



## Maldon Little Ship Club Sponsored Row in Aid of the RNLI

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Start Time Approx 12.30

HW 13.48

### **Dear Supporter,**

Maldon Little Ship Club offers you a warm welcome and once again invites you to support their next Sponsored Row on behalf of the RNLI.

Thank you for your support last year which enabled us to raise a magnificent **£10K for the RNLI** who provide the lifeboats and lifeguards making our beaches, seas and estuaries safer places for us all to enjoy.

This year the tides are favourable during the popular holiday period between Christmas and New Year, so we are expecting a large crowd of spectators. Also, we hope for a good turnout of Harker Gigs as there are no scheduled winter series races on the Sunday which often happens. This should mean good competition between the Harker gigs as well as the other gig classes.

We hope once again you can support our worthwhile event which has run for in excess of 40 years. Crews in all the classes find that the atmosphere and camaraderie make this a very special day and by having a separate course for the gigs, the event is safe for the smaller boats whilst allowing enthusiastic competition between the gigs for the many trophies at stake!

Maldon Prom is also an exciting place to row as you can be cheered on by thousands of appreciative spectators if the weather is good!! There is also a very warm welcome at Maldon Little Ship Club with its friendly bar and hot food from the galley.

### **The Sponsored Row.**

The sponsored row **4km** course keeps the smaller boats, canoes, kayaks and SUP'S **separate from the large Gigs** and takes place within the safety of Maldon harbour area. It offers classes for all types of craft and a **2km** cadet course is provided for the under 16's. Numerous prizes and trophies are awarded and there will be for the first time a special trophy for the SUPs.

### **The Sponsored Gig Race.**

The Gigs follow a **6km** course down to Hilly Pool Buoy subject to the weather conditions on the day. We hope that the Gig rowing clubs will be able to support us this year and enjoy the opportunity for some competitive rowing. As you are aware there are multiple timed starts for the gigs with several starting together at each start. However, if a large number of Harker Gigs enter we take advice from Maldon Gig Rowing club and introduce an additional timed start to make the event both fairer and safer.

We are very grateful to Maldon Gig Rowing club for their help and advice in managing the Gig racing.

We have five fantastic trophies to claim for the gigs: First Gig, First Mixed crew, First Ladies crew, First Harker gig and Highest Sponsorship so there is plenty to compete for.

### **Fancy Dress.**

This is a fun event and Fancy Dress is encouraged in all classes. Many crews last year made a huge effort to the point where the Mayor found difficulty in deciding the winners of the Fancy dress Trophy, so runner up prizes were also given! Please therefore start preparing your themes which are very much appreciated by everyone including the press!

### **Sponsorship for the RNLI and Entry Fee.**

Most crews work hard to raise a fantastic amount of sponsorship so please keep up the fundraising spirit of the event. All sponsorship raised goes directly to the RNLI and your amazing efforts last year raised a magnificent **£10K** and were recognised in the latest edition of the Lifeboat Magazine which has national coverage.

The entry fee of **£5** per boat and **£1** per crew member is payable to the MLSC to cover the cost of organising the event and the provision of the numerous prizes.

### **Entry Forms on [mlsc.org.uk](http://mlsc.org.uk)**

Please download your relevant entry and sponsorship forms which are on the website **[mlsc.org.uk](http://mlsc.org.uk)** and drum up support and sponsorship to make this a successful day for all.

If you need any further information or have any suggestions, please contact John or Di Rogers 01621853841 or email [diana.rogers2@btinternet.com](mailto:diana.rogers2@btinternet.com)

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Boatyards and Blackwater Sailing Club will cooperate as usual to provide launching facilities. Also, as last time I will request MDC parking enforcement officers to be considerate around the Hythe area during the course of the event!**

**There will be a skippers' briefing outside MLSC at 11.45 am**

Kind regards

John and Di Rogers (Joint Organisers for MLSC)