

WEST MERSEA TOWN REGATTA

WATER SPORTS

Saturday 24th August 2024

Commencing 3.00pm

High Water 4.15pm

IN ALL RACES, UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE: ALL TURNING MARKS SHOULD BE LEFT TO PORT, ALL RACES TO USE WOODEN OARS, MAXIMUM BOAT LENGTH 14ft

BEST DRESSED BOAT – Judging of “Dressed Overall”

- Class 1 – **Total Heat of Sudbury Trophy** for Commercial Fishing Boats
- Class 2 – **Richard Haward Trophy** for Commercial Oyster Boats
- Class 3 – **Shaver Mills Trophy** for Non-Commercial Boats including yachts

BOYS ROWING RACE – Under 16 years of age. Single-handed dinghies for the **Wizard Challenge Cup**

GIRLS ROWING RACE – Under 16 years of age. Single-handed dinghies for the **Zip Challenge Cup**

Cash Prizes for winners of both races

GUN PUNT RACE – 16 ft and under. Single-handed rowing for the **Cornerways Cup**

LADIES SINGLE HANDED ROWING – Traditional boats only* for the Doris **Bone Challenge Cup**

MENS SINGLE HANDED ROWING – boats 12ft. TO 14ft L.O.A.

Class 1 – Traditional* Wooden boats for the **Albert Clarke Challenge Cup**.

Class 2 – Traditional* Fibreglass boats for the **Franki Merry & Daughters Trophy**

OUTBOARD DINGHY BALLOON RACE – (max. power 3 hp. crew of 2) Prize for first ‘Seagull’ home

BLINDFOLD RACE – Rowing with lady coxswain

Class 1 not exceeding 14ft smacks dinghy for Allan Bird Trophy

Class 2 other dinghies

SCULLING RACE – Smacks' Boats not exceeding 14ft. L.O.A.

Class 1 – Traditional* Wooden boats for the **Bruce Rainbird Trophy**

Class 2 – Traditional* Fibreglass boats for the **Harold Cutts Challenge Cup**

Class 3 – Ladies' Traditional boats only* for the **Mike Frost Cup**

SHOVEL RACE. – Three in a boat (max. length 14ft. L.O.A.) for the **Seaway Challenge Cup**

Plastic shovels advised, Course Marshals may confiscate extreme or dangerous shovels

8FT. L.O.A. AND UNDER RACE – Any dinghy

STERN FIRST RACE - 3 crew in a dinghy **only one oar per person.**

SWIMMING RACE - Prize for 1st man, 1st lady and 1st child (12-16 years) Cash Prize for 12-16 year winner

PAIR OARED SPRINT RACE - For Traditional* boats not exceeding 14ft. for **Toby's Jug**

ASSAULT CRAFT (DORY) RACE - no outboard motors

WALKING THE GREASY POLE

Entrants must be 18 years of age or over and must obtain a wrist band from the Regatta gazebo on the car park and must obey any instructions issued by the event marshals.

- 1st flag winner – The **Mike Rayner Memorial Trophy** & Voucher kindly donated by Arthur Cock & Son
- 2nd flag winner – The **Jimmy Hester Memorial Trophy**
- 3rd flag winner – The **‘Pinky’ Hewes Cup**
- Best Lady Entrant – The **John Hoy Trophy**

Commentators and Marshals

P Dawson, W Baker, G Powell J. Clarke, P. Clarke, S. Clarke

NOTES:

*Traditional boats WMTR definition, wooden clinker construction, fiberglass of clinker appearance, no plywood boats.

The Committee do not accept liability for damage or accident to the participants, spectators or their property.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS: The decision to participate in the Water Sports is the sole responsibility of the individual and the Committee advise use of buoyancy aids for all events.

All entrants are accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

Spectators afloat are respectfully requested to assist the Course Marshals by keeping clear of the course and the area under the greasy pole.

Extreme boats will only be allowed to race at the discretion of the Course Marshals whose decision is final.