

# Wivenhoe Sailing Club

## Tide Clock Challenge

### Notice of Race

Wivenhoe Sailing Club are pleased to invite all members to compete in the Tide Clock Challenge, otherwise known as  
***“Brightlingsea or Bust”***

At any time or state of tide between the Fitting Out Race and Laying up Race sailors race from WSC to land on the beach in Brightlingsea Creek and return to WSC in the shortest time.

Entrants must provide evidence of passage time and completion to the Honorary Sailing Secretary.

Times will be subject to WSC handicaps.



The fastest passage completed will be awarded the 'Tide Clock Trophy', kindly donated to WSC by John Bampton

Full rules will be posted on WSC website and on the foyer notice board.

Chris Wood  
Honorary Sailing Secretary

Nic Cross  
Vice-Commodore

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## Rules of Entry 2025

The ***Tide Clock Challenge*** to be awarded annually for the fastest sail powered passage to and from Brightlingsea during that years sailing season.

### **Name;**

Officially the '***Tide Clock Challenge***', this can be colloquially known as '***Brightlingsea or Bust***'.

### **1.0 Timeframe;**

1.1 Challenge starts on starting horn of Fitting Out Race and ends as last boat finishes the Laying Up Race, if either race does not go ahead then the scheduled start time to be taken.

1.2 Entrants can start their passage to Brightlingsea on any day, time, tide, between the challenge start and end date and time, allowing tactical decisions on start time to gain best advantage of wind and tide.

1.3 The passage must complete within one tide cycle, (i.e. between one HT and the next HT at Wivenhoe)

### **2.0 Course;**

2.1 Entrants Start and Finish at WSC start line, with timestamped photograph or GPS evidence.

2.2 Must 'land' at Brightlingsea with photograph or witness statement for evidence.

2.3 Any route can be used between WSC and Brightlingsea, entrants need not observe buoys or other channel markers.

### **3.0 Entry;**

3.1 Entrants to submit evidence and tides to the Honorary Sailing Secretary by email.

3.2 Entrants are requested to keep times confidential to ensure a surprise for the winner(s).

3.3 HSS will collate entries to award challenge winner at end of season award ceremony.

### **4.0 Sailing Rules;**

4.1 WSC Sailing Instructions to be observed.

4.2 Full passage to be made under sail power only.

4.3 Entrants must sail within individual class rules, (e.g. rig size, equipment, etc).

4.4 WSC handicaps will be applied.

4.5 Entrants are responsible for their own safety and should carry suitable equipment or have suitable support to ensure safety. This may include anchors, emergency radio's, sailing in groups, etc.

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11<sup>th</sup> April 2025