



# STOUR SAILING CLUB

## Harker's Yard Gig Association - Winter Series 2022-23

### **Notice of Race**

**Date:**

Sunday 25 September 2022

**High water:**

12:43 BST

**Host Club:**

Stour Sailing Club, 10 Quay Street, Manningtree, CO11 1AU

All Sailing Club facilities are available to competitors. Food and drink will be on sale and the Bar will be open from lunchtime.

Bacon butties will be available on arrival for breakfast. Cakes and drinks will be available during the day. Hot food will be available following the final race.

**Itinerary:**

09:30 – 10:30 Registration

10:45 Race briefing to be attended by Coxes (and one additional crew member only)

Race time will be available at registration (GPS) and watches will be synchronised. Radio Checks to be carried out before the start of the first race with each Gig – **Race Control will be VHF channel 37a (M1).**

Start times below (Please note that start times may need to be deferred if tide is slow to come in and launch is held up!)

Race 1: Women's Race - Start 11:30

Race 2: Men's Race – Start 12:15

Race 3: Mixed Race – Start 13:00

We will announce results and do prize giving in the Club Marquee as soon as possible after last race.

**Launching:**

Launching will be from the West Hard – accessed via the Club Compound on Quay Street. Beach Marshalls will be on hand to signpost and help organise launching, however as usual Clubs remain responsible for the safe launching of their boats. Launch crews will need Waders, and crew members should also be aware that they may need to enter the water to get in to boats.

By kind permission of the Fire Service we will be using the Fire Station Yard (opposite the Club Compound on Quay Street) as a holding area for trailers and Gigs waiting to launch. Please remember that Cars/Vans must not be left in the Fire Station Yard. It is an operational retained Fire Station – and space is needed for Fire Fighters' cars in case of a call out. If needed we also have the use of a part of the greensward along the Walls to park empty trailers during the event (by permission of Mistley Parish Council). Parking on Quay Street is very limited and spaces to the West of the Club Compound Gate have a two hour parking restriction. Cars may be parked along The Walls (the main road

which follows the river towards Harwich), and there is also a small Public Car Park on Kiln Lane which can be accessed from the Walls. Please follow Beach Marshalls' instructions on post launch trailer parking.

### **Tides and launching/retrieval**

Manningtree is very tidal with a limited window for racing. We will launch as soon as there is sufficient water – please make sure that Gigs are launched *ready to row* and that **all** crew for the first (women's) race are ready to get in and row away if needed as soon as launched. The slip is narrow and care should be taken when launching as the edges cannot be seen when under water and it is easy to slip off the side. We will be using our piled pontoons as a holding area prior to the start. Access to the pontoons is currently only available via a temporary pontoon moored along the quay side. Great care must be exercised when accessing the pontoons from the Quay and numbers will be managed to prevent overloading.

Turn arounds in between races will need to be equally as efficient – men's and mixed crews should be ready to swap over and row away as soon as Gigs return from the previous race. Following the first race Gigs should be able to use the 'beach' for changeovers. On completion of the final race Gigs should be retrieved as quickly as possible – Beach Marshalls will again be on hand to signpost and organise retrieval. It is only possible to retrieve one Gig at a time so please be patient. Space in our compound will be more limited than usual as the event is earlier in the year than normal and many dinghies are still in place for summer sailing.

### **Entry Fee:**

£15 per crew for each of the three races so £45 for all three races (£5 from each race goes to the HYGA 'safety net' fund)

### **Safety:**

Safety boat cover will be in place and course boats with race marshalls may be in operation. Coxswains must wear buoyancy aides or life jackets while racing. All gigs must carry personal buoyancy aides/life jackets for all crew and bow fenders must be in place. A VHF radio must be carried by all gigs and must be on and monitoring channel 37a (M1).

### **Mobile Contact Numbers**

If you need to contact Stour Sailing Club Rowers on the day phone:

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### **Conduct of Race**

**The Race will be held using the Harker's Yard Gig Association Rules of Racing and subject to the Harker's Yard Gig Association Class Rules.**

### **Format:**

We are planning a single mass start for each race.

Race Start will be Harker's Yard Rules: 5 minute warning, 2 minute warning, 1 minute warning then a 10 second countdown over VHF to start.

Sequence of start signals will be confirmed at the race briefing and there will be a radio check prior to racing.

### **Starting/finishing line:**

The start line is a transit of the two white triangles located on the shore on the opposite (Suffolk) side of the estuary to the flag pole in front of the Starting Hut by the Club Marquee – this will be pointed out at Briefing.

Your start countdown will be relayed on VHF 37a (M1) by Race Control.

**NB.** The starting gigs must be entirely behind the line at the start signal. Coxes' discretion as to whether you start standing or moving.

Harker's Yard Rules Time penalties will be applied to premature starters. Boats that are a whole boat length or more over the line at the start will have a five minute penalty applied. Boats that are less than a whole boat length over the start will have a one minute penalty applied.

Any boats deemed less than a full boat length over the start will be notified by VHF of their penalty. *Under Harker's Yard Rule 5.6 they have the option of completing a 360' turn to remove any time penalty incurred, but only where they will not impede another boat. The **Coxswain must inform the Race Officer when starting and completing the turn.***

#### **Course:**

The course will be announced at Race Briefing.

#### **Competitive, Fun and Fair Racing**

We want racing to be competitive but fair and respectful, and for all crews to enjoy the racing, wherever they come in the results.

A clash of oars at overtaking or a clash or crash at a turning mark spoils everyone's race. Protests rarely make anyone feel better and are a last resort.

The race will be conducted in accordance with the Harker's Yard Gig Association Rules of Racing.

#### ***Please bear in mind in particular:***

*2.5 Coxswains should always endeavour to avoid collisions. They should anticipate situations, take avoiding action and instruct their crew to stop rowing/hold water if necessary.*

*6.5 Overtaking boats must keep clear of the boat being overtaken and both must hold course with no weaving. The **overtaking boat** must ensure that their oars do not overlap with the oars of the boat being overtaken. The overtaking manoeuvre is not complete until the overtaking boat's rudder is clear of the boat being overtaken. This also applies to boats attempting to obtain an overlap on the inside in the approach to a turn.*

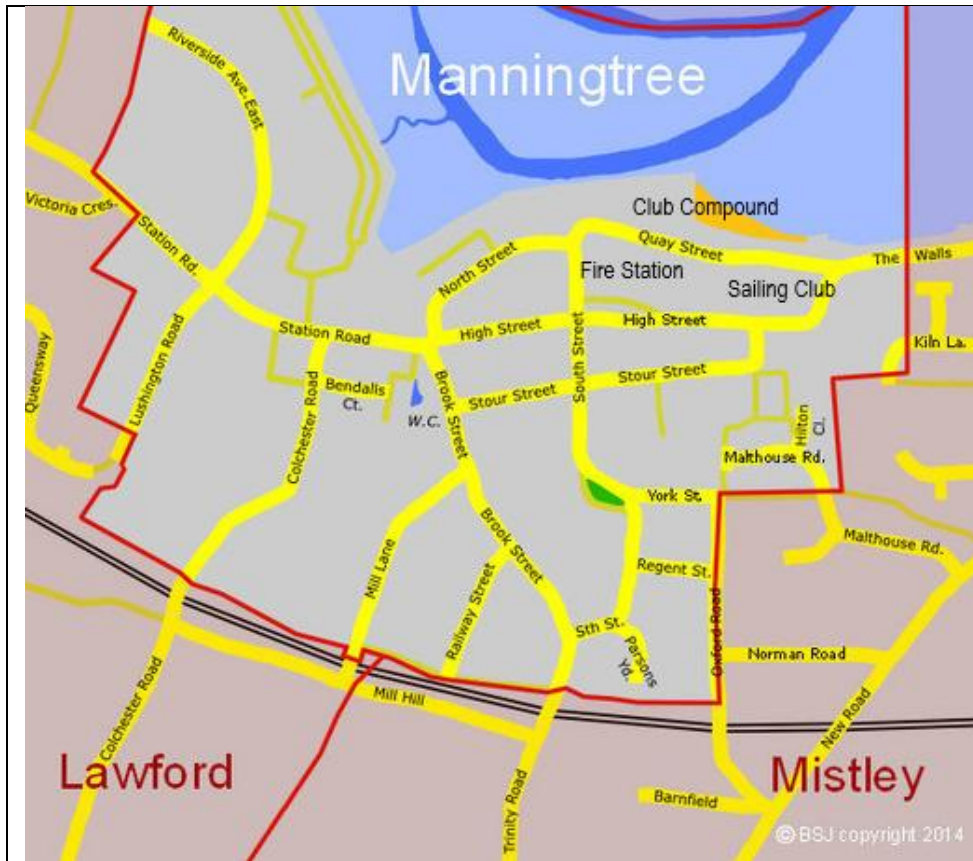
*6.6 A zone measured as 4 boat lengths before a course turning marker and 2 boat lengths after the turning marker shall be the 'Turning Zone'. When two boats enter the Turning Zone and the bow of one boat is ahead of the coxswain of the other boat, the outside boat **must** give way during the turn. The outside boat is the one that is on the **outside** of the turn. A boat which does not give way or which interferes in any way with another boat when passing a buoy or marker will be penalised.*

*6.7 A marker/flotation buoy will be placed 4 boat lengths before any turning mark to show the entry of the 'Turning Zone'.*

#### **River traffic and moored boats:**

Mistley is a working Port and Coasters may come into or leave the Port at HW. However the race course will not include the deep water channel to Mistley Quay.

The race is taking place before Cruiser lift out and Coxswains will need to choose their course avoiding moored boats in the vicinity of the start/finish line.



### Location Map

Boats and trailers are advised to take the route via New Road which takes you down to the estuary. Turn Left at the end of New Road at Mistley Towers and continue along The Walls.

At the left hand bend Quay Street is directly ahead.

Please note that there is no exit from Quay Street via South Street/North Street which are one way – exit is via Quay Street which is two way.

Traffic restrictions will be in place but the road is not closed to traffic – please be mindful of local traffic and pedestrians.

# WINTER SERIES 2022-23 REGISTRATION FORM – ROUND 1

Hosting Club Name: Stour Sailing Club Manningtree

Date: Sunday 25 September 2022

Club Name:	Gig Colour:	Gig Name:
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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ & Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

For Protest Committee purposes only (Must be available at the end of the race and fully understand the HYGA rules)

Rule 3.4: *A crew may include members of another club but this must be declared to the race organisers prior to the race.*  
***Please indicate with an asterisk any of your crew members below to whom this applies.***

Women's Race:		Men's Race:		Mixed Race:	
Cox		Cox		Cox	
1		1		1	
2		2		2	
3		3		3	
4		4		4	
£15		£15		£15	

I confirm that our gig is covered by public liability insurance up to £2m for any one claim and for loss, injury or damage to property or persons

Signed:

Position in Club:

Emergency Contact Name:

Mobile Number: