



NOTICE OF RACE

Mudford Week 2026

Tuesday 11 August to Saturday 15 August 2026

and

Comet Open Meeting

Saturday 15 August 2026

1. **Organising Authority:** Mudford Sailing Club.
2. **Rules**
 1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions issued for this event. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence
 2. Competitors should note that Mudford Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
 3. All competitors will be required to wear an adequate personal floatation device at all times whilst afloat, except briefly whilst changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
3. **Eligibility and Entry**
 1. Mudford Week is open to paid up members of any RYA Affiliated Club.
 2. Only monohulls with a Portsmouth No of 998 or greater may enter.
 3. Monohulls with a PN greater than 1200 shall sail in the Slow Fleet.
 4. Monohulls with a PN below 1200 may request to compete in the Slow Fleet and maybe allowed to do so at the discretion of the Race Officer.
 5. The Comets Open is open to paid up members of the Comet Association.
 6. Entry Fee - Comet Open £20; Mudford Week £60 or £15 per day, Juniors £40 or £12.50 a day.
 7. Enter and pay online via MSC Webcollect at <https://webcollect.org.uk/msc>
 8. There will be no refunds of entry fees if racing is cancelled due to the weather. Other refunds of entry fees may be made at the discretion of the organisers.
4. **Schedule**
 1. **Registration:** From 08:00hrs on 11 August 2026 in the MSC Clubhouse. This is not required for those who entered online and have paid the entry fee.
 2. **Briefing:** 09:15 on 11 August outside the MSC Clubhouse and 45 minutes before the start of racing each day. Competitors familiar with racing in the harbour need not attend.



3. Racing

1. Mudford week consists of the following series:
 1. The Weekday Series for the Fast and Slow Fleets with 7 races Scheduled and one discard if 4 or 5 races re completed and 2 discards if 6 or more races are completed.
 2. The Weekend Series for the Fast Fleet, Slow Fleet, RS Teras and Comets with 3 races scheduled and no discards.
 3. The Pursuit Race with a race time of 50 minutes for the slowest boat.
 4. The Personal Handicap Series of 2 races. Personal Handicaps will be posted at the MSC Clubhouse at least 30 minutes before the start of the first race.
2. The warning signal for the first race each day will not be before the time shown on the Schedule below:

Schedule - Earliest Time for the Warning Signal for the first start of the day					
Date	Fast Fleet	Slow Fleet	No of Fleet Races	Pursuit Race	Personal Handicap Race
Tuesday 11 August	09:55	10:00	3		
Wednesday 12 August	09:55	10:00	2	After Fleet Races	
Thursday 13 August	09:55	10:00	1		After Fleet Race
Friday 14 August	10:25	10:30	1		After Fleet Race
Saturday 15 August	10:55	11:00	3		

3. There will be a gap between races during which refreshments will be available for purchase at the Club.
4. The start times for the Pursuit Race will be published in the MSC Clubhouse at least 30 minutes before the first boat is scheduled to start.
5. The Comets and RS Teras will start with the Slow Fleet.
6. The Target time for each race will be 45 minutes.
7. No races will be started after 1500hrs on Saturday 15 August 2026.

4. Prize-giving

1. **Comet Open** in the MSC clubhouse as soon as possible after completion of racing.
2. **Mudford Week** at Christchurch Sailing Club, The Quay, Christchurch, BH23 1BY at 18:30hrs on Saturday 15 August 2026.



5. Measurement

1. Competitors shall hold a valid measurement certificate which may be checked.

6. Sailing Instructions

1. The Event Sailing Instructions will be published on the event website.

7. Race Area

1. The race area will be in Christchurch Harbour.
2. The Stanpit Marsh Nature Reserve at the western end of the harbour is a SSSI. There is an exclusion zone bounded by yellow buoys which is treated as a continuing obstruction.

8. Courses

1. A variety of courses will be used making use inflatable moveable marks laid on the day. Courses will be displayed at the Clubhouse during the briefing and on the Committee Boat.
2. The race officer will set courses appropriate to the type of racing, the level of competitor and the weather on the day. In order to maintain a strong interest in the racing and in individual performance, laps and races may be set to end by the Club jetty.

9. Risk Statement:

1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue to race is hers alone".
2. 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:
 - a) 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;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
 - g) Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat (Changes RRS 40);
 - h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held for the event;

10. Insurance

1. Each participating boat shall hold valid insurance against third party claims with a minimum cover of at least £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent. By entering the event each competitor declares they hold such insurance.

11. Prizes

1. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats in each series. Additional prizes may be awarded by the Race Committee for a variety of reasons.



12. Parking

1. Please note that the Club has no Car Park.
2. Street parking is available within walking distance of the Club.

Further Information:

This is a friendly Club event, which attracts novice as well as expert sailors.

Attention is drawn to the requirement for all boats to have properly displayed sail numbers unless sailed by a Junior or novice, when other identification may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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Hengistbury Head Sailing Club <https://hhsc.uk>

Comet Class Association <https://www.cometsailing.org.uk>