



Minnis Bay Sailing Club

2023 Sailing Programme

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MARCH

Date	Start	High Tide	Low Tide	Event
Sun 26	1400	1610	0958	Brass Monkey

APRIL

Date	Start	High Tide	Low Tide	Event
Sun 2	1030	1059	1716	Spring Series 1 & 2
Fri 7		1349	2008	
Sat 8		1419	2042	
Sun 9	1400	1449	0857	Easter Series 1,2 & 3
Mon 10	1400	1521	0928	Easter Series 4 & 5
Sun 16	1030	0945	1555	Spring Series 3 & 4
Sun 23	1400	1505	0900	Spring Series 5 & 6
Sun 30	1030	0900	1500	Sandison Cup

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MAY

Date	Start	High Tide	Low Tide	Event
Mon 1	1030	1005	1618	Spring Series 7 & 8
Sun 7	1030	1350	2026	Walford Cup Series 1 & 2
Fri 12	1900	1750		Friday Series 1
Sun 14	1030	0810	1407	Walford Cup Series 3 & 4
Sun 21	1030	1402	2028	Walford Cup Series 5 & 6
Fri 26	1900	1708	2326	Friday Series 1
Sun 28	1030	1901	1244	Acorn Shield & Twin Towers

JUNE

Date	Start	High Tide	Low Tide	Event
Sun 4	1400	1246	1929	Walford Cup Series 7 & 8
Fri 9	1900	1646		Friday Series 2
Sun 11	1030	0639	1234	Longnose
Sun 18	1030	1302	0656	Six Race Day
Sun 25	1400	1727	1102	Trevor Cowell Pursuit

JULY

Date	Start	High Tide	Low Tide	Event
Sat 1	Tbc	1045	1806	Man Of Kent
Sun 2		1140	1823	Reserve
Sun 9	1400	1724	1118	Summer Series 1 & 2
Fri 14	1900	2228	1634	Friday Series 4
Sun 16	1030	1208	1830	Summer Series 3 & 4
Sat 22	1530	1544	2204	Saturday Series 1 & 2
Sun 23	1400	1619	1001	Summer Series 5 & 6
Fri 28	1900	2016		Friday Series 5
Sun 30	1030	1019	1704	Summer Series 7 & 8

AUGUST

Date	Start	High Tide	Low Tide	Event
Sat 5	1530	1532	0934	Saturday Series 3 & 4
Sun 6	1400	1615	1013	Summer Series 9 & 10
Fri 11	1900	2104	1417	Friday Evening 6
Sun 13	1030	1140	1724	Minnis Compass
Mon 14	TBC			Sailing Week
Tue 15	TBC			Sailing Week
Wed 16	TBC			Sailing Week
Thur 17	TBC			Sailing Week
Fri 18	TBC			Sailing Week
Sat 19	1530	1447	2109	Saturday Series 5 & 6
Sun 20	1400	1519	0909	Summer Series 11 & 12
Fri 25	1900	1824		Friday Evening 7
Sun 27	1400	0841	1515	Galleon

SEPTEMBER

Date	Start	High Tide	Low Tide	Event
Sat 2	1530	1426	2105	Saturday Series 7 & 8
Sun 3	1400	1508	0911	Reserve
Fri 8	1900	1904		Friday Evening 8
Sun 10	1030	0910	1558	Autum Series 1 And 2
Sun 17	1030	1409	0817	Jonah & St Elmo Trophies
Sun 24	1400	0642	1313	Autumn Series 3 & 4

OCTOBER

Date	Start	High Tide	Low Tide	Event
Sat 30		1319	1958	Cat Open
Sun 1	1030	1359	0807	Cat Open
Sun 8	1400	0707	1333	Autumn Series 5 & 6
Sun 15	1030	1317	1936	Autumn Series 7 & 8
Sun 22	1400	1738	1150	Autumn Series 9 & 10
Sun 29	1030	1152	1836	Reserve

DECEMBER

Date	Start	High Tide	Low Tide	Event
Sun 31				Icicle Tankard

Trophies and Race Detail

Trophy Name	Detail	Last year's winners
Brass Monkey	First race of the season usually run on the same day as the 1st Spring Series Race	Jonathan Drake
Series Racing	The highest percentages of races as prescribed by the sailing instructions are used to calculate the overall winners of each series. They normally include (but are not limited to) Spring, Walford, Friday, Summer and Autumn.	Spring Series – Steve Cooke Easter Series – Chris Field Friday Series – Oli Northrop Walford Cup – Chris Field Platinum Jubilee Series – Kevin Skinner Sprints Day – Oli Northrop/William Northrop Summer Series – Keith Johnson Saturday Series – Steve Cooke Autumn Series – Ian Roberston

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Trophy Name	Detail	Last year's winners
Galleon	This is a traditional race around the South Margate Sands, normal sailing rules apply with the exception that competitors can drag their boats over the sand as long as they round the marks of the course. It is supposed to have an element of fun in it so anything goes.	Andy Fitt
Acorn Shield	To Herne Bay Pier and back. This race is run at the same time as the Twin Towers.	Dan Hockey
Twin Towers	To Reculver Towers and back, Buoy to be laid close inshore, this race is run at the same time as the Acorn Shield.	Steve Cooke

Trophy Name	Detail	Last year's winners
Trevor Cowell Memorial	Pursuit race with the start times set depending on boats handicap. The race is set to last for 90 Minutes for the slowest boat participating. The course is set as a square. The leading boat at time is the winner. The safety boat should drop a buoy in front of the leading boat and take numbers as boats cross the line.	Andy Fitt
Longnose	Race to the Longnose buoy off North Foreland. This race is run at the same time as the Shortnose with separate trophies for dinghies and catamarans	Kevin Skinner/Mandy Cox
Shortnose Dinghy's	Traditional Race to the PLA (Port of London Authority) Tide Gauge off Margate. This race is run at the same time as the Longnose and second start.	Bill Partridge/David C

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Trophy Name	Detail	Last year's winners
Dolphin Trophy	Helm & Crew under 21 on 31st March of the current year. Normally held during the summer series.	Not contested in 2022
The Ladies Dolphin	Female Helm & Crew under 21 on 31st March of the current year. If there is no Female team then the trophy goes to the highest placed female.	Not contested in 2022
Sandison Cup	Traditional mass handicap to Herne Bay Pier and back. A traditional race that used to form part of the Club regatta programme	Oli Northrop/William Northrop
Foam Cup	Traditional Ladies race held at the same time as the Foam Cup, Ladies helming in the crews race also qualify and results are extracted from that race. One Start.	Not contested in 2022

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Foam Goblet	Traditional Race where the normal crew helms the boat and the normal helm must crew. They must have completed a minimum of five races together during the season. Run on the same day as the Foam Goblet e.g. One Start.	Not contested in 2022
6 Race day	A series of six short races held on one day no other races are scheduled on the same day. The format will be three races back to back with a break between each set of three.	Matt Young
Minnis Compass	A general Handicap race in a star pattern to and from the start line around three club buoys and the South Margate.	Jonathan Drake
Icicle Tankard	Traditional race historically run on Boxing Day, weather and crews permitting.	Not contested in 2022

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Trophy Name	Detail	Last year's winners
Jonah	This a trophy that you can enter if you have not been a winner in the current season and have competed in series or trophy races.	Sam Leatt
St Elmo	St Elmo is the race held on the same day for all those that don't qualify for Jonah	Andy Fitt
Overall Cats	The results are derived from the Non-discarded results of all series racing. At least one race must be entered per series to qualify.	Andy Fitt
Overall Dinghies	The results are derived from the Non-discarded results of all series racing. At least one race must be entered per series to qualify.	Jonathan Drake

Advice and Guidance for Sailing and Racing

Racing

All races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA when they apply, relevant class rules and the sailing instructions of Minnis Bay Sailing Club.

Beginners Guide to Racing at MBSC

1. Arrive at least an hour ahead of the published start time in order to prepare your boat, get changed and help launch the club safety boat.
2. Sign on at the Square Head (race control hut located above the promenade) and check the course displayed.
3. Aim to launch at least 15 minutes before start time and try to sail at least the first leg of the course to get a feel for the conditions.
4. The Club generally uses two start sequences if numbers dictate, one for Cats and another for dinghies which are at five minute intervals. The first class warning signal will be five minutes before the published start time.
5. Start – For almost all of our club racing we use the fixed club start line, this is a line that runs from the Square Head through a transit line taken from the pole on the end of the short Groyne, the outer end of the line is the Distance pole, if the tide is out, an outer distance

mark is laid by the rescue boat further out to sea. There isn't normally an inner limit but although it is possible to sail over the short Groyne at high tide it is not advisable and more than likely will end in damage!

6. The Race – we use marks laid by the rescue boat and also some fixed marks already at sea (South Margate, Copperas, Reculver and Stink Pipe to name a few) so make sure you know what course is laid and which buoys to round.
7. Finish – The Race officer will have indicated the number of laps of the course or an approximate time limit and may also shorten the race by sounding two hoots and displaying the S Flag. If you have completed the course correctly you should hear a finish gun when you cross the line.

8. Once you have finished and are ashore you need to sign off at the Square Head and also help recover the rescue boats.

Most important in all the above is to get out and enjoy the racing, there are plenty of people at MBSC who are more than happy to offer advice on all aspects of this so if in doubt, please ask .

Safety Boat and Race Officer Duties

As can be imagined, racing and all other sailing activities do not run themselves.

Please make sure you use 'Duty Man' and turn up to complete your duties. Not doing these impacts greatly on those who have turned up to sail and places more demands on those members of the Sailing Committee that have volunteered to organise the year's sailing programme.

- Arrive at least an hour prior to the advertised start time of the race/event for your duty
- Introduce yourself and/or make the Race Officer aware that you have arrived for your duty
- As race officer, make sure you communicate with the safety boat volunteers to discuss the arrangements for the race eg buoys to be used, forecast, number and type of boats

As always, all members are willing to assist you and give advice if you are unsure of how to perform the duty.

Sailing Duties

The club relies on members completing the required number of duties.

All full members or one member of a family membership are obliged to perform the number of duties notified to members on their renewal form. The number of duties is derived from the total number of duties required for the season divided by the number of qualifying members (typically 3 to 4 duties per qualifying member).

If you have any questions regarding the type of duty you are volunteering for (or been allocated), then please don't hesitate to contact a member of the committee.

The sailing club utilises DutyMan for managing sailing duties. The season's roster

can be found by visiting www.dutyman.biz and searching for Minnis Bay Sailing Club.

As a new member you will receive your registration e-mail for sailing duties.

1. **New password:** You will have to follow the instructions from your welcome message and create a new password for your account. You will not have to enter a password to complete this process until you are prompted to create a new one. Do not attempt to use any previous passwords.
2. **Number of duties:** Once you have completed the new password process, you will be able to access the rota and volunteer for duties. To find out how many duties you are required to fulfil, please click on the profile tab.

3. We appreciate it may not be possible but if you are able to volunteer for duties at the start of the season, it certainly enables us all to get off to a good start.

If you are having any difficulties, please e-mail the committee at sailingcommittee@minnisbaysailingclub.co.uk and we'll try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Safety

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all members and their crews at all times while afloat. This is relative whether racing or cruising

- Keep your craft maintained and carry sufficient safety equipment, including life jackets for everybody aboard and distress flares

- Check the weather conditions before putting out to sea
- Let somebody ashore know your plans and your intended time of return
- Take care while launching and recovering your vessel and beware of other people on or near the launching ramps
- Try not to enter the designated swimming areas in your craft at any time although the wind direction will not always make this possible. The designated areas are to the East of the yellow markers and slipway

Tides

'Tides' is a generic term used to define the alternating rise and fall in sea level caused by the gravitational attraction of the moon and the sun and the rotation of the Earth.

Each tide is a repeat cycle of sea level change, and common terms used include:

Flood: Over several hours the water rises up the beach.

High water: The water reaches its highest point and begins to turn. There is a period of approximately half-an-hour that is known as 'slack water' or 'slack tide' – where tidal currents stop

Ebb tide: The water levels recede back down the beach.

Low water: The water reaches its lowest point and the cycle begins again. There is a period of approximately half-an-hour that is known as 'slack water' or 'slack tide – where tidal currents stop '.

Along our coastline, the cycle takes approximately six hours from start to finish.

Here on the north Kent coast we experience what are known as semidiurnal tides meaning two high waters and two low waters each day. You'll notice this when looking at the tidal predictions. The height of tides is given as either the level above Ordnance Datum (OD - Think of this as a general reference point of height against the land) or Chart Datum (CD – Depth of water at Mean Low Water, over a given point on a chart).

In addition to the gravitational pull of the sun and moon, weather conditions may also have a considerable effect on the tides. Atmospheric pressure and friction forces of the wind on the waters well surface can affect the rate of tide as determining sea state and wave direction.

Whilst every care is taken in the creation of these tables, the club cannot accept any responsibility for errors.

Use of Club Boats

Detailed information on the booking and use of the Club Boats can be found on the Club notice board. However, please note the bullet points below;

- The club has two boats that can be hired out on a daily basis - one Laser 2000 and one Pico.

- Club boats can only be hired when a safety boat is on the water
- All hire fees must be paid for, except when used during a paid sailing lesson
- Boat hire forms must be completed and passed to a member of the Sailing or Executive committee with payment before a boat can be used
- Please book a club boat via the booking sheet on the club notice board
- Do not park cars in the boat park
- Do not leave road trailers unattended in the aisles
- Turn off hose pipes after use
- Do not leave the boat park to launch via the car park entrance

Berthing

- Members are responsible for ensuring their boat(s) and all associated equipment is contained within the boundaries of their allocated berth
- Make sure your boat is securely fixed/ tied down

Flag Officers and Officials of the Club

President	Mike Graham	Publicity Officer/Webmaster	Dan Hockey
Vice President	Bill Partridge	Bar Secretary	Elizabeth Cooke
Commodore	Graham Rogers	Member 1	Vacant
Vice Commodore	Steve Cooke	Member 2	Vacant
Rear Commodore	Matthew Young	Member 3	Vacant
Honorary Secretary	Laurence Whelan		
Honorary Treasurer	Hugh O'Neil		
Membership	Tina Vine		
Social Secretary	Chris Hayward		
Works Officer	Rob Deakin		