

NORTH WEST NORFOLK SAILING ASSOCIATION

OUSE AMATEUR SAILING CLUB

Sailing Instructions for racing on the River Great Ouse

1 General

These instructions are to be used in conjunction with the general instructions issued by the NWNSA.

2 Signing on / off

Competitors are required to sign on and off. If retiring, the retirement sheet should be used.

3 Car parking

Parking is available on Common Staithe in the roped-off area. No charge is required in this area. Outside this area, charges are levied.

4 Race briefing

This will be held on the Club house balcony approx. 40 mins. before the scheduled start time.

5 Safety

5.1 Although safety boats are provided, it is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that both themselves and their equipment are capable of sailing safely in the prevailing conditions.

5.2 Due to the strong tidal river flow it is recommended that competitors carry a suitable anchor and warp.

6 Starting and finishing

6.1 All races will start and finish on the club line. This is a line between the club signal mast and either

i a red triangle on the opposite bank

Or

li a buoy with a yellow flag. This buoy is not a distance marker: competitors may start either side of it.

6.2 NWNSA rule 4 (round the ends) does not apply.

6.3 Start times will be as listed in the regatta programme.

6.4 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

7 Time limits

7.1 Subject to the provisions of 7.2 below, a time limit of 3 hours applies to all types of race. Any competitor who has not finished 3 hrs. after the start of their race will be scored DNF.

7.2 In the event of no competitor completing the course within the prescribed time limit, the limit will be extended to 3.5 hrs. Any competitor failing to finish within the new time limit will be scored DNF.

7.3 If no competitor finishes within the 3.5 hr. limit the race will be declared abandoned.

8 Courses

8.1 For class and handicap racing, the course will consist of up to three marks. No. 1 will be placed to the north of the club, toward the dock gates; No.2 will be placed to the south of the club toward the road bridge; No. 3 is an optional mark and will be placed between marks 1 and 2.

8.2 The course will be indicated by a series of coloured numbered boards displayed on the Club balcony, in correct sequence and with the background colour indicating the direction of rounding.

8.3 The course will be that displayed at the time of the warning signal of the first starting class.

8.4 The race, unless shortened as in 10 below will consist of five (5) laps.

9 Loss of buoys

A bladder buoy or a course marshal's boat may be substituted for a missing mark.

10 Shortening course

10.1 Subject to the provisions of 10.2 below, a course may be shortened by the Race Officer by the flying of signal code S and the class flag. Competitors in that class will finish when they complete the current lap. If no class flag is displayed then all classes will finish.

10.2 If signal code F is flown (2 sound signals) with a class flag, then competitors in that class will finish the next time they cross the Club line, irrespective of completing the current lap. If no class flag is displayed then all competitors will so finish.

Competitors should note that different fleets may finish in different directions.

11 Shipping

11.1 All competitors are warned that it is dangerous to sail close to commercial shipping and that large powered vessels may be restricted in their ability to maneuver and therefore may not be able to give way to sailing vessels.

11.2 All commercial shipping has right of way over competitors.

12 Prize Giving

It is intended to hold the prize giving in the Clubhouse for all races approx. 2 hours after the last boat finishes. If circumstances permit, it will be held earlier

13 Hospitality

Hot and cold food and drink will be available throughout the day for competitors , supporters and spectators.