



## TSC Smack & Classic Yacht Race

### Smack Information

11th October 2025

- **The Race start times are close to low water, please make necessary arrangements to arrive at the start line on time.**
- This year's race will be run as a 'pursuit' race with three rolling class/group starts. A discretionary 5-minute handicap/penalty may be given to faster boats within a class. (Notice of which Class you are in will be given out before the race day)
- Start/finish line will be between the Nass Beacon and inner limit mark (orange) adjacent to the TSC Committee boat to the south. Hitting the orange buoy will incur a time penalty.
- Course will be as detailed below.
- Start time for the first Smack group will be 10:40. There will be a 10- and 5-minute gun / horn and flags. Be aware, the Classic Yacht Race start time is 10:30, the gun for which will also serve as the 10-min gun for Smack Class 1.
- A time limit of 14:30 will be enforced to enable us to hold the prizegiving after the race (HW is 15:38 at the Nass).
- The club's launch known as Yellow Peril (unmissable) or a TSC rib will be available to taxi you to the marina /hard, call them on Channel 6 if they don't see you.
- There will be free beer available at the club immediately after the race and the club bar will be open. Food will be available to purchase
- **The prize giving will also be held at the Club, at approximately 15:45.**
- Would all of last year's trophy winners please liaise with Bing (Gary Smith) 07720437820 01621869653 [commodore@tollesburysc.com](mailto:commodore@tollesburysc.com) to arrange their return.

Please note that the Tollesbury Classic Yacht race will also be run on this day, its start and finish will be on the same line but courses will vary.

### TSC SMACK RACE 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025

#### Courses

The Start and Finish line will be between the Nass Beacon off West Mersea and the inner limit Buoy (orange) adjacent to the TSC Committee boat anchored to the South of the Nass.

The Committee boat will maintain a listening watch on  
VHF Channel 06.

Course A: Around Thirslett (P), OLM "S" (S)\*, Mersea No.1 (S), Mersea No.2 (P), Mersea No.18 (P), Finish.

Course B: Around Mersea No1 (s), OLM 'S' (S)\*, Thirslett (P)  
OLM 'S' (S), Mersea No1 (S), Mersea No 2 (P),  
Mersea No 18 (P), Finish

Course C: Around Thirslett (P), Mersea No.1 (S), Mersea No 2 (S), Finish.

Course D: Around Mersea No1 (S), OLM 'S' (s)\*, Thirslett (P),  
Mersea NO1 (S), Mersea No2 (S), Finish

The course letter will be displayed on the committee boat.

In the event that a course is shortened an announcement will made on vhf channel 06 and a support boat (RIB) may anchor adjacent to a suitable mark.

\* OLM "S" is located SSW of the Nass Beacon (see chartlet.)

#### Starting sequence

Class	10 min gun (1 flag)	5 min gun (2 flags)	Start (flags lowered)
Classics	10:20	10:25	10:30
Smack Class 1	10:30	10:35	10:40
Smack Class 2	10:40	10:45	10:50
Smack Class 3	10:50	10:55	11:00

Starting sequence times are subject to change if conditions require and will be advised via VHF Ch.06 by the Race Committee on the day. Please therefore all competitors maintain a listening watch on Ch.06 throughout the day.