

Autumn Passage Race

Horning Sailing Club



Sat 19 October 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-24)*, the class rules of any classes concerned and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for this event.
- 1.2 Non-competing craft shall be accorded their rights under the Navigation Byelaws of the Broads Authority.
- 1.3 Rule 40.1, Personal Flotation Devices; Basic Rule applies to require all competitors to wear a personal flotation device at all times whilst racing, except temporarily when adjusting clothing.
- 1.4 Attention is drawn to the need for a Broads Authority river toll. Temporary Race Craft tolls are available from the Broads Authority, currently at around £8 for the day.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from no later than 6th October 2024 via email and in paper copy on the official notice board.

3. Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board is in the Clubhouse.
- 3.2 There will be a briefing for competitors at 9:30am on the day of the Race. This will be held on the HSC island. All helms must attend this briefing or send a representative to attend.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to River Cruiser Class and other cabin yachts, double handed dinghies and keelboats. With the exception of RCC yachts, all entries shall have an HSC river handicap of 23% or faster (Norfolk One Design being the slowest eligible).
- 4.2 No single handed craft may enter.
- 4.3 Boats may enter by completing the entry form before racing and paying the event fee of £25. The closing date for entries is 16th October 2024. The entry form states how entries are to be returned.
- 4.4 Parent or guardian consent is required for all competitors aged under 18 on the day of the race.
- 4.5 The minimum age for this race is 16 years for helms and 14 years for crews on the day of the race.
- 4.6 The organising committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat or helm without disclosing the reason. A full refund will be given should this be the case.

5. Racing Area

- 5.1 Racing will take place on the River Bure between a start line at or downstream of Horning Sailing Club, around two marks to be placed towards Acle Bridge and towards Potter Heigham Bridge and then returning to a finish line at or downstream of Horning Sailing Club.
- 5.2 Line and mark positions will be outlined in the briefing but may be subject to change.
- 5.3 The race committee are aiming for an average race duration of 3-4 hours. Some competing craft may be faster or slower than this. The time limit shall be 6 hours from each boat's start time, this may be adjusted on the day. Please ensure your boat's equipment and your clothing are suitable for a race of this length.

6. Starts

- 6.1 Warning Signal – 10 minutes before the starting signal – starting flag raised (flags and start order will be announced at the briefing).
Preparatory Signal – 5 minutes before the starting signal – flag P raised.
- 6.2 Starts shall be split at the discretion of the Officer of the Day. No more than 6 river cruisers or 10 keelboats or dinghies shall be in any one start. The first start time shall be at approximately 10:30am if using a start line at the sailing club or as soon as possible after this if starting down-river.

7. Handicaps

- 7.1 River Cruiser Class handicaps will be used. Other boats will be allocated a percentage handicap for the race, this may be different to their usual HSC handicap.

8. Galley and meals

- 8.1 Entry to the race entitles each competing craft to two meals in the Clubhouse at the end of the race. Additional meals can be purchased for £8 per person on the entry form. It will not be possible to order further meals on the day. Meals will be served during the afternoon after boats have finished, with the Clubhouse closing by 7pm.
- 8.2 The Galley will also be open from 8am for bacon rolls etc. and at times throughout the day for teas, coffees and light snacks.

9. Risk Statement

- 9.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching and/or setting sail, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Club, the Race Committee, the Race Officers, patrol boats and other helpers. The provision of patrol / tow boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
By signing the entry form, the skipper of each vessel agrees to comply with this Notice of Race and Risk Statement, the Sailing Instructions and any other relevant conditions as set out by the organising committee.
- 9.2 At the owners' risk, craft may be moored on the HSC Island at any time from the afternoon of Sunday 13th October until Saturday 26th October. HSC does not accept liability for any damage caused whilst using HSC moorings or facilities. The gate code is available by calling the number on the bridge should it be required.

10. Prizes

- 10.1 There shall be prizes awarded for the overall winner on handicap as well as:
- Fastest RCC yacht
 - Fastest keelboat
 - Fastest dinghy
 - Highest placed junior helm (under 18 years on day of race, if not in receipt of another prize)
 - Further prizes may be awarded to individual fleets/classes at HSC's discretion.
- 10.2 The Prize-Giving shall take place in the Clubhouse as soon as possible after all finishers arrive back at HSC.