**56th Southend Barge match 2024  
Saturday 8th June  
  
Event Schedule**   
  
Ahead of the date, committee to meet TBYC for briefing with club regarding start line and procedure, course, race marks, etc.  
  
Friday June 7th (or sooner) barges arrive during the day and anchor off TBYC, timing dependent on where they come from and what the weather conditions are.

If necessary and practical we will hold a briefing in TBYC 1800 hours (LW 1921)

Saturday June 8th, earliest races can start is 12.00. Start underway or from anchor. Possible staggered start. To be decided on numbers of entries. Classes and number of starts to be decided subject to numbers of barges entered.  
  
Race to finish in good time to allow barges back to finish before tide goes out. Finish race early if necessary.

Hot food will be available from 1800 hours at the TBYC Club house, with raffle and prizes to be presented by Dick Durham, once crews ashore.   
Safety boats can bring crew ashore whilst there is enough water, otherwise crew will need to wait until they can walk ashore. Barge boats can also be used subject to the tidal conditions.  
  
Crews will need to ensure they can get back to their barges before the tide comes in, as safety boats will not run after dark (or make their own arrangements for returning i.e. using own barge boat).