

# WIVENHOE TOWNSCAPE FORUM: LOCAL LIST RECORDING SHEET AREA F

**ADDRESS** Wivenhoe Sailing Club, Walter Radcliffe Way, Wivenhoe

**POST CODE** CO7 9WS

**WARD**

Cross

**Quay**

**CONSERVATION AREA**

YES

**NO**

**MAP REFERENCE** TM042213

**PHOTOGRAPH**

**YES**

NO

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**DATE OF ASSET** 1994

**TYPE OF ASSET** **Building** Group Landscape Vista Item Other (please specify)

## DESCRIPTION

The central club house is a two storey building, the first floor of which is partly built under a slate roof and glazed at its south end, providing fine views over the river. The ground floor bar and assembly room also looks onto the river. A single storey entrance links changing rooms to the west and a workshop adjoins the main roof to the east. Behind the club house is a boat store and sail loft which has just been extended. These simple red brick and boarded buildings have an agricultural feel about them and echo other farm buildings higher up the valley.

## HISTORY AND CONNECTIONS

If the Wivenhoe Tidal Barrier had not been built to protect the industrial areas higher up the river in Colchester, then this fine new sailing club would not have been built. After a great deal of protest against the construction of a barrier in Wivenhoe, protest gave way to reality. You might say, the new club was compensation for the disadvantages the new barrier would bring to racing from the existing sailing club on the quay at the bottom of Anchor Hill. It was clear the current would be drastically altered as it passed the narrow gap so the new club had to be built beyond it. The former club was founded by local yachtsmen in 1925 who occupied the black shed on the slip-way which was opened in 1936, and in 1953, the club took over the upper floor at the corner of Anchor Hill i.e. above the British Legion. The sailing club moved to its new premises in 1994.



## RESEARCH SOURCES

[www.wivenhoe.gov.uk](http://www.wivenhoe.gov.uk)

**PHOTOGRAPH BY** Richard Edwards, June 2011

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## CRITERIA: HIGHLIGHT IN BOLD AS APPROPRIATE

### ARCHITECTURAL VALUE

A++ (very high)

**A+ (good)**

T-F (timber-framed i.e. C18th or earlier)

?T-F (timber-framed – needs investigation)

### HISTORIC VALUE

H++

H+

### CONDITION

**C++ (complete with no inappropriate alterations/extensions)**

C+ (largely complete)

**C (good or restorable)**

### OTHER VALUES

I = iconic value H = contribution to the historic area in which it stands

**P (prominence) Q = quirkiness R = local rarity S = sustainability**

Recorded by: Richard Edwards

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