



East Coast OGA

East Coast Race 2022

Event Information & Sailing Instructions

23rd July 2022



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The East Coast Old Gaffers Association welcomes you to the 2022 East Coast Race, please read through the pack to ensure you know what is happening.

Thank you for joining us this weekend – we hope you have a great time and trust that you will join us for other events in the future.

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Sara Butler and Andrew's Covers for the winner's pennant.

Associates

The Stone Sailing Club

www.stonesailingclub.org.uk

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<http://www.colnesmack.co.uk>

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Stone SC Officer of the Day (OOD)

VHF Ch 37 / M1

BERTHING

Stone Sailing Club have their own moorings immediately offshore from the club. OGA members wishing to anchor on Friday and Saturday night may do so East of the established moorings. However in the event of bad weather members are advised to moor further up-river and sail in to SSC on the morning of the race.

There will be a water taxi run by Stone Sailing Club volunteers. The water taxi will run from 16.00 – 24.00hrs on Friday 22nd, and from 08.00 – 10.30, 15.00 – 19.00 and 21.00 – 24.00hrs on Saturday 23rd July. Call the water taxi on VHF Ch 37.



PROGRAMME

Friday 22nd July

Registration for East Coast Race at the Stone Sailing Club from 17:00 – 21:00 hrs.

Saturday 23rd July

The skipper or representative should listen on VHF Ch 37 / M1 for a short Race Briefing at 09:30 hrs. The briefing will be repeated at 09:45 hrs.

Start Times

Class	Start Time
Classes 2A, 2C, 3, 4 Classic Gaffers, Spirit of Tradition and Modern & Racers and Class 2B Bermudans	11:00 am
Class 1 Working Boats	11:15 am

Race Declarations

All completed race declarations to be handed into the race office (SSC) by 18:00 hrs on day of race.

Presentation of Prizes

Prize giving will be held at 19:00 hrs at the Stone Sailing Club.

Dinner

Dinner for those who have ordered meals will be held at the Stone Sailing Club at approx. 20:00 hrs following the prize giving.



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RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.

Rule 26 STARTING RACES will be changed as follows:

Class	10 Minute Signal	5 Minute Signal	Start Signal
Classes 2A, 2B, 2C, 3, 4	Board showing flag A	Board showing flag P	Start Signal
Class 1	Board showing flag W	Board showing flag P	Start Signal

Rule 29.1 INDIVIDUAL RECALL will be amended to include: ***A yacht identified as being over the line at the start may be hailed on VHF channel 37. No part of a boat's hull shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% Time Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (c) amendment.***

Rule 44.3 (C) SCORING PENALTY will be replaced with: ***Finishing position for a boat that takes a Time Penalty shall be the elapsed time taken to complete the course multiplied by the T(H)CF, made worse by 20% of the corrected time of the median placed boat following the application of handicaps in order to calculate the corrected time.***

Rule 32 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START is amended to include: ***The race committee may communicate that the race is shortened or abandoned by VHF broadcast on Channel 37 with no other sound or visual signals.***

Rule 35 TIME LIMIT AND SCORES is replaced with: ***All boats must sail the course as required by rule 28 and finish within the time limit. They will be scored according to their finishing places after correction by handicap as stated in the Notice of Race. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored DNF. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.***

Rule 50.2 SPINNAKER POLES; WHISKER POLES will be changed as follows: When in use, it shall be attached to the foremost mast ***or rigging or may be held.***

Rule 90.2.(c) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS shall be amended to include: ***Changes to the sailing instructions may also be communicated during the pre-race briefing or by VHF on channel 37 prior to the race preparatory signal.***

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any notices to competitors will be provided at Registration on Friday 22nd July between 17:00 and 21:00 hrs at the Stone Sailing Club.

CLASS FLAGS / IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Class flags will not be used. Yachts will be allocated orange Reeds Numbers at Registration. These must be displayed prominently, preferable on the shrouds, and clearly visible to the Race Officer at the Finish Line.



RACING AREAS

The racing area will be: Rivers Colne, Blackwater and the Wallet.

THE COURSE

Course cards will be available at registration on Friday. Please note that West Mersea Yacht Club racing buoys may be used in a course – please use with caution, current positions for the WMYC marks used are in the course card and the chartlet can be found at <https://events.wmyc.org.uk/page/daily-course-card>.

The course will be communicated via VHF CH 37 / M1 no later than the warning signal. (Course Number and Letter).

THE START

All starts will be from the Stone Sailing Club start line. The Start line is an extension of a line made by the Flag Pole at the Race Office and the pole with a triangular top on the foreshore. Please start **INSIDE** the inflatable spacer buoy.

Boats whose 10 minute signal has not been made must avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will score DNS (Did Not Start) without recourse to a hearing.

If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the 2 minutes before her starting signal and is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her Reeds Number on VHF CH 37. Failure to make a broadcast or to time broadcast accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress.

CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will notify the change by VHF Channel 37 and, if possible, send a boat to advise the fleet.

THE FINISH

The finishing line is the same as the start line, between the SSC flag pole ashore and the inflatable buoy offshore.

TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the race will be 17:00 hrs.

SAFETY

Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property, whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;



- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boat and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser do not relieve them of their responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover, if supplied, is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- They are responsible for familiarising themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information provided for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- They are aware that on a boat without guardrails or which does not fully meet the ISAF relevant safety regulations there is additional risk, which should be considered in connection with Racing Rule of Sailing Rule 3 above;
- All boats must carry an alternative means of propulsion (engine, sweeps etc).

Each boat must notify the Committee Boat or Race Officer of their intention to race and any change to the number of persons aboard at least 10 minutes prior to the start.

All boats retiring must notify the Committee Boat or Race Officer prior to the time limit set out above. Boats not finishing nor retiring will be notified to the Coastguard by the OGA.

Any boat in collision with another vessel, whether competing or not, must notify the incident to the Committee Boat or Race Officer as soon as is practically possible (i.e. VHF).

The Race Officer may, in the event of poor weather or other hazards, postpone or abandon the race for all or individual classes.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident and this must be valid whilst racing and for the duration of this event.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats should keep a 'listening watch' on Channel 37 for instructions from Race Officers. It is not permitted to use Radio or Mobile Phone Communication to obtain outside assistance. Failure to receive instructions by VHF is not grounds for redress.

CLASSES

Class 1 Working boats – Traditional working boats which include gaff rigged boats with fishing numbers (whether originally made for fishing or not), and all gaff rigged boats that have provided employment for commercial gain (eg cargo boats, pilot cutters and police boats) excluding boats built for charter. This class will be split into two groups based on handicap (1.100 and above, and below 1.100). If fewer than ten boats complete the race then the groups may be merged at the discretion of the Race Officer.

Class 2 Classics

Gaffers – All gaff rigged boats built using traditional methods and materials, i.e. built of wood on frames, and designed primarily for cruising. These include new build replicas such as the Luke Powell pilot cutters. Class 2 Gaffers will be split into two groups based on handicap (0.950 and above, and below 0.950). If fewer than ten



boats complete the race then the groups may be merged at the discretion of the Race Officer.

Bermudans – Bermudan rigged vessels built before 1960, or vessels accepted by VKSJ, or vessels built after 1960 in traditional timber, but to pre 1960 design. Other vessels of traditional construction (not GRP or exotics) not complying with the above, but built in the spirit of classic yachts may be considered by the committee.

Class 3 Spirit of Tradition – All gaff rigged cruising yachts built using modern designs or materials (GRP, concrete, plywood, strip plank/epoxy). This includes Heards and other GRP Falmouth working boats, Memory 19s, Cape Cutters, Cornish Crabbers / Shrimpers / Pilot Cutters.

Class 4 Modern & Racers – Gaff rigged boats designed and built primarily for racing eg ECODs, Broads boats and any boats with modern, high-tech design or construction such as Crow, Dirty Girty and Kites. These are expected to be decked or half decked and over 18' stem to stern on the waterline.

Note that the terminology 'gaff' is used to include lug and sprit rigs.

DECLARATIONS

Please ensure that you complete your race declaration in full and return to the Race Office at the Stone Sailing Club by 18:00 hrs. Failure to return a completed race declaration will result in a DNF result being shown.

PROTESTS

Protests and Requests for Redress

Protests must be made by hailing 'Protest' and displaying a red protest flag until the protesting boat finishes or retires.

The protester must notify the Race Office immediately upon coming ashore.

A Protest Form (available from Race Office) must be completed and accompanied by a fee of £25.00 (refundable if protest upheld/unless protest is deemed frivolous)

Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be made within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witness.

Thank you for joining the East Coast Old Gaffers Association for this event, if you have any comments or feedback please contact Trevor Rawlinson.

Happy Sailing