

# MALDON TOWN REGATTA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Saturday 16th September 2023 High Water Maldon 1427 / Low Water Mersea 0735

### Welcome to the Maldon Town Regatta.

A bit of an early start time for the racing this year again with a lunch break at Osea Island.

There are two races open to all yachts, smacks, bawleys and other classes (West Solents, ECODs, Swordfish, BJRC.) but not to dinghies, winkle brigs, etc. which are catered for separately in the event program.

Race 1 is from the Nass Beacon at West Mersea to Osea Pier

Race 2 is a Parade of Sail from Osea Pier to Maldon.

There is an option on the entry form for those who prefer take part in the Parade of Sail only.

Please read the **safety** instructions on **page 4**.

### Race 1 :- The Nass Beacon to Osea Pier.

There are 9 Classes. Classes 1 to 7 will sail a long course and Classes 8 and 9 a shorter course in order that they will stand more chance of arriving at Osea in time to participate in the Parade of Sail.

All classes will race under their particular handicap system.

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 OGA prescriptions and Local Area Instructions. These Sailing instructions include the attached safety instructions.

### Longer Course :-

Class 1 - Large Smacks and Bawleys.

Class 2 - Small Smacks and Bawleys.

Class 3 - Gaff Rigged Yachts.

Class 4 - Classic Wooden Yachts.

Class 5 - Modern Yachts (GRP, ferro, steel, BJRC etc.)

Class 6 - West Solents.

Class 7 - ECODs.

### Shorter Course :-

Class 8 - Gaff Rigged Cruising Yachts.

Class 9 - Other Cruising Yachts.

### Start Times :-

Classes 1 and 2                      0800

Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7        0810

Classes 8 and 9                    0820

All times shown are BST

### Start Line :-

Between the mast of the Committee boat Lyra (a Southerly 100 sailing vessel) and the Nass Beacon. There may be a yellow inner limit buoy adjacent to the committee boat.

**DO NOT SAIL BETWEEN THIS MARK AND THE COMMITTEE BOAT**

### Time limit :-

The time limit for these races will be 1200. Craft finishing after this time will not be timed in but may record their own time and report it once ashore. Please proceed to Osea under power in time for the start of the Parade of Sail.

**Finish Line :-**

A line between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the light on Osea Pier. There may be a yellow inner limit buoy adjacent to the committee boat and Osea Pier. Do not pass between the buoy and the committee boat.

After finishing the race, please anchor or “heave to” well away from the finishing line but in view of the committee boat.

**Please see the separate course card (see page 5) listing the possible courses.**

We hope that the wide range of courses will allow for each wind direction and strength of wind.

A chart showing the approximate positions of the race marks is attached.

**Tenders.** There will be a motorboat ‘Puncher’ in the vicinity of the committee boat prior to the start of the race which will tow tenders up river. Listening Ch77, Tel.07850637631. Prior to pick up; i) Secure all items in the boat. ii) Ensure a strong painter of at least 6m long. iii) Ensure fendering on ‘heavy’ boats. Please transfer your tender in good time prior to the start of the race. The committee boat will not tow any tenders upriver. While every effort is made to ensure safe towing. We can accept no responsibility for damage or loss of dinghies being towed.

**Starting Procedure :-**

**The Race Office will be open on Ch77 from 0715. Please alert the OOD of any changes to your race entry form, particularly number of persons on board.**

**There will be a race briefing at 0730 on Ch77. Please avoid calling the OOD during the starting sequence.**

**All boats are obliged to clearly identify themselves to the committee boat at both the start and end of the race using the race numbers issued.**

The Committee Boat will display, before the first 10 minute gun (fog horn blast), a board facing the start line indicating class numbers and courses in the following sample format.

|                |                  |               |                  |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Classes</b> | <b>1 &amp; 2</b> | <b>3 - 7</b>  | <b>8 &amp; 9</b> |
| <b>Course</b>  | <b>Letter</b>    | <b>Letter</b> | <b>Letter</b>    |

*(For race card see page 5)*

In addition to the above, the courses will be announced via VHF Ch. 77 before the first 10 minute gun. 10 Minute, 5 Minute and Start Signals will be by sound signals.

|               |                               |                           |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Starts</b> | <b>Class 1&amp;2<br/>0800</b> | <b>Class 3-7<br/>0810</b> | <b>Class 9<br/>0820</b> |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|

**THE PREVIOUS CLASS’S START SIGNAL WILL BE THE 10 MINUTE SIGNAL FOR THE START OF THE NEXT CLASS.**

If a boat or boats are over the line at the start a single sound signal (horn) will be made and code flag 'X' will be hoisted immediately after the starting signal. The flag will remain hoisted until the boat(s) over the line have returned or 5 minutes has elapsed. Boats not returning to start correctly will have 1 hour added to their corrected time. Participating vessels may contact the committee boat on VHF Ch 77 but **NOT** during the period between the first 10 minute gun and the last start gun.

## **Shorting Course & Safety**

### **Please maintain a listening watch on Ch 77 in case the OOD decides to shorten the course or issue safety instructions etc.**

In addition to radio communication the committee boat will be supported by one or more support boats tasked to make direct contact where possible.

#### **Protests:-**

Protestor shall hail "PROTEST" and display a red flag in the starboard shrouds until she finishes or retires. Notify the OOD and protestee as soon as possible, and in writing to the MTRA Race Office in The Sail Loft immediately on coming ashore after the race and in any event not later than 1430 hrs on Regatta day. Protests require a deposit of £10 payable to MTRA which is returnable unless the protest is deemed frivolous. No protest will be considered unless presented in the correct format before 1430 hrs.

### **Race 2:- The Parade of Sail. Osea Pier to Maldon.**

This race will be started by the OOD on the committee boat.

This is a non- handicap race. (First across the line in class wins!)

All classes will sail the same course.

10 Minute, 5 Minute and Start Signals will be by gun and flag signals.

#### **THE CLASS 1 & 2 START SIGNAL WILL BE THE 10 MINUTE SIGNAL FOR THE REMAINING CLASSES.**

This will be followed by the 5 minute and Start Signals as above.

Any boats over the line at the start who fail to respond to a recall will be disqualified.

#### **Start Time:-**

This will depend on wind strength and direction, but approximately 1230.

1 minute before the first 10 minute gun the Committee Boat will sound a long blast on the fog horn. Immediately afterwards the OOD will make an announcement on VHF Ch. 77.

#### **Start Line:-**

Same as Finish Line for Race 1. A line between the mast of the Committee Boat and the light on Osea Pier.

#### **Course:-**

Start Westerly — Hillypool Point (buoy 8) to port — Finish at Maldon YC line. (metes on the clubhouse in line with a diamond on the salting opposite).

#### **Finish Line:-**

After Crossing the Finish Line please carry on up to the quay, under sail if possible, for the benefit of spectators.

#### **Berthing:-**

There is limited berthing available on the Hythe (soft mud). Competing boats may wish to contact the local boatyards to pre-book a berth, contact details; Downs Road Boatyard 01621 853330, Landbreach Boatyard 07836715685, Marinestore Maldon Boatyard 01621854280x200, The Sail Lofts 01621 853885

**If you do not wish to stay in Maldon PLEASE DO NOT impede the Finish Line.**

#### **Crew party:-**

There will be a crew party starting at 1500hrs at the Sail Lofts, just up river from the Queens Head—FREE BEER or CIDER—till it all runs out! Accompanied by some local music.

**Prize giving:-** Prize giving also at the Sail Loft at 1630hrs.

**Food:-** Meals will be available in the Queens Head at any time.

**The Regatta Committee hope you have an enjoyable day's sailing and Crew party**

## **Safety**

**1: The acceptance of an entry will in no way mean that MTRA will be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner, skipper or any member of the crew as a result of taking part in these races.**

**2: IT IS A CONDITION OF ENTRY THAT ALL BOATS SHALL CARRY ADEQUATE THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.**

**3: The safety of a vessel and her crew shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or owner's representative. (Skipper) It is recommended that all crew wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid.**

**4: The Skipper shall ensure that the Boat is fully found and the crew are sufficient in numbers and experience to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.**

**5: The Skipper shall ensure the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and equipment and that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed ready for use in a position known by all those on board. The crew shall all be conversant with the recommended way in which the safety equipment and systems are used.**

**6: It is the sole responsibility of each Skipper to decide whether or not to start, or having started to continue the race and the Skipper shall advise her/his crew of these safety instructions.**

**7: The OOD will have a record of the number of persons on board as declared in your Entry Form. If the number on board is different inform the OOD [See Starting Procedure on P2 and 3]. The purpose of this is so that in the unlikely event of an accident where the skipper or crew are unable to communicate directly with the emergency services the OOD can pass on this information.**

**8. The carrying and use of VHF radio is mandatory for information and safety in these races. The race information channel is Ch77.**

### Maldon Town Regatta 1st Race Course Card

| Course | Wind direction     | Distances (nM) | Direction of start | Course                     |
|--------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| A      | SW                 | 11.3           | W                  | 3p 2p 1p THs               |
| B      | SW                 | 15.0           | W                  | 3p 10p 6p THs              |
| C      | SW                 | 16.8           | W                  | 3p BHp 6p THs              |
| D      | W                  | 9.6            | W                  | 14p 5p 1s 2s THs           |
| E      | W                  | 13.4           | W                  | 14p 5p 6s 10s THs          |
| F      | W                  | 14.6           | W                  | 14p 5p 6s BH THs           |
| G      | NW                 | 11.5           | W                  | 12p 5p 2p THs              |
| H      | NW                 | 8.5            | W                  | 3p 12p 5p 3p THs           |
| I      | NW                 | 15.0           | W                  | 3p 10p 6p 18p 2s 1p THs    |
| J      | N                  | 9.8            | E                  | 1s 17s MGp 12s 3p THs      |
| K      | N                  | 14.0           | E                  | 1s 10p 6p 2s 1p 12s 3p THs |
| L      | N                  | 16.6           | E                  | 1s BHp 6p 2s 1p 12s 3p THs |
| M      | NE                 | 9.5            | E                  | 1s 2s 12s 3p THs           |
| N      | NE                 | 15.8           | E                  | 6s 17s 1p 12s 14p THs      |
| O      | NE                 | 16.4           | E                  | 6s 10s 17s 1p 12s 14p THs  |
| P      | E                  | 8.3            | E                  | 1s 2s 3p THs               |
| Q      | E                  | 12.0           | E                  | 6s 10s 3p THs              |
| R      | E                  | 13.6           | E                  | 6s 10s 3p 5s THs           |
| S      | SE                 | 8.6            | E                  | 1s 2s 14p 5s THs           |
| T      | SE                 | 11.9           | E                  | 1s 10s 14p 5s THs          |
| U      | SE                 | 14.2           | E                  | 1s BHs 14p 5s THs          |
| V      | S                  | 8.6            | E                  | 1s 2s 3p 12s THs           |
| W      | S                  | 12.4           | E                  | 6s 10s 3p 12s THs          |
| X      | S                  | 13.4           | E                  | 6s 10s 1p 2s 3p 12s THs    |
| Y      | Extreme conditions | 5.9            | W                  | THs                        |
| Z      | Extreme conditions | 7.5            | E                  | 1s THs                     |
| 1      |                    |                |                    | 3p 12s THs                 |
| 2      |                    |                |                    | 12s 3p THs                 |

Legend.

THs: Thirslet Spit Buoy  
 BH: Bench Head Buoy  
 MG: Middle Ground Buoy

| WMYC mark number       | Mark Name                 | Sponsor                            | Flag colour          | Position            |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1                      | Quest Motor Group         | Black Flag                         | 51-45.83N 00-56.24E  |                     |
| 2                      | Micro Scooters            | Micro Scooters Ltd                 | Black Flag           | 51-45.21N 00-56.62E |
| 3                      | Tollesbury Saltings       | Tollesbury Saltings Ltd            | Black Flag           | 51-45.13N 00-52.90E |
| 5                      | Paynes Turf               | F E Payne & Son                    | Black Flag           | 51-44.92N 00-53.93E |
| 6                      | Fiducia Wealth            | Fiducia Wealth Management          | Black Flag           | 51-45.74N 00-58.96E |
| 10                     | Ellisons Solicitors       | Black Flag                         | 51-44.82N 00-59.41E  |                     |
| 12                     | William Hackett Chains    | Black Flag                         | 51-45.47N 00-53.00E  |                     |
| 14                     | Push Energy               | Push Energy                        | Black Flag           | 51-45.45N 00-53.91E |
| 17                     | Miller Motor Group        | Miller Motor Group Ltd             | Black Flag           | 51-45.21N 00-55.11E |
| 18                     | Waldegraves               | Waldegraves Holiday Park           | Black Flag           | 51-45.60N 00-57.62E |
| MG                     | John Munns Yacht Surveyor | Geoff Hunt Boatbuilding            | Black Flag           | 51-45.61N 00-55.45E |
| OLM (S)                | Dabchicks sailing club    | Dabchicks Sailing Club             | Black Flag           | 51-45.58N 00-54.75E |
| OLM (E)                | Space Workplace Ltd       | Red Flag                           | 51-45.68N 00-55.020E |                     |
| OLM (W)                | Whittle & Co              | Whittle & Co Chartered Accountants | Green Flag           | 51-45.70N 00-54.43E |
| Committee Boat Mooring | EYE Marine                | Eye Marine Ltd                     | No Flag              | 51-45.78N 00-54.60E |

