





WAVENEY & OULTON BROAD YACHT CLUB

Topper open meeting


Sunday 19th October 2025



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – the important bits !


1. **NO. OF RACES:** 4 races are scheduled. If all 4 races are sailed, there is 1 discard.
2. **SCHEDULE:**
09.30 Competitors' briefing
10:27 start of Race 1
11:51 start of Race 2
13:30 start of Race 3
Race 4 to follow
3. **CLASS FLAG:** To be confirmed at the briefing
4. **COURSES:** The course will be displayed at the starting line, either on the clubhouse or on the committee boat.
Numbers on a green background show marks left to starboard **4**
Numbers on a red background show marks left to port. **4**
The number of rounds is shown in white on a black background. **3**
Letter **F** on a blue background **F** in the course indicates a clubhouse finish, having rounded the mark preceding the **F** the prescribed number of times.
Letter **G** on a black background **G** in the course indicates that you have to pass through the start-line Gate (i.e. between the start-line distance marks) at the end of every lap, including at the finish.
Letter **A** **A** means that it is an 'Average lap' race and that there is no set number of laps; each boat continues to race until the shorten course flag is flown and then finishes when it next completes a lap.
5. **MARKS:** Marks 1 to 7 are round buoys (red/orange ). They may be moved to suit wind conditions. Mark 8 is a blue buoy  that can be positioned anywhere in the racing area. (See Course Chart below.) It is your responsibility to identify its position before Starting.
6. **THE START:** All boats will race as one fleet and start together.
RRS 26 will not apply.
The starting sequence will be: Warning signal 6 minutes before the start, Preparatory signal 3 minutes before the start. (In the morning there will be other races also starting at 3 minute intervals and the first two Topper races will start 3 minutes after the Slow Handicap fleet.)
Sound Signals govern (Flags simply an information)
The Clubhouse start line is an extension of a line passing through the orange signal mast on the Club House and the black and white pole on the quay.
Limit marks (buoys with flags ...) may be positioned approximately on the line. Boats shall pass between these buoys when starting.
If code flag **Q** (yellow ) is flown from the clubhouse, the start will be from a committee boat.
The Committee Boat start line is a line through the black and white pole on the Committee Boat and the outer distance mark (buoy with pole and flag ).
An inner distance mark (buoy with pole and flag ) may be positioned approximately on the line. Boats which pass between the inner distance mark and the Committee Boat at any time (after their preparatory signal) shall be disqualified.

7. **RECALLS:** Individual Recall: RRS 29.1 applies, except that the class flag will be left at the dip.

Code flag **X**  will **Not** be flown.

General Recall: RRS 29.2 applies except that 1 minute after the recall flag is lowered, both the class flag and the preparatory flag will be flown and the start will be 3 minutes (not 6 minutes) later.

8. **THE FINISH:** The Clubhouse finish line is between the orange signal mast on the clubhouse and the pole carrying three orange discs on the opposite bank.

(This finish line is used for races started at the clubhouse or,
at the committee boat when **F** is shown in the course or,
when the Shorten Course flag **S**  is flown from the clubhouse.)


The Committee boat finish line is between the black and white mast on the committee boat and the outer distance mark.

Competitors are reminded that they must not go between the inner distance mark and the committee boat.

9. **SHORTENING COURSE:** If Code Flag **S** is flown at the clubhouse, the race finishes when the leading boat next crosses the clubhouse finish line while sailing the prescribed course.

If Code Flag **S** is flown at the committee boat, the race finishes when the leading boat passes through the start-line Gate while sailing the prescribed course or,
the course may be shortened at any mark.

A race may be shortened for individual boats that have fallen well behind the rest of the fleet.

Any race committee boat (such as a safety boat acting on behalf of the race officer) will display code flag **W** (the Whiskey Flag ) to the boat(s) concerned and tell them they can clear the race area without sailing to the finishing line. They will be awarded points as if they had finished correctly. If 2 or more boats are overlapped when shown the W flag, they shall be scored equal points.

10. **PROTESTS:** Hearing request forms are available from the Race Box upstairs in the clubhouse. Forms must be submitted within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the race or series of races if races are run back-to-back.

The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and the RYA Arbitration procedures are available.

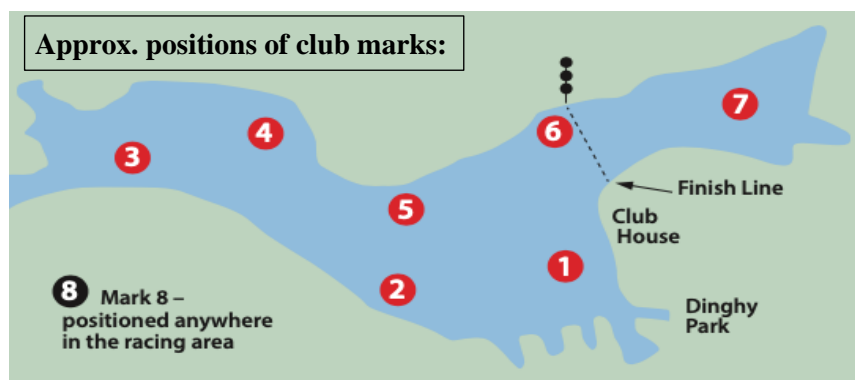
11. **SCORING:**

If all 4 races are sailed, there will be 1 discard.

The event will be scored according to Appendix A, low points system, of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

12. **SAFETY:** Buoyancy aids must be worn while racing.

Be aware that sailing boats must not impede the commercial passenger vessel 'Waveney Princess'. She has right of way (*Broads Authority Navigation Byelaw 24*) and is designated **an Obstruction**.



Please note:

- Mark 8 is currently a pale blue buoy.
- The marks may be shifted before the preparatory signal to suit different wind directions.
- Mark 6 may be to the east or the west of the finishing line.