

Green Wyvern Yachting Club

Round the Island Race 2017

RACE INFORMATION

1 THE COURSE

The race will take place on Saturday August 19th from a start line which will be defined on the day. Unless extraordinary circumstances prevail, the start and finish lines will be at the same place, usually at a point immediately upstream of the 24 hour mooring at Somerleyton.

The course is defined as being a circumnavigation of the island formed by the rivers Yare and Waveney and the New Cut. Yachts may circumnavigate the island in either direction.

The race will be run under IYRU rules subject to local amendments and qualify for points in the RCC "Sabrina Trophy".

1 TIDES

Low Water at Gorleston

13:51 hrs BST

Constant: Burgh Castle + 1 hour

3 SAIL NUMBERS AND HANDICAPS

All yachts must display a sail number, either on the sail or clearly indicated on a board fastened to the port and starboard shrouds.

Handicaps will be in accordance with the NSYA Green Book 2017 or as subsequently amended by the River Cruiser Class Committee. Boats not yet handicapped should apply to the River Cruiser Class Committee and include their handicap on the entry form.

4 THE START

The maneuvering ground for the start is the area above the start line. In order to ensure safety and the application of the rules of sailing at the start line and in view of the nearness of Somerleyton Swing Bridge, no more than three yachts will start together, at intervals of ten minutes.

All yachts will be required to nominate their start time by 09:00 hrs to the Officer-of-the-Day Peter Lowes or the night before to Mark Thorne at The Dukes Head or on the bank at Somerleyton. Skippers finding their chosen time already full will be offered the nearest time to their original choice.

Yachts failing to conform to this rule will be penalised by the addition of 10% to their lapsed time.

The first start will be signaled by a "ten minute" siren at 09:50 hrs. The siren to start at 10:00 hrs will be the 10 minute siren for the next start at 10:10 hrs and so on. Yachts failing to respond to a recall signal will suffer a 5% penalty. There will be no five minute signal. Yachts proceeding to positions above the start line must keep clear of craft racing. A loud hailer will be used to clarify any doubts.

The race will be deemed to have finished at 19:30 hrs and yachts which have not crossed the finishing line by that time will be disqualified. All qualifying yachts will be timed in.

5 BRIDGES

Bridges will be navigated by "shooting" or quanting or handing through on the bridgework. The areas in which quanting is allowed are

- St Olive's Bridge
 - Between the end of the Bell Pub Moorings to the end of the moorings at South River Marine
- Cut Bridge
 - Entrance to the Marina to the end of canal boat moorings

Boats sailing inside the designated areas will keep clear of boats quanting, but the latter will be as close to the bank as possible.

6 INFRINGEMENTS

In the event of an infringement, impediment or collision, the offending yacht may:

- (a) accept a time penalty of 2 minutes, to be acknowledged by the offending yacht flying a green flag or
- (b) accept a protest by the offended party.

Protests or notices of intention to protest must be made in writing within thirty minutes of the finish of the protesting yacht.

7 RESULTS

The announcement of results and the presentation ceremony is provisionally timed for 1900 hrs or very soon afterwards. The following will be awarded:

The Cecil Howard Trophy	Overall Winner
Anne Trophy	Class winner (High handicap - low teens and under)
Somerleyton Jubilee Cup	Class Winner (Low handicaps - high teens and over)
Round the Island trophy	Fastest Over the Water

The handicap cut-off will be decided once all entries have been received.

8 SAFETY

- In the Great Yarmouth Port Authority area, the Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea apply and any competitor found to be in breach of the Collision Regulations will be liable to disqualification.
- Commercial vessels trade in the area and caution must be exercised if encountering any such vessel.
- Skippers and all crew are advised to wear appropriate life-saving equipment.