

Autumn Passage Race

Horning Sailing Club



Sat 17 October 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Information and obligations in the Notice of Race may not be repeated in these Sailing Instructions.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-28)*, the Class Rules of any classes concerned, the Notice of Race and the 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 All boats shall have a current Broads Authority toll. The Broads Authority offer a Race Craft Toll for visiting craft at around £10 for the day to be purchased directly from them.
- 1.4 All competitors must wear a personal flotation device at all times while racing, except briefly whilst adjusting clothing.
- 1.5 The age limit for this race is 16 years for skippers and 14 years for crews on the day of the race.
- 1.6 Competent youths aged below 14 may be granted permission to sail by the race team, on an individual basis, when sailing on a keelboat or cruiser with sufficient adults in charge of the boat. This permission should be requested by email to hscautumnpr@gmail.com along with details of number of adults on board and who would be in charge of the young person.

2. The Course

- 2.1 The approximate placement and direction of rounding of the marks shall be outlined at the briefing. The position of the marks may be altered should conditions change from the time of the briefing.
- 2.2 The starting line is from a flag mast through a transit post on the same bank, to a point on the opposite bank.
- 2.3 If using an HSC start line, positions A, B, C or D may be used to approximately indicate the far end of the start line. If a downriver start line is chosen, a prominent point on the far bank will be used or a marker buoy placed in the river to mark the approximate location.

3. Starting Signals

- 3.1 The table in rule 26, Starting Races is changed as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
10	Class Flag	One	Warning Signal
5	P (next class flag raised)	One	Preparatory Signal
0	Class Flag removed	One	Starting Signal

- 3.2 Individual recalls shall be made by leaving the Class Flag "at the dip" for up to four minutes after the start time, after which the class flag will be lowered, changing rule 29.1. Boats shall be informed of individual recalls wherever possible.
- 3.3 General recalls shall be made by waving 1st Substitute. The next sound signal shall be the preparatory signal for the recalled class, changing rule 29.2, with all subsequent starts delayed by 10 minutes.

4. Courtesy

- 4.1 The starting zone courtesy area will be outlined in the briefing. Any competing craft entering the courtesy zone prior to five minutes before its start shall have no rights and rule 23.1 shall apply. Competing craft should aim to minimise the number of occasions they sail through the courtesy zone prior to their five minute signal.

- 4.2 Competitors shall show courtesy and consideration to fishermen and any other vessels. In particular competitors' attention is drawn to Navigation Byelaw 24, which forbids hampering or delaying, amongst others, commercial passenger vessels and craft engaged in towing (other than those towing tenders). Breaking this Sailing Instruction may also be deemed to break the Basic Principle of Sportsmanship, giving rise to action under Fundamental Rule 2 Fair Sailing and/or Rule 69 Misconduct.

5. Time Limit

- 5.1 The time limit for this race is 6 hours from each boat's start time. The race committee reserves the right to suggest that boats retire should they still be racing in fading light and/or in the race officer's opinion have no chance of finishing within the time limit. The time limit may be adjusted should the start be postponed due to conditions.

6. Finishing Line

- 6.1 The finishing line may be at HSC or at a point downstream of HSC. If downstream, flag S shall be displayed and the line shall be a transit across the river. If at HSC, the line is from the starters' box to a white triangle on the far bank.

7. Hearings

- 7.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress over an incident during the race shall notify the race team when finishing the race. Forms are available from the starters' box. Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race officer or a club official no later than 30 minutes after returning to the clubhouse, or, if later, 30 minutes after learning of the reasons justifying the request. If the race officer is not at the clubhouse, forms should be requested and handed in at the Galley for safe-keeping within the time limits above.

8. Penalties at the time of an incident

- 8.1 Rule 44.1 shall not apply. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing or which has broken rule 31 may take a Time Penalty, unless she has caused serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race, in which cases she shall retire.
- 8.2 The acceptance of a time penalty will be indicated by flying a green flag at the first reasonable opportunity until the race committee has been informed. The skipper shall draw the race committee's attention to the green flag when they finish, and shall inform the race committee if they wish to accept two or more penalties.
- 8.3 The penalty for each incident is 60 seconds to be added to the boat's elapsed time. A boat shall not be recorded as having finished outside the time limit solely by the application of a time penalty.

9. Moorings

- 9.1 Craft may be left moored on the HSC island at any time between the afternoon of 11th October and 24th October, at the owners' risk. River Cruisers are welcome to moor on the front at the end of the race in advance of the YSC down-river.