

Yare Sailing Club - Breydon Regatta, August 3rd - 4th, 2024

Sailing Instructions and Organisational Notes

Organisation

1. The Regatta will be held on August 3rd and 4th 2024. Regatta H.Q. shall be at Goodchild Marine, Burgh Castle.
2. The Regatta is organised by the Yare Sailing Club (YSC). The Regatta committee is the Committee of the YSC; the Protest Committee (if required) will be a sub-committee of the Regatta Committee.
3. Racing will take place under these Sailing Instructions, the rules of the YSC, the regulations of the River Cruiser Class (RCC), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and the Racing Rules of Sailing in that order of precedence. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to amend any or all of these sailing instructions at any time. Details of such amendments shall be posted at the Regatta H.Q.
4. Entry is open to all boats on the RCC class register and any other boat at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to refuse the entry of any boat (whether or not on the RCC register)

Conditions of Entry

5. Entries will be accepted only on receipt of the full entry fee. The single entry fee is for all races: there will be no reduction or refund of the entry fee for boats competing in fewer than the total number of races held.
6. Skippers or their representatives will be required to attend skippers' briefings as shall be notified at the Regatta H.Q. Notwithstanding the acceptance of an entry for the weekend as a whole, and the acceptance of an entry fee, skippers or their representatives are required to sign on for individual races before the relevant briefing: boats whose skippers or their representatives fail to sign on will be deemed to have withdrawn their entry from that race.
7. The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance is the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face conditions which may arise in the course of the Regatta. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions nor any inspection of a boat by the organisers in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his/her crew, boat and the management thereof. The YSC, the Regatta Committee, the Race Officers, including their assistants, shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in any race or any other activity associated with the Regatta. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his/her boat to compete in any race held in the course of the Regatta.

8. A personal flotation device shall be WORN by a boat's entire crew at all times while racing, except inside the cabin, when it may be removed. Failure to wear such by any crew member of a boat will automatically disqualify the boat from the race in which the infringement takes place.

Race Organisation

9. All Starts shall be committee boat starts, unless otherwise notified at a briefing. The committee boat shall be identified by a flagstaff flying the YSC burgee and carrying a board displaying race information. The starting line is defined as a straight line between a flagstaff aboard or near the committee boat and an outer distance mark (ODM). An inner distance mark (IDM) will be laid adjacent to the committee boat. At all times, boats shall pass between the IDM and the ODM. Boats shall not pass between the IDM and the committee boat at any time. Failure to observe this instruction will result in disqualification from that race.

10. Prior to its preparatory signal, and unless in direct passage from its moorings, a boat must keep at least six boat lengths to the pre-start side of the start line.

11. Races shall finish at a line which may be different from the start line. The finish line will be identified by an inner and an outer mark or shall be a transit across Breydon Water, the River Yare or the River Waveney.

12. Racing marks will be orange buoys with a central pole.

13. In accordance with guidance note ii of the RCC rules, Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are replaced by time penalties of one and two minutes respectively added to the boat's elapsed time. A boat which wishes to exonerate itself by accepting a time penalty shall a) display a green flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident and b) call a Race Officer's attention to its flag at the finishing line at the first opportunity and c) identify to the Regatta Committee the mark touched or the boat infringed against at the first reasonable opportunity and within the time limit for lodging protests. The Protest Committee shall disqualify a boat which has accepted a time penalty if it decides it has infringed a rule and that the infringement resulted in serious damage or in her gaining a significant advantage.

14. Rule 42.3 (i) shall apply. When in danger or in order to get clear after grounding, a boat may use an engine or any other suitable means, or accept outside assistance, without being obliged to retire from the race, provided that the boat gains no significant advantage from the use of any of these methods. There will be motor craft patrolling the course which will endeavour to assist any boat they observe to be in difficulty: owners/competitors are reminded, however, that absolute responsibility for the safety of their boat rests with themselves, as specified in sailing instruction 7. Skippers of boats making use of any of these means to get their boat clear of an obstruction may be required, after the race, to produce a signed declaration stating what means were used and why.

15. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Regatta H.Q. within two hours of the last boat's finishing time in the relevant race. Officially constituted protest hearings will commence as soon as possible thereafter: the organisers will not enter into any other form of negotiations or arbitration between the parties concerned.

The Regatta Programme

16. The Regatta Programme consists of three races. Two races will be organised over Breydon Water on Saturday (Aug. 3rd). The race briefing on Saturday will be at 9:30 am, with the first race not before 11 am. The race on Sunday (Aug. 4th) is a passage race, for which the briefing will be at 09:30 am. Competitors are requested to sign in for races before the relevant briefing commences.

17. Details of courses, the number of rounds and race signals will be given at the relevant race briefing. Courses and the number of rounds may, however, be altered by the Regatta Committee up to the sounding of the ten minute warning: in this case such changes will be shown on a race board mounted on the start-line committee boat. It shall be the absolute responsibility of every competitor to ensure that he/she is aware of such changes.

Breydon Races (Saturday August 3rd)

18. If there are large fleets, starts for races other than the Passage Race shall be in divisions allocated by the Regatta Committee according to handicap. All divisions within a race shall sail the same course. Faster handicap divisions shall usually start first.

There shall be a warning signal ten minutes before the first start and a preparatory signal five minutes before the first start. Starts shall be signaled at five minute intervals. Boats shall keep clear of the start-line while other divisions are starting: breach of this requirement may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Regatta Committee (see sailing instructions 9 and 10).

19. Divisions allocated to boats for individual races may vary. Allocated divisions will be announced at the relevant briefing. It shall be the absolute responsibility of every competitor to ensure that he/she is aware of their start.

Passage Race (August 4th)

20. This race will start on Breydon and will follow a course up the Yare to a buoy close to Reedham, then down the Yare to a finish. This may be at the committee boat or from a position on the bank.

Boats shall nominate their own start time within limits defined by the Regatta Committee.

Competing boats must notify their chosen start time to Regatta H.Q. no later than 9am on Sunday.

No more than five boats are permitted to take part in each start. If a boat's preferred start is full, its skipper shall be asked to nominate an alternative. If the skipper fails to nominate a start time which is not full, the Regatta Committee shall nominate a time for that boat.

Once a start has been nominated and accepted, no boat will be permitted to change to a different start time. There will be a warning signal ten minutes before the first start and a preparatory signal five minutes before the first start. Starts shall be permitted at five minute intervals.

Prizes and Trophies

21. Points for trophies will be awarded according to the Low Point System (1 for first, 2 for second, 3 for third and so on). Ties will be decided in accordance with Appendix A, Sections A8.1 and A8.2. Trophies will be presented as soon as possible after the last race. There are individual trophies for each race.

22. The Breeze Yard of Ale is awarded for the best performance in the two Breydon races, on handicap. Both races count.
23. The Greyhound Trophy is awarded to the boat finishing the passage race in the shortest elapsed time, with no allowance for handicap.
24. The Gerald Sambroke-Sturgess Memorial Shield is awarded for the fastest passage on handicap in the passage race.
25. The Jack Hunt Memorial Trophy is awarded to the boat with the lowest aggregate elapsed time over all three races.
26. The Breydon Tankard is awarded for the best performance overall by a boat with a higher handicap. The fleet will be split as near as possible into two equal divisions, with the handicap cut to be announced at the first briefing. Where an exact halving is not feasible, the split will be set so that the high handicap (slower) section is the smaller of the two. This division of the fleet applies solely to this trophy and not for any other purpose, The best two results, on handicap, of each boat in this category will be counted, subject to the proviso that one of the two shall be the passage race.
27. The Breydon Barometer is awarded to the overall winner of the Regatta, for which a boat's best two results, on handicap, shall be counted, subject to the proviso that one of the two shall be the passage race.
28. All the prizes and trophies listed remain the property of the Yare Sailing Club and shall be held by the winner for one year only. It is a condition of acceptance of a prize or trophy that the winning competitor accepts responsibility for that trophy including its insurance, for the year that it is in his/her possession.