

BLAKENEY SAILING CLUB NWNSA MEETING TUESDAY 12th AUGUST 2025

These sailing instructions should be read in conjunction with the NWNSA General Instructions.

General. The sailing area is in the main Blakeney harbour with starts/finishes at a moored committee boat (Lapwing) as indicated on the attached chart. Access to the sailing area is via the Cut and competitors should therefore allow an hour to reach the area before the scheduled start of the race. The decision to sail in an organised club event is the responsibility of the competitor, based on their own judgement of ability and experience for the prevailing weather conditions. However, the Race Officer or Event Organiser's decision is final as to whether the competitor can join in the event or not.

Intention to enter the race. All competitors must report their intention of entering the race at least half an hour before the published start time with name, boat class and number. All competitors must sign off when coming ashore.

Start/Finish. The start line will be between the outer distance S mark (yellow buoy) and the red transit post on the committee boat. Boats may not start between the inner distance mark (white buoy) and the committee boat. Boats must not pass between the inner mark and the committee boat at any time after their preparatory signal. The inner mark may be ignored when completing a lap or finishing. The finish will be between the committee boat and the outer mark.

In some circumstances a race may be finished between a patrol boat (displaying a blue flag) and a mark of the course.

Course. To be displayed on a course board on the transom of the Committee boat indicating buoy sequence with white numbers on a red (port) or green (starboard) background indicating the direction of rounding. If included in the course as indicated by the LINE plate on the board, boats must pass through the line on each lap.

Marks/Beacons. Marks of the course will consist of rigid yellow buoys with black numerals in the locations indicated on the Harbour Buoy Map. A movable X mark consisting of a yellow inflatable buoy marked with a black/yellow flag may also be used. In addition, beacons have orange/yellow top marks/drums, mounted on a pole about 3 metres above the mud which indicate shallow water, and must be rounded on the harbour side.

Shortened course. This will usually be at the end of a lap of the course and will be signaled as the first boat starts the final leg of the course. If required, the race may be finished by a support boat displaying a Blue over letter S flag.

Time limit. To be classed as a finisher, competitors must complete the course within one hour of the lead boat in each fleet.

Retirements. Any boats retiring should report their intentions to the Race Officer or Patrol Boat crews. If this is not practicable then they should ensure that the Race Officer is aware of the retirement on return to shore.

Chart indicating buoys and beacons

