



WIVENHOE TOWN REGATTA

SATURDAY 22nd June 2024

HW WIVENHOE 1315 BST

THE ZAC BRIGHTMORE MEMORIAL PADDLE PARADE

A paddle parade on a tidal course starting from Wivenhoe from 1300, venturing up towards Rowhedge Wharf and the Roman River and back again.

ELIGIBILITY

The parade is open to kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddleboards. Buoyance aids / PFDs must be worn at all times and paddlers should ensure they have sufficient ability and experience on tidal waters to take part, ensuring they do not present a risk to themselves or others. Participation is entirely at one's own risk. The Parade is not a race.

START TIMES

The Parade will begin and end from the OLD Wivenhoe Sailing Club line at the Old Hard - a line across the river at the WSC Old Hut and Hard, approximately 300 yards upstream of the Barrier.

The same line will be used for the WODs at 1115, handicap dinghies at 1130 and gigs at 1145.

A staging area, consisting of the Wivenhoe-half of the river running between the town jetty and Rose & Crown pub, should be occupied prior to the start of the parade.

Please be aware that the river may be very busy and certain vessels such as Smacks have limited maneuverability and should be given space.

RACE OFFICER

The Race Officers will work from WSC Hut on the Old Hard. They will listen out on **VHF 77** following the dinghy start at 1400.

START SEQUENCE

At 1300, 3 long blasts of the horn will signify the start of the parade, along with waving by race officers from the starting hut.

COURSE

Beginning at the Old Hard Hut, proceed upriver to Rowhedge Wharf sticking to the right-hand side of the channel. When you reach the viewing platform / tower, turn back to Port (left-hand turn), then proceed back to the finish at the Old Hard Hut.

BRIEFING, CANCELLATION AND SAFETY

Buoyance aids / PFDs must be worn at all times and paddlers should ensure they have sufficient ability and experience on tidal waters to take part, ensuring they do not present a risk to themselves or others.

Participation is entirely at one's own risk. The parade is not a race – take your time, give others plenty of space and most importantly be safe and enjoy yourself.

A Facebook event will be created for the Paddle Parade under the Wivenhoe Town Regatta page (<https://www.facebook.com/wivenhoetownregatta>) – if conditions are deemed too windy, then the Paddle Parade may be cancelled via this event. Please consult the Facebook page/event as to whether or not the Paddle Parade is going ahead.

Disclaimer of Liability: Participants are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for the participants to decide whether their paddle craft is suitable in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea participants confirm their paddle craft is fit for those conditions and they are competent to paddle them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or participants, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the taking part in the activity. The provision of safety boats does not relieve owners and participants of their responsibilities.

LAUNCHING

Public launching is available from the Public Pontoon upstream of the barrier – for more information see <https://wivenhoe.gov.uk/services/pontoon/>. Members of Wivenhoe Sailing Club may launch from either slipway (club or Old Hard).

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