**Event name:** **MERSEA WEEK 2016**

**Dates:** Monday 22nd August – Saturday 27th August

**Sailing Clubs:** Dabchicks Sailing Club and West Mersea Yacht Club

**Event details:** Mersea Week is a ‘family and friends’-oriented week. The sheltered waters of the River Blackwater provide perfect conditions and space to run daily racing with expert race management and courses for all. The week includes many traditions, not least the ‘Round the Island Race’ that is Mersea Island of course and is for the much coveted Coconut Trophy.

**Regatta Racing Format:** Daily Starts and prize giving’s for all Classes.

**Classes Eligible:** IRC, Local Handicap and White Sail Cruisers, Classic Yachts and Gaffers, Smacks, M.F.O.Bs, Dinghies Fast, Medium and Slow.

**Entry Fee:** Yachts – £60 for the week or £15 per race. Dinghy £40 for the week or £10 per race. Social Scene: Bands playing and events every day at both clubs after the racing. Food is available at both clubs and there are also many local pubs and famous eateries in addition accommodation is available locally.

**Top Tips:** Something for all the family and all age groups. Try our famous Native oysters and locally caught fish. Wonderful beach for the non-sailors, where one can view the racing. In 2015 Mersea Week attracted over 800 competitors and the event increases in popularity every year. We have some incredibly generous sponsors and it is thanks to their generosity that we are able to keep the entry fee low, and provide excellent shore side entertainment. It is clear from our feedback that everyone has such a great time that they keep coming back.

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