



# Marconi Sailing Club

Membership open to all

## **Marconi Race – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

*(Note – Times are GMT/UTC as CLOCKS GO BACK Saturday night 27/10!)*

- Race Officer** – **Peter Clayton (Assisted by Commodore - Michaela Dowley)**
- Assistance from Stone and Rowhedge Rowing Clubs**
- Note** – today we have our last sailing race of the Summer Season and are pleased to also host the first Gig Rowing Race of the Harkers Yard Winter Series.
- OOD (Officer Of The Day)** – Ed Bowness - has a regular duty to provide access to club
- Further persons will be on hand and to help the H.Y. Gigs:-
- An Assistant will be ready to welcome you as you approach the Hard/Sea Wall gates, to direct parking, advise where to prepare boats, park road trailers and wheel gigs to the hard.
- There a Beach Marshall will advise locations on the hard, launching order and trolley parking etc.
- A separate team will be on hand to operate the electric winch, we hope to lower a number of gigs & trolleys down to the beach area ready to launch later (after briefing - at which time we will have a team dressed to help the wet end of launching)
- Responsibility for launching remains with each Gig Team.
- Support Boat co-ordinator** - **Andrew Dowley**
- Entry Form** – Attached to email

### **Directions**

Marconi Sailing Club  
Stansgate Road  
Steeple  
Essex  
CM0 7NU

<http://www.marconi-sc.org.uk/about-marconi-sailing-club/find-us/>

(For all except Burnham and Stone!) The venue can be approached from either the M25 and A127 or the A414 and B1081. The final part of the journey in either case is along the B1012. Drive through the villages of Latchingdon, Maylandsea and Steeple. On leaving Steeple, Stansgate Road is a turning on the left just past some old red brick farm buildings, it is a single track, private, road with passing places, about 2 miles long. It also leads to some private house, please make sure you do not turn off into one of these!

At the end of the road there is a blue gate which will be open today for your arrival (at other times it requires a club member with a key card for entry or departure)

When arriving by car to the Marconi site, please note that the speed limit on site is 5mph. A parking co-ordinator (Richard Roberts) will be on hand to direct you to a suitable parking location (please avoid driving on the wet grass fields unless advised otherwise, as they will get rutted and you may get stuck!). They will also suggest where cars towing gigs should prep their boats. Launching boats please roll launching trolleys or trailers by hand to sea wall gate to our Hard/Slipway. A marshall will be between the flagstaff area and the hard / Sea Wall gates and direct you to the Launch Marshal

**Cars are not allowed on to the hard unless directed by the OOD or Launch Marshall.** – please park as directed, and wheel your trailer or launch trolley, where you will be assisted down to the water by a Marconi team lowering on a winch / rope.

*(For information – the mobile phone signal is not good in the low lying fields ashore at the sailing club, for best reception stand on the sea wall)*

### **Low Water 08.38**

**10.00 Trailers c/w boats to the hard, queue as directed**, we hope to be able to get a good number of trailers down the Choc-block of our hard using our electric winch - assistance will be provided by Marconi Club Members (Colin Wardell and his team)

The boats can stay on trailers on the gravel (*ready for teams to launch boats later after briefing – i.e. from 11.15*) as it is low tide

*Please be aware of very slippery conditions caused by Ice if cold, and seaweed, plus trip hazards of blocks, wires, and winch ropes.*

**10.00 Also Registration commences**, in the clubhouse (the Galley - upstairs)

The Galley will be available for food and hot drinks from 10.00 to enable everyone to get breakfast rolls and - later on - lunch. A vegetarian option will be provided. (the galley is upstairs in the clubhouse)

Changing facilities with toilets and hot showers on site (room to leave bags and coats etc. there too for easy access through the day)

Our site is easily accessible to people of all abilities, with level access to the club house, accessible toilet and shower facilities, and a stair lift to access the galley (where views of most of the race can be attained)

Our sewage system is "Off Mains", powered by our own pumps. Please only flush human waste down toilets (to avoid blockage and associated unpleasant tasks).

Dogs are allowed on site, but must always be on a lead (*please clear up after your dog*). Dogs are not permitted in the clubhouse (*mooring points are provided*)

We anticipate that the pontoon will be available to moor gigs, if necessary we will arrange suitable places to moor Gigs and RIB's can take boats or crews to/from these designated moorings.

**11.00** Briefing for all in the clubhouse (the Galley - upstairs)

We will highlight event details, our facilities, risks and local conditions.

A Chart/Map of the course will be demonstrated at the briefing, and the course marks pointed out (through the window)

**11.15** **Launching commences** (*note; approx half tide*).

*Please be aware of very slippery conditions caused by Ice if cold, and seaweed, plus trip hazards of blocks, wires, and winch ropes.*

Lifejackets must be worn by all on pontoon and to and from boats. Please be careful to avoid overloading or unbalancing the pontoon, ie crew-swap people only. *No unsupervised children*)

**Races**

**12.30** – Ladies

**13.15** – Mens

**14.00** - Mixed

**14.43** - ***High Water***

**14.45** - **Retrieve boats on to trolleys**, Please recover your boats with the assistance of our OOD / Beach Marshal to road trailers. Hoses are provided to wash down. You can then attend the clubhouse for refreshment and results / Prizegiving

Please wheel Gigs on trolleys by hand to Road Trailers ready for later collection

**15.30** - **Prizegiving will be upstairs in the Galley**

**The bar will be open from approx. 12.00** (until it goes quiet!), it is located below the galley.

**We would gladly receive any prize donations** for a raffle in aid of the **RNLI**

– this will be drawn after prizegiving.

# Rules

**Entry Fee** - £ 10 per boat, per race

Harkers Yard 2018/9 season Rules to be adhered to. A short recap of this years updates will be given by Nina. The following will be highlighted at briefing:-

- Collision regs apply
- “Gigs Pass Port to Port if head on”
- “Overtaking Gig keeps clear (*including at the start*), Overtaken gig maintains course”
- “4 boat length overlap rule at marks” - Coxswain to call “Overlap Established”
- *It is your cox’n/crew’s responsibility to ensure that your Gig is afloat and ready for the start sequence – ie not pinned to the pontoon by tide or back eddy current, and is the right side of the line for the start. Gigs must not impede others on the start line, hence must give way and row around the pin end if no free space. Penalties will apply including ‘over the line’*

## Signing On

When Registering / signing on the team captain or responsible person will assess capability of coxswains and crew for the prevailing conditions and course, and is responsible for briefing his cox’ns and their crews accordingly. It is the responsibility of each individual to decide whether he/she should race, that they understand all rules and weather conditions, and retire or withdraw if unhappy.

Please radio check to “Marconi Race Office” on VHF Channel M2/P4 before casting off to race.

## The Course

An exciting Massed Start race course will be set on the day, and will be dependent upon conditions - we are aiming for approx. 1 ½ miles, and to be in view from the clubhouse & sea wall, most of the time, coming close by to finish.

We hope to start from our new Bridge Deck located above the support boat containers by the sea wall gates. *A back up is the old race box (used previously), which is about 300m further to the East*

The start line will be by alignment of Flagstaff Mast behind the race box with the Post in front of the race box

Timing – hooters will sound as H.Y. rules on the minutes **5-2-1-GO** (*manually set*)

Radio will relay this countdown with addition of a 10 second countdown – please use **VHF Channel M2/P4**

## Retrieving

Will be just after high tide, please recover your boats with the assistance of our OOD / Marshal to road trailers. Hoses are provided to wash down. You can then attend the clubhouse for refreshment and results. *Push boats on launch trolleys back through the seawall gate please, only bring cars to collect boats & trailers as you leave site*

## Contact Details

Any queries, please feel free to contact me for help.

I look forward to seeing you all again and welcoming you on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Kevin**, Rowing Captain (Gig Elettra)

Marconi SC Rowers

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