

The 47th SWALE (LENA'S) MATCH 2019

BRIEFING: A briefing for Masters or Skippers only will take place at **Hollowshore** at **1900hrs** on **Friday 9th August**. Please come to be checked off the entry list and handed the Sailing Instructions etc.

HIGH Water at Harty Ferry on **Friday 9th August** is approx **2025hrs (5.2m)** Sheerness

HIGH Water at Harty Ferry **Saturday 10th August** is approx **0913hrs (5.2m) & 2134hrs (5.4m)**

COURSE: The COURSE is likely to be from the Start Line in the East Swale (Sand End Buoy) out to a mark in the position of the old Spaniard Buoy, in towards Herne Bay and back into the Swale to the Finish near the entrance to Faversham & Oare Creek.

However, the final decision on courses for the different classes will be announced at the BRIEFING on Friday evening.

START TIMES

1030hrs	Class 4	Staysail Barges
	Class 5	Slow Staysail Barges
1045hrs	Class 3	Bowsprit Barges
1100hrs	Class 2	Gaffers 25ft. and over
	Class 2a	Gaffers under 25ft
1115hrs	Class 1	Smacks & Bawleys
	Class 1a	Replica Smacks & Bawleys
	Class 1b	Open class for ex-fishing craft
1130hrs	Class 9	Bermudan Classics
TBA	Class 2b	Open Gaffers
	Class 6	Dutch Barges
	Class 7	Baltic Traders
	Class 8	Traditional Steam and Motor Vessels

For these classes both COURSE and START TIMES will be advised at the BRIEFING.

PARADE **Class 8** will follow a course **TBA** and will also be inspected by a Committee member to decide the award for the best turned out vessel.

PRIZEGIVING will take place at **HOLLOWSHORE** approx **1900hrs** after the Match.
There will be DRINKS and live MUSIC. There will also be delicious FOOD available.

Information and Criteria for Entry

*** ALL CRAFT will be subject to Match Regulations. A copy of Sailing Instructions will be issued to each craft at the Briefing the evening before the Match.

** SAILING CRAFT OTHER THAN BARGES will compete under ISAF Rules as amended by Swale Match regulations.

* All CLASSES (except barges and smacks) will be issued with a pair of identification numbers at the briefing. These numbers are to be displayed in a prominent position to starboard and port when crossing the Start and Finish Lines. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. A DEPOSIT of £10 CASH will be charged and reimbursed on their return to the K.S.A. souvenir tent after the match.

CLASS 1 - East Coast SMACKS & BAWLEYS: Craft entering this class must have been built **in the area between Spurn Head and the North Foreland** as a smack or bawley and have been either a registered smack or have been built for the trade.

CLASS 1a - the REPLICA CLASS: Smacks or bawleys that have been **built and fitted-out as yachts** will sail in this class.

CLASS 1b - Non East Coast SMACKS: Smacks built outside the East Coast (see above for Class 1) and have been either a registered smack or have been built for the trade.

** ALL SAILING BARGES are to compete under current SBA/AoB Rules (as updated 2018), IRPCAS and Match Regulations. The Master of a barge must hold a Sailing Barge Masters Certificate.

All barges must have an appointed mainsheet man

CLASS 3 - BOWSPRIT BARGES

CLASS 4 - STAYSAIL BARGES

CLASS 5 - SLOW STAYSAIL BARGES may sail a shortened course.

CLASS 8 - TRADITIONAL POWERED VESSELS: These do not have to follow the course. Members of the committee will judge their appearance and maintenance.

CLASS 9 - BERMUDAN RIGGED BOATS: Entries must have been built in **1960 or before**.

ALL VESSELS MUST BE ADEQUATELY INSURED TO ENTER THE MATCH AND PARTICIPATE THEREIN.

The Kentish Sail Association Match Committee reserves the right to refuse entry or to disqualify any vessel which in the opinion of the Committee fails to measure up to the acceptable standards with regard to seaworthiness and general condition of hull and gear, safety equipment and/or the competence of the master and/or crew.

IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SKIPPER OF EACH COMPETING VESSEL WHETHER OR NOT TO START OR CONTINUE THE RACE.