



WIVENHOE TOWN REGATTA BOD RACE

SATURDAY 4th July 2026

**HW BRIGHTLINGSEA 1544 HW WIVENHOE
1550**

Sailing Instructions

The BOD Race will start off Batemans Tower at 1230 and finish at Wivenhoe at 1430 approx.

Full Batemans Tower Start Schedule:

1130 Smacks

1150 Modern Yachts

1210 Classic Yachts and Gaffers

1230 BODs

Each Race will have its own start sequence and course number displayed before its start. ***Note: No vessels will be timed in after 1540***

RACE OFFICER

The Race Officers will work from Batemans Tower. They will listen out on VHF channel 77 from 1100.

The course number will be displayed on a board at Batemans at 1215

The Race Officer may be contacted on VHF channel 77 before the start sequence.

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

N.B. Interaction between vessels in different races in the Regatta shall be governed by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. It is strongly recommended that crews of smaller and more manoeuvrable vessels do not impede the passage of the Sailing Smacks and larger yachts.

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.

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

STARTING SEQUENCE

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 BOD 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:

“Down” = downriver start. “Up” = upriver start. “Ckm”= Creekmouth buoy

Even number buoys are red. Odd number buoys are green. s = leave to Std. p = leave to Port.

1. (Down): 9 s, 8 s, Ckm p, 12 s, 18 s, 12 s, Finish.
2. (Down): 9 s, 12 s, 16 s, 12 s, Finish.
3. (Up): 17 p, 12 s, 24 s, 16 s, Finish.
4. (Up): 17 p, 12 s, 24 s, 16 s, 24 s, 19 s, Finish.
5. (Up): 17 p, 8 p, 9 p, 17 p, 12 s, 24 s, 20 s, Finish.
6. (Up): 16 p, 12 p, Finish.

FINISH: A line across the river 300 metres upstream of the barrier at the WSC Old Hut. No vessels will be timed in after 1540.

MOORINGS: BODs may be tied up on moorings near the Hard at the new sailing club if space is available. Please do not land your BOD on the Hard as it will be full of rowing dinghies and rowers. The WSC workboat “Viking” will be available to help or to ferry crews.

PRIZEGIVING AND SHORE EVENTS

Prizegiving will take place outside the Old Sailing Club Hut and Hard as soon as possible after the end of the race programme. Timings will be confirmed on the day.

Crew tokens for a FREE beer/soft drink and Thai snack from the stall at the regatta will be available from the old sailing club hut on the old hard after the race.

SPREAD THE WORD. HAVE A CRACKING SAIL AND ENJOY THE DAY.

Profits from the Regatta will go to local charities & community groups

