

## **21 Mile Race**

### **15<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Entering the race:** If you intend to race please do let me know by text or WhatsApp on 07719001774, or via email to sailingsec@stoursailingclub.co.uk. Early entries to confirm numbers and handicaps would be appreciated, so if possible please do enter by 12<sup>th</sup> June.

**Start time:** 9am (Mistley high tide - 07.23 and 19:38)

**Start location:** a line between an orange flag raised on the Committee Boat (a Grey Micro) and Ballast Hill Buoy.

Before the start sequence please either pass close to the Committee Boat to confirm the number of people on board for the race, or text or WhatsApp on 07719001774 confirming boat name and number of crew.

**Start sequence:** The orange flag will be raised 10 minutes before the start. Signals will be made 5 minutes, 4 minutes and 1 minute before the start, and on the start, using an air horn.

Any boats over the start line on the start signal will be hailed on VHF Channel 72, and will need to re-cross the line before continuing.

**Finish:** Finish times will be self-timed at Stour No.2 buoy. Please record your elapsed finish time (i.e. the length of time that you were racing) in hours:minutes:seconds, and send this by either phone, text or WhatsApp on 07719001774. If you intend to retire from the race please also confirm this via phone, text or WhatsApp.

There will be a beach BBQ at Wrabness following the race, please let David Lodge know on (if you would like to attend).

**Course:** The intended course is:

- Start - line at Ballast Hill
- Harwich Shelf (Starboard)
- Landguard (Port)
- Outer Ridge (Starboard)
- Pennyhole (Starboard)
- Harwich Shelf (Port)
- Finish – within three boat lengths of Stour No.2 buoy with a bearing of 180 degrees.

Please keep to the recommended yacht track through Harwich Harbour, and do not enter the deep water shipping channel seaward of the Grisle buoy.

Any change to the course prior to the start will be communicated to competitors via text and VHF (on channel 72) prior to the 5 minute warning signal.

Results will be calculate using club handicaps and will be circulated to competitors via email and posted on the club website as soon as possible following finishing declarations from all competitors.

**Disclaimer:** Competitors compete in the race entirely at their own risk. Stour Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injuries or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.