

Walton & Frinton Yacht Club



Dinghy Week
16th–20th August
2023

**Programme,
Notice of Race and
Sailing Instructions**

Upcoming W&FYC Events

DINGHY WEEK

Wednesday 16th to Sunday 20th August

*A full week of racing followed by some excellent
après sail activities ashore*

STONE POINT PARTY DAY

Sunday 6th August

*Fun afloat and beach games for all the family on
the sand spit at Stone point*

*Please Note: there will be no club organised Bar, BBQ or
Music this year so, please bring your own food, drink and
entertainment*

CADET WEEK

Tuesday 1st to Saturday 5th August

*A week of racing and fun for young sailors
and their families*

Pier Race Day

Sunday 3th September

The clubs' traditional race out to the end of

Welcome to a Week of Dinghy Racing at the Walton and Frinton Yacht Club

A very warm welcome to all dinghy sailors, young or old, experienced or novice, to this years' Walton and Frinton Yacht Club Dinghy Week

This years' Dinghy Week will run from Wednesday 16th until Sunday 20th August inclusive.

We will again separate the fleet into three classes to give the less experienced sailors some good racing away from the stronger tides, while still allowing more experienced crews to enjoy more challenging courses.

We are delighted this year to welcome some of our more experienced Cadets to Dinghy week following their successes at Cadet week.

More details about Class divisions are given on page 5.

On behalf of WFYC and our very generous Sponsors

Comptons Kitchens
NFU Mutual Colchester
Parkers Nurseries
Titchmarsh Chandlery

Hadron Dinghies
Oxley Marine
Tide's Fortune Gin
Greene King

Race and Briefing Programme

The full programme for Dinghy Week is on the Centre Pages

Tuesday 15th Aug. Arrivals and BBQ free for all participants in Dinghy Week 19:00 –2100

Wed 16th August 09:00 Dinghy Week briefing at the clubhouse. (all entrants, please)

Race Times			
	Briefing	START	HW BST
Wed 16th	09:00	11:00	12:53
Thurs 17th	10:00	11:30 +	13:25
Fri 18th	10:30	12:00 +	13:54
Sat 19th	11:00	12:30 +	14:24
Sun 20th	11:30	13:00	14:54

Start times given are for the first start of the sequence. The number of starts and the interval between starts will be given at the briefing .

This programme is subject to alteration as necessary. Daily briefings will take place at the above times by the clubhouse.

Boats should be rigged, you should be signed on, and you should be ready to go on the water prior to attending the briefing.

Please allow at least 30 minutes to get from the Club to a start line near the Spit Buoy in the Twizzle.

+ Two Days will have 2 races, chosen from Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Dinghy Week 2023 - Entries

As far as possible all entries are to be made online through the club's website. If you need assistance with this, please phone or visit the club office. Thankyou

Entries open on July 1st and close on Friday 11th August

Dinghy Week 2023 Entry Fees	Full Member & Cadets	Other
Single Hander	£60	£90
Double Hander	£80	£120
Under 18- Single Hander	£25	£37.50
Under 18- Double Hander	£35	£52.50

DINGHY WEEK DIVISIONS we will have three classes, each with courses set in areas of the Backwaters most suitable for the weather and competitors sailing in each Division. The Divisions may be subject to adjustment depending on the numbers of entrants in each class but will be fixed for the week.

Please indicate your Class preference on your entry form.

Division 1 - PN 900 to 1105

Long Course - Challenging courses, going past Stone Point

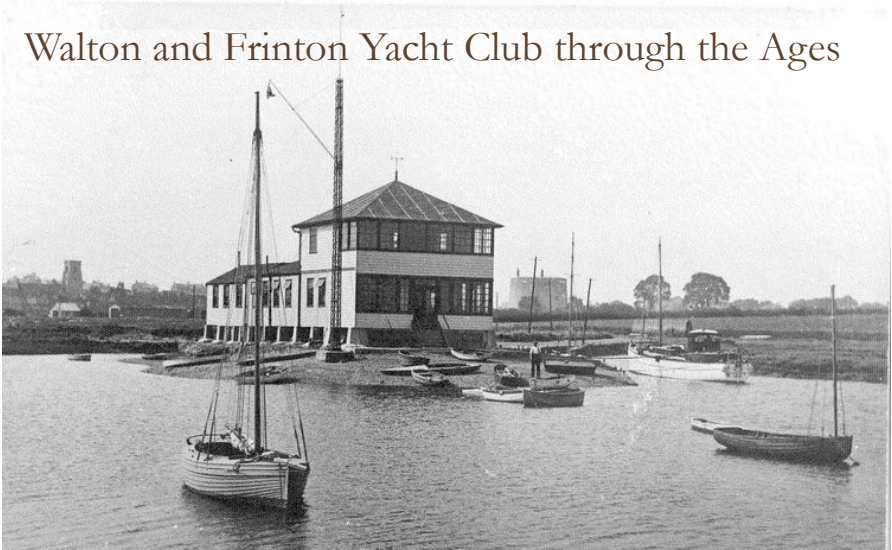
Division 2 - PN 1106 to 1299

Medium Course - Courses will only go past Stone Point in good conditions.

Division 3 - PN 1300 to 1450 (Includes Toppers, Mirrors, Picos etc)

Shorter Courses for less experienced sailors which stay closer to the club and in the Wade.

Walton and Frinton Yacht Club through the Ages



WFYC is a beautifully located and historical clubhouse which was first established in 1908. For all those years our principle aim has been to encourage people to get on the water and provide a social community where members could swap stories, offer welcoming advice and enjoy each and every moment at the club in great company.



Dinghy Week 2023 - Supporters

The Sailing Committee would like to thank all those involved with making sure that Dinghy Week runs as efficiently as possible. Without this help (mostly from Volunteers) we would not be able to run a race week (or our other racing programmes)

A special thanks to the Race Officers, Race Management Team, Safety Boat helms and crews and shore crews. Not forgetting the organisers of the outside bar and evening entertainment, who have given freely of their own time, to make this a really successful Dinghy Week.

Hire of the Club sailing dinghies for Dinghy Week or for other racing events through the season. Club dinghies are only hired out to club members who are reminded that applications for boat hire must be made in advance.

Please Note: All Boat hire is now managed through the club's website or office. A returnable deposit may be required.

Volunteering for Race Officer/Assistant or Safety Boat Duties?

The Club is always looking for additional help to run the Race box, Committee boat and Fleet of Support Craft. If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch.

Some prior experience is useful but not essential. Training will be given where necessary. If you don't own your own boat, this is a great way to get involved in the club's racing activities.

Please email the office (office@wfyc.co.uk) if you are interested

Date	Sailing Event	Briefing	First Start	Ap
Tuesday 15th August	Arrivals	n/a	n/a	John very b
Wednesday 16th August HW 12:53	Dinghy Week Race 1	09:00 Initial Briefing at the Clubhouse	11:00	P
Thursday 17th August HW 13:25	Dinghy Week Possible 2 race day	10:00 Briefing at the Clubhouse	11:30	B a
Friday 18th August HW 13:54	Dinghy Week Possible 2 race day	10:30 Briefing at the Clubhouse	12:00	Sw Tide
Saturday 19th August HW 14:24	Dinghy Week Possible 2 Race Day	11:00 Briefing at the Club house	12:30	Tide
Sunday 20th August HW 14:54	Dinghy Week Race 7	11:30 Briefing at the Clubhouse	13:00	T

WEEK PROGRAMME

Près Sail Event (TBC)	Prizegiving	Catering
Club Barbeque This Day will be flipping the best cuts of meat over the coals	n/a	BBQ Starts at 19:00
Jimms Reception Strong and Co	Will be at Thursday Briefing	Café 19 to go
Lake Guitar Trio All buskers welcome Starts at 14:30	Will be at Friday Briefing	Café 19 to go
Stumpy and Fraser. Es Fortune Gin Bar Starts at 15:00	Will be at Saturday Briefing	Café 19 to go Plus East Coast Pizza
15:30 The Landed Es Fortune Gin Bar	At Sunday morning Briefing	Café 19 to go Plus East Coast Pizza
The Blue Orchids	Main Prize Giving 1900	HOG ROAST

Dinghy Week Trophies

This year, in addition to the presentation of trophies at the end of Dinghy Week Prizegiving, Commemorative Dinghy Week prizes will be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed entrant in each division.

Prizegiving

Prizes for Wednesday to Saturday's races will be presented at a Daily Prizegiving at the beginning of the next day's Briefing.

The Prize giving for Sunday's race and the Main Dinghy Week Prizegiving will be held on Sunday 20th August starting at 19:00 before the start of the evening's entertainment.

Timetable

A full timetable of events through the week is given on Pages 8 and 9. This includes timings for Briefings, Race Start Times, Après Sail and other events through the week

For information purposes only, the timetable includes details for the "arrivals / club barbeque" day on 15th August

Sponsors

Thanks again to all of our Sponsors whose generous contributions have helped to ensure the success of this Dinghy Week afloat and back ashore.

They, like we, hope you will have a very enjoyable week and will want to continue supporting this annual event.

Dinghy Week 2023— Notice of Race

1 Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Walton and Frinton Yacht Club (W&FYC).

2 Rules and Regulations

2.1 Racing Rules of Sailing

2.2 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024

2.3 National Authority Prescriptions

2.4 The Prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

2.5 This Notice of Race and any amendments thereto.

2.6 WFYC Dinghy Week Supplementary Sailing Instructions

Additional Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board in WFYC Foyer or Boatshed. Succeeding items above shall take precedence.

3 Advertising

Advertising will be restricted to Category A. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1. W&FYC dinghy racing is run under the Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme 2023 for boats with Numbers 900 and above with adjustments as allowed for by Class Associations. The Sailing Committee reserve the right to adjust the yardstick of any class of boat to compensate for mix of boats and local waters (Using the RYA number adjustment procedure at [pys.org.uk](https://www.pys.org.uk)). Competitors may request a yardstick adjustment before a series if they wish to sail in non-class trim. Handicaps to be used for a series will be published before the first race of the series.

4.2. Eligible boats must enter by completing details of helmsman, crew and boat on the entry form (preferably online) and paying the race entry fee. Closing date for entry is Friday 11th August 2023.

4.3 All boats must clearly display their sail number (on the mainsail) which shall be of appropriate size. The sail number shall not be changed during the event without prior permission of the race committee

5. 5.1 Entry fees are as detailed on Page 5.

6 Schedule

6.1 The Schedule of Races for Dinghy Week 2023 is given on Page 4.

7 7.1 Racing Area

The racing area will be the Walton Backwaters. No racing will take place further north than Number 7 Channel Buoy or outside of a line taken due north from Stone Point.

8 Penalty System

Penalties shall be as in RRS 44.1 with the addition that any boat coming into contact with a moored vessel or the tackle to which it is attached shall take a Two-Turns Penalty as described in RRS 44.2, report the incident to the race officer at the first opportunity and enter details in the club incident book.

9 Scoring

The scoring system used shall be RRS Appendix A.

If 7 races are sailed, the worst 2 scores will be excluded

If 4-6 more races are sailed, the worst score will be excluded.

If 3 races or less are sailed all races to count.

WFYC Dinghy Week does not qualify as a Regatta under Rule A9.

10 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in W&FYC races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after races.

11 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

12 Safety

12.1 When racing, all competitors shall wear a visible personal floatation device.

12.2 A painter, minimum length 3m, shall be provided in each dinghy to facilitate towing.

W&FYC Dinghy Week Supplementary Sailing Instructions

1 Schedule and Notices

The schedule of races is as published on page 4.

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and/or in the Boatshed at least 30 minutes prior to the first start and code flag Lima will be flown on the club mast.

3 Classes

The class divisions will be as follows (subject to adjustment)

Division 1	PN 900 to 1105	Long Course	Pennant Numeral 1
Division 2	PN 1106 to 1299	Medium Course	Pennant Numeral 2
Division 3	PN 1300 to 1450	Short Course	Pennant Numeral 3

The Principal Race Officer may combine starts at his/her discretion.

4 Signing on, Safety and Declarations

4.1 All competitors shall indicate their intention to race by signing the “sign-on” sheet (or taking their tally) at the boatshed before the morning briefing on the day of each race.

4.2 All competitors shall sign-off (or return their tally) within thirty minutes of returning ashore after the last race of the day.

- 4.3 The launching slipways will be kept clear with only boats ready to launch using the slips. Rigging or washing in this area is not permitted..
- 4.4 When racing, all competitors shall wear a visible personal floatation device (buoyancy aid).
- 4.5 A painter, minimum length 3m, shall be provided in each dinghy to facilitate towing.
- 4.6 The Race Officer or Safety Boat Helmsman has the right to insist that a boat / crew returns home if deemed necessary for health or safety reasons.

5 Signals

The start sequence for each division shall be as follows:

Committee boat on station minimum 1 min before warning signal	Attention Signal stays up for the sequence	Orange Flag Up
5 Minutes To Start	Warning Signal	Division Pennant Up
4 Minutes To Start	Preparatory Signal	Flag 'P' Up
1 Minute To Start	Long sound signal	Flag 'P' Down
Start	Sound Signal	Division Pennant Down

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7 Courses

- 7.1 Details of the courses to be sailed will be provided by the Race Officer at the latest by the Attention Signal for the race .
- 7.2 The course may use club racing marks, navigation marks and any other marks as detailed.
- 7.3 The Spit Gate is defined as between Spit Buoy and Romany Rye Buoy. When used in the course the gate shall be passed through in the direction dictated by the previous and following marks of the course. If the course is shortened at Spit Gate the two buoys will form the finishing line.
- 7.4 The following restrictions to racing areas shall apply:

Horse Island Barges

No boat shall pass between the barges to the north east of Horsey Island and Horsey Island itself.

Titchmarsh Marina West Pontoon

No boat shall pass to the south of the unconnected pontoon to the west of the entrance to Titchmarsh Marina.

Boats found in violation of these restrictions may be subject to disqualification.

8 Start Line

The start line will be defined at the briefing. It will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and either a racing mark or transit marks on shore or another staff displaying an orange flag.

8 Finish Line

When the Club line is used, the finish line will be the extension of the line between the centre of the white cross on the clubhouse and the Transit Marks. Otherwise the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and a racing mark or as designated by the Race Officer.

9 Shorten Course

Courses may be shortened (Flag S) at the discretion of the race committee at any mark or at any point on the course where a finishing line has been laid.

If a support boat is displaying **S over H** and a repeated sound signal at a mark of the course, take that mark as designated in the course and return directly to the **Club line** to finish.

If a support boat is displaying **S over F** at a mark of the course, and making a repeated sound signal, take that mark as designated in the course then return directly to the **Committee Boat** line to finish.

10 Time Limit

The time limit for dinghy races is three hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35. At the discretion of the Race Officer, on two race days the second start sequence may be before all boats have finished the first race.

11 Protests

Protests shall be delivered in writing to the Race Office within one hour of the protesting boat returning ashore at the end of the days' racing. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

12 Scoring

The Scoring system used shall be RRS Appendix A

If 7 races are sailed the worst 2 scores will be discarded

If 4-6 races are sailed the worst score will be excluded

If there are 3 races or less, all races will count

Only boats entered for the whole week will be eligible for week's points.

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Mini / Weekend – Series

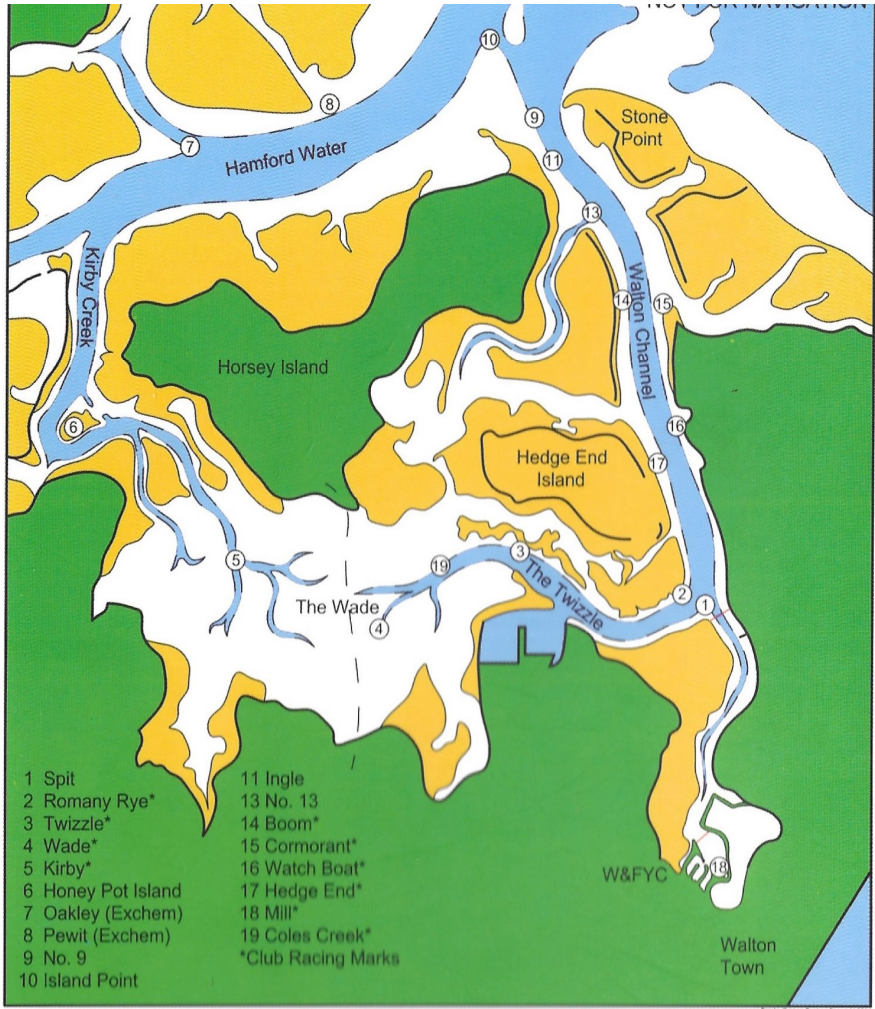
If you can't make the whole of Dinghy Week, don't worry
you can still take part in a Mini-Series on
Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th August
Please see details on the club Website

Our Sponsors this Week are:

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Titchmarsh Chandlery www.titchmarshmarina.co.uk	John Day 01255 672185
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The Walton Backwaters

With approximate positions of marks for Dinghy Racing



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