

Two-Tide Rally Instructions



Two-tide Rallies are an opportunity to stretch your sailing wings and travel a bit further afield than usual. At its heart, it is a race with the aim to get as far west as possible, arriving back home on, or before the finish time. You need to prepare yourself and your boat for a safe and self-sufficient relaxing day sail, with the reassurance of friendly boats nearby.

1. Sign on for the Two-Tide Rally in the Stop Gap an hour before the start time and pick up a **Two-Tide Rally sheet** (overleaf)
2. Be at **No 3 buoy** (opposite Maddocks) **at the start time**, go as far west as possible, and get back on or before the finish time.
3. **Record your position** on the two-tide rally sheet **every hour**.
4. **Record position and the time when you turn for home** – this is the *most important bit* and is your west most position.
5. **Record position & time** when you're **back at no.3**.
6. If you need to use your motor at any point, **record the positions and times of motor on and motor off**.
7. **Hand or send** your Two Tide Rally sheet to the sailing master.

So the trick is judging when to turn for home, based on wind, tides and your salty-seadog sense to get back on or just before the finish time.

Penalties are incurred if you are late back (1NM for every 10 mins) or if you use your motor.

Scoring, calculated by the sailing master, is a bit more complicated than a normal race:

1. Distance: Convert most westerly longitude into distance in NM west of the start
2. Late penalty: If past finish time, round up finish time to nearest 10 mins. Penalty is 1NM for every 10mins late.
3. Motoring penalty: From motoring position(s), work out distance(s) motored.
4. Adjusted Distance = Distance – Late penalty – Motoring penalty
5. Corrected Distance = Adjusted Distance * Boats PY handicap / 1000

At the end of the season all two tide rally results received are collated, and a winner announced. Scoring relies on your records on the two-tide rally sheet and is obviously based on trust, but we are a trustworthy lot.

Wishing you good weather and fair winds,

David Barrett,
Sailing Master BOSMBSC.

Two Tide Rally

H.W:

Boat Name:

H.T:

Handicap:

Owner:

Date:

Time at No3. start:

Hour	Position
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	

Hrs on engine:

Position furthest west:

Time due back at No3. (set according to tide):

Channel 72

Sign Skipper: