- P, BH- S, Finish.....(12 NM) | anything but N or E. F3-5 |
| 6. A course announced on VHF Ch. 77 | |

**ALL COURSES - OBSERVE ALL NAVIAGATION MARKS UP RIVER FROM BUOY No 18
TO WIVENHOE**

FINISH

Line across the river at the WSC Old Hut and Hard 300 yards beyond the Barrier. If the wind at Wivenhoe causes vessels to tack at the Barrier, they may have their engines running, ready to engage *briefly* into gear to help in the Barrier, or to avoid a hazards beyond the Barrier.

ALTERNATIVE FINISH FOR SMACKS FOR LIGHT WINDS:

If the wind is West and fluke, (and the Barrier and river beyond are therefore considered by the Race Officer to be unnecessarily challenging), the Smacks will be finished at the New WSC line, which is 100 yards downstream of the Barrier and is a line roughly between the WSC building and the sand barge quay. If this decision is made, it will be repeatedly announced on VHF 77, and a loud horn will clearly mark each finish. Smacks may then proceed through the Barrier at leisure. The (Modern) Yacht Race from Batemans will be finished at this line around 1445, so please be aware that a horn may sound as you pass this area in the company of a yacht. If the Smacks are to be finished at this line it will be because the headwind in the Barrier is light and of concern. If this is not the case, the Barrier will be passable and no announcements will be made on VHF 77.

EVENTS ON THE RIVER BEYOND THE BARRIER

If there are other races going on when you arrive, be aware that all other racers have been advised to give you right of way. This should give you the maximum space for your final run through the Barrier and to the finish line.

MOORINGS

You will be able to lay alongside the wall along West Quay or pick up an available mooring. 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
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