



# East Coast OGA Pennyhole Bay Race

## NOTICE OF RACE

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Venue – Walton Backwaters and Pennyhole Bay**

The East Coast Old Gaffers Association invites you to the 2019 Pennyhole Bay Race on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. This year the event will begin with a BBQ and beers (wine and other drinks are also welcome) on the beach at stone point on the Saturday night, with the BBQ being lit at 17:30.

Mooring options for the Saturday night are anchoring either side of the channel off stone point, any empty moorings further up river, or a berth in Titchmarsh marina.

The race will begin on the Sunday morning at 09:00 with the first signal being at 08:50, low tide is expected at 10:52 so an early start will ensure sufficient water for the deeper draft boat to get out of the Walton channel.

The race briefing will be held at the stone point BBQ at 20:00 to brief competitors on the course and expected conditions.

The race prizegiving will be held at 19:00 in the Harbour Lights restaurant at Titchmarsh marina, prizegiving will be followed by a meal for all competitors and crew. The meal will be at 20:00 and is limited to 30 people so get your entry forms in early.

Entry forms are available online and must be completed and returned to the event organisers by 25<sup>th</sup> of May, entry for the race will be £10 per boat with the meal costing an additional £10.95 per head. Online entry to the event will also be available closer to the date.

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are online at [www.oga.org.uk/eastcoast](http://www.oga.org.uk/eastcoast).



## NOTICE OF RACE

### RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*. Amendments or additions to these rules prescribed by the OGA or caused by local requirements will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.

### ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Pennyhole Bay Race is open to OGA Members and non-members. Non-members will be deemed temporary members of the OGA for the duration of the Race.

All entrants must register at the event (details provided in the schedule below) and also ensure that the Skipper or a Representative attends the pre-race briefing.

Parent /Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews less than 18 years of age at the time of the event must submit a signed Parent / Guardian Declaration on the entry form.

### PROGRAMME

#### **Saturday 25th May**

Competitors arrive at stone point

BBQ on the Beach from 17:30

Registration for Race on Stone Point Beach from 17:00 – 21:00

Competitors Briefing 20:00

#### **Sunday 26st May**

08:00 Race Briefing over VHF channel 37/M1

08:50 First Signal

19:00 Prizegiving at the Harbour Lights restaurant

20:00 Dinner, Carvery at the Harbour Lights restaurant

#### **Monday 26st May**

All Competitors leave for home ports.

### RACE DECLARTIONS

All completed race declarations to be handed into the race officer by text or paper copy by 18.00 hrs on day of race.

### HANDICAPPING

The system of East Coast OGA Modified THCF handicaps will apply, whereby a yacht's calculated OGA THCF handicap may be modified based on her previous performance. If the yacht does not have a modified THCF then her standard calculated THCF will be used. If the yacht does not have a calculated THCF then a measurement form (available from the OGA website) should be completed at or before Registration.

### THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed are shown on the separate Course Card.

### RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats should keep a 'listening watch' on Channel 37 (M1) for instructions from Race Officers. It is not permitted to use Radio or Mobile Phone Communication to obtain outside assistance.



## RISK STATEMENT

RRS Rule 4 states 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its very nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; and
- they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date, and is familiar to the crew.

## CONTACTS:

### **Organisers:**

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### **Other Contacts**

Officer of the Day: VHF Ch 37 / M1



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*. Amendments or additions to these rules prescribed by the OGA or caused by local requirements will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.

Rule 26 STARTING RACES will be changed as follows:

10 minutes	Warning signal	Flag K raised
5 minutes	Preparatory signal	Flag P raised
0 minutes	Start	All flags lowered

Rule 29.1 INDIVIDUAL RECALL will be amended to include: **A yacht identified as being over the line at the start may be hailed on VHF channel 37.**

Rule 32 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START is amended to include: **The race committee may communicate that the race is shortened or abandoned by VHF broadcast on Channel 37 with no other sound or visual signals.**

Rule 35 TIME LIMIT AND SCORES is replaced with: All boats must sail the course as required by rule 28 and finish within the time limit. They will be scored according to their finishing places after correction by handicap as stated in the Notice of Race. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored DNF. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.

Rule 50.2 SPINNAKER POLES; WHISKER POLES will be changed as follows: When in use, it shall be attached to the foremost mast, **or rigging, or may be held.**

Rule 90.2.(c) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS shall be amended to include: **Changes to the sailing instructions may also be communicated during the pre-race briefing or by VHF on channel 37 prior to the race preparatory signal.**

### CLASS FLAGS / IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Class flags will not be used. All classes will start together.

### RACING AREAS

The racing area will be: Pennyhole Bay and the entrance to the Walton Backwaters

### THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed are shown on the Course Card. The Race Officer will announce at the briefing on the Saturday evening, and again over the VHF no later than the warning signal. It is the responsibility of the skipper and their crew to listen out for any additional courses or amendments to pre-set courses.



## THE START

The start line will be a bearing of 135°M to the Island Point buoy at the entrance to Hamford Water. A Committee boat may be on station at the start, however, if no committee boat is available the race officer will be Edward Roberts, aboard Yacht Irene.

## CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will notify the change by VHF Channel 37.

## THE FINISH

The finishing line will be self-timed when passing due south (bearing 000°M).

## ENTERING

All vessels must contact the race committee between the 08:00 radio briefing and the 10 minutes before first signal at 0850 to notify them of the number of persons aboard.

## RETIRING

All boats retiring must notify the Committee Boat or Race Organisers before the last boat finishes the race, unless the retiring boat is the last to finish when the race organisers are to be informed as soon as is reasonable. Boats not finishing nor retiring will be notified to the Coastguard.

The race organisers can be notified of any decisions via text or phone call on the numbers provided in the race pack.

## PROTESTS

Protests must be made by hailing 'Protest' and displaying a red protest flag until the protesting boat finishes or retires.

A Protest Form (available from Race Officer) must be completed and accompanied by a fee of £25.00 (refundable if protest upheld/unless protest is deemed frivolous)

Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be made within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witness.

## SAFETY

Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 4 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.

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- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property, whether afloat or ashore.
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.



- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boat, if supplied, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser do not relieve them of their responsibilities.
- The provision of patrol boat cover, if supplied, is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
- They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- They are aware that on a boat without guardrails or which does not fully meet the ISAF relevant safety regulations there is additional risk, which should be considered in connection with Racing Rule of Sailing Rule 4 above.
- All boats must carry an alternative means of propulsion (engine, sweeps etc).

The safety of the vessel and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. He shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his incapacitation.

Any boat in collision with another vessel, whether competing or not, must notify the incident to the Committee Boat or Race Organiser as soon as is practically possible (i.e. VHF).

The Race Organiser may, in the event of poor weather or other hazards, postpone or abandon a race for all or individual classes.

#### INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 Million per incident and this must be valid whilst racing.

#### RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats should keep a 'listening watch' on Channel 37 for instructions from Race Officers and also on Channel 71 for details on ship movements etc within the Harwich Harbour area. It is not permitted to use Radio or Mobile Phone Communication to obtain outside assistance. Failure to receive instructions by VHF is not grounds for redress.