

HORNING SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. Non-competing craft shall be accorded their rights under the Navigation Byelaws. Separate sailing instructions may be issued for special events. The Race Committee is the Management Committee of the Club or a sub-committee it appoints for the purpose.

2. ENTRY AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 River Course - entries for all craft except cruisers (whose entry will be taken on the start line) shall be made on the forms in the Clubhouse before a boat's 10 minute warning signal. The Broad and Down River - no written entry is required, and a boat enters by manoeuvring in the vicinity of the starting area. No boat, other than sailing cruisers, with a handicap greater than 24% may enter a Down River Race.

2.2 A boat is responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

2.3 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.

2.4 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £1,000,000.

2.5 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.

2.6 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

3. INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

3.1 The Notice of Race for Club events, the class flags and handicaps used by the Club are in the club handbook.

3.2 The Official Notice Board is in the Clubhouse.

3.3 Changes to:

- the Notice of Race;
- the Sailing Instructions (which shall be signed by a Flag Officer);
- and Notices to Competitors

will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3.4 Entry fees for Club Events shall be decided by the Race Committee and will be posted at least 14 days before they take effect.

3.5 **Courtesy** The starting zone courtesy area is as shown on the Official Notice Board. Any competing craft entering the courtesy zone prior to five minutes before its start shall have no rights and rule 23.1 shall apply. 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 Rules 2 and / or Rule 69.

4. RACES

4.1 When two or more cruisers or three or more other boats of a class recognised by the Race Committee, request a class race, the Officers of the Day shall amend the sailing programme accordingly, unless there are good reasons not to do so. Oral information of the changed programme shall be sufficient notice, and later starts will be delayed.

4.2 Competitors should note that the race committee cannot guarantee that one series will finish before the next one starts.

4.3 The Officer of the Day may, at his discretion, combine starts and oral information to all boats affected shall be sufficient notice. The time of the rearranged start shall not be before the last of the anticipated start times, within the series, for the classes whose starts have been combined.

5. COURSES, LINES, SHORTENING

5.1 River Course

The racing marks will be laid in the following order: 5 X 1 2 3 4 Y. Mark 5 will be furthest downstream and the others will be laid upstream in sequence. All marks are rounding marks except that mark X need not be rounded on the last lap when it is the last mark of the course. It must be passed on the required side.

The Course will be displayed on the starter's box, showing the number of rounds (black letters on white background) and the course for each round (showing the marks in the order they are to be rounded or passed, with a red background for a mark to be rounded or passed to port, green for starboard). Where one course only is shown, it shall apply to all classes. In races for combined fleets of Allcomers B and C or Sailing Cruisers the classes (or slow Cruisers) may be set a different number of laps and the elapsed times will be factored to calculate overall results.

The Starting Line is an extension of a line from the flag mast through a movable transit post surmounted by a yellow triangle in front of the starter's box. When code flag 'O' is displayed on the Clubhouse flag mast the start may be moved upriver when the start line will be the extension of a line from a flag mast through a white post surmounted by a yellow triangle.

The Finishing Line is a line from the flag mast to a white post surmounted by a triangle on the opposite bank.

Shortening Course. Flag S in RRS, Race Signals is amended as follows:

- Flag S displayed at the starter's box when the leading boat is approaching X mark means 'Proceed to the finish line and finish, leaving X on its required side if it is your next mark'.
- Flag S displayed away from a mark or the starter's box means 'The course is shortened. The finishing line is an extension of two fixed points on the mast displaying this flag'.

Naval numeral 0 displayed on a committee vessel means 'The course is changed. The nearby mark bearing naval numeral 0 is now the last mark of the course. Round it to port and finish at the finishing line'.

A shortened course signal displayed over a class signal applies only to that class.

5.2 Hoveton Little Broad

The Racing Marks are rounding marks and will be laid approximately;

Mark 1	N.E. Corner
Mark 2	N.W. Corner
Mark 3	S.W. Corner
Mark 4	S.E. Corner
Marks 5, X and Y	Positions optional.

The Course will be displayed on the pontoon or committee boat, showing the number of rounds (black letters on white background) and the course (showing the marks in the order they are to be rounded, with a red background for a mark to be rounded to port, green for starboard). Where one course only is shown, it shall apply to all classes. In races for combined fleets of Allcomers B and C or Sailing Cruisers the classes (or slow Cruisers) may be set a different number of laps and the elapsed times will be factored to calculate overall results.

The Starting Line is from the pontoon or other committee boat flag mast to an outer green distance mark bearing a yellow triangle. The length of the line will be limited by an inner green distance mark. In addition no competing boat shall at any time pass between the pontoon or committee boat and a red limit buoy laid near the pontoon or committee boat. Boats that do so will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, Requirements for a Hearing.

For a committee boat start (not pontoon) and a pontoon finish code flag G will be flown on the pontoon. This means that all competitors will sail the number of rounds as displayed on the committee boat (& pontoon) and will continue on the course set until they cross the finishing line at the pontoon.

The Finishing Line is from the pontoon or other committee boat flag mast to a green buoy bearing a yellow triangle.

Shortening Course. Flag S in the Race Signals, when displayed on the pontoon or committee boat flag mast, is amended to mean 'The course is changed. The mark being approached by the leading boat (in your start) is the last mark. Round it on its required side and finish at the finishing line'.

A shortened course signal displayed over a class signal applies only to that class.

5.3 Passage races

Courses

Horning - Thurne Dyke, rounding a mark laid between Thurne Mouth and Acle Bridge to port: Thurne Dyke-Horning, rounding a mark laid between Thurne Mouth and Acle Bridge to starboard.

Horning-Acle: Acle-Horning

or such other course as the Officer of the Day may determine.

The Outward Starting Line is an extended line through two fixed points on a mast. It may be placed anywhere between the clubhouse and the finish line to suit weather conditions at the time.

The Return Starting Line is an extended line through two fixed points on a mast.

The Finishing Line is an extended line through two fixed points on a mast. On return races the finishing line will be placed anywhere between Thurne Mouth and the Clubhouse.

6. STARTING

6.1 Rule 26 is amended. Races will be started using the following signals:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	10
Preparatory	P,I,Z,Z with I or black flag; 1 sound	5
Starting	Class flag and preparatory flag removed; 1 sound	0

Flag P shall be left displayed until the last class starts and the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be displayed at the time of the preparatory signal of the preceding class.

6.2 Rule 30.3 is amended so that it is sufficient for the race committee to communicate verbally with a boat penalized under this rule, rather than displaying her sail number.

7. RECALLS

General Recall – The second sentence of Rule 29.2 and the meaning of flag First Substitute is changed to mean: ‘The warning signal for the recalled start will be made five minutes after the warning signal for all other starts in that series and the preparatory signal will be made five minutes later’.

Individual Recall - will be in accordance with Rule 29.1 except that flag X will not be displayed. The class warning signal will remain at the dip until all recalled boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or four minutes after the starting signal whichever is the earlier.

8. TIME LIMIT

8.1 Rule 35 will not apply. The time limits will be: Down River races and Cruisers on the River Course; 180 minutes: all other races; 120 minutes elapsed time.

8.2 A boat that has not finished within the time limit will be scored DNF. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.

9. SCORING

9.1 All trophies, unless otherwise stated, are awarded to the boat, which must be helmed and crewed by a Club or Day Member, other than an Associate. If a member changes their boat - during the season (within the same Class) they may apply to the Management Committee requesting a transfer of the points gained by their previous boat.

9.2 Except as noted below, scoring will comply with Appendix A – Scoring using the Low Point System. For a series, each boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores, discarding her worst score or scores according to SI 9.3. The series winner will be the boat thereby gaining the lowest total score. The number of races scheduled and the number required to constitute a series shall be as stated in the Fixture List or the Sailing Instructions as appropriate.

9.3 The number of races counting towards a series trophy is given in the following table:

Number of Races	Number to count	Number of Races	Number to count
1	1	13 / 14	8
2	2	15 / 16	9
3 / 4	3	17 / 18	10
5 / 6	4	19 / 20	11
7 / 8	5	21 / 22	12
9 / 10	6	23 / 24	13
11 / 12	7	25 / 26	14

When the event is run over 2 days, at least 1 result from each day must count.

10. HANDICAPS

A boat that does not have a Horning SC handicap will be allocated one for the race by the OOD. This may be amended after the race by the Race Committee if it is clear that it was not appropriate.

11. BURGEES

A boat that is racing shall fly a rectangular burgee from her masthead or gaff head, which shall be lowered, when possible, when a boat retires. This rule may be varied for a class on application to the Race Committee.

12. DECLARATIONS

Declarations shall be submitted only when called for by the Race Committee.

13. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions at all times when racing (except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment). Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal flotation devices. Rule 40 shall not apply. Note: A boat is racing from her preparatory signal.

14. PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT - RIVER COURSE AND DOWN RIVER COURSE.

Rule 44.1 will 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 or series, in which cases she shall retire. The acceptance of a time penalty will be indicated by flying a green flag at the first reasonable

opportunity until she is no longer racing. She shall draw the race committee's attention to her green flag when she finishes, and shall inform the race committee if she wishes to accept two or more penalties, except that when a boat takes a Time Penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 and in the same incident she has touched a mark she need not take a separate penalty for breaking rule 31. The penalty for each incident is 60 seconds to be added to her elapsed time. A boat shall not be scored as having finished outside a time limit solely by the application of a time penalty.

15. PROTESTS

Protest forms are available from the Officer of the Day. Protests shall be delivered to the Officer of the Day within the protest time limit. Protests will be heard after the day's racing unless otherwise advised.

Rule 61.1(a) is amended to read: “

A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat immediately by hailing Protest and shall conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. A boat required to display a flag shall do so until she is no longer racing.

16. NOT SAILING THE COURSE

When the race committee sees that a boat has not sailed the course as required by rule 28, it may disqualify her without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, Requirement for A Hearing.

17. SINGLE-HANDED RACING

(a) Single-Handed racing is not permitted on the River (including Down River races) unless the boat is designed to be sailed solely by 1 person.

(b) Boats designed to be sailed by 2 or more persons will attract an additional 2% penalty when being sailed single-handed on the Broad.