

## Yachtmaster Three Rivers Race – FAQ's – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### 1. **What types of boat can enter?**

- Length between 12 and 40 ft.
- Single hulled (no catamarans or trimarans)
- Crew of two or greater (no single handers)
- Class trophies for Enterprises, Wayfarers, Yeomans, Yare & Bure One Designs, River Cruiser Class, Rebels, Reedlings, Norfolk Punts plus overall trophies for Centreboards, Half-deckers and Production and Hire Cruisers. We regularly get a variety of double-hander dinghies and keelboats entering the Race.

2. **What are the crew requirements?** All helms and crews must be 16 years of age or older on the day of the race. Parental consent is required for under-18's. All skippers must self-declare as "competent" (please send a message to the race committee if in any doubt, however, club racing or an equivalent level of experience has always been sufficient in the past).

3. **How long is the race?** 45-50 miles, 24 hours from the allotted start time. Starts are in allotted groups of around 10 boats from 11:00am on the Saturday morning, last start is usually around 12:30pm although starts may be changed on the day due to conditions.

4. **What is the handicapping system?** Handicaps are decided by the Race Committee and are a percentage to be taken off the elapsed time. Some faster boats have a percentage added on.

5. **Any tips for sailing through the night?** You must display a port and starboard navigation light (bike-style lights are suitable, red and green). Keep your night vision by avoiding light sources where possible. A small masthead burgee light/torch is permitted.

6. **How do I enter?** Complete an application form and send payment. We will acknowledge receipt at the time. Confirmation of entry and the sailing instructions will be sent early May. There will be a race briefing that is your responsibility to attend, this is usually at 10am on the Saturday morning of the Race outside the clubhouse, this outlines any navigational notices, reminders of race rules etc.

7. **Can I hire a craft to compete?** Yes, at the time of writing, Martham Boats, Eastwood Whelpton and Hunters Yard all offer a selection of Half-deckers and some a selection

of cabin yachts that can be hired for the Race. Please contact the yards directly for further details. Entry requirements are the same as for your own boat.

8. **Can I moor / park at HSC before the race?** Yes, generally from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June as required. **There is a slipway for launching from the car park**, you may use this for launch/recovery throughout the race period, it can accommodate boats up to around 25ft in length. HSC accepts no responsibility for the security of its car park or any trailer storage arrangements although we have never had any issues.

**The sailing club car park is for competitors and officials only on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June**, there is limited parking for spectators around Horning village.

9. **Can I stay in Horning?** There are B&B's and Vintage Inn rooms available in the village, and more accommodation in the local area, please contact the Race Committee for further suggestions.

10. **How can I / my supporters spectate?** Buy a Race Programme from the Friday onwards from Race Control or a selection of local shops. The best viewing places are the start in Horning, Potter Heigham and Acle bridges and near Ludham Bridge.

11. **Is there race merchandise?** Yes – order using your application form or follow the link on the 3rr website. Orders can be collected from the Friday onwards from Race Control or delivery is available from the link on the site. The race programmes are usually on sale from the Friday from Race Control and a selection of local retailers, stocks will be limited. Additional breakfasts can be ordered on the application form.

12. **What happens if I win a trophy?** We will contact you with details of our Prize-Giving, which is usually held at a Norfolk venue in late October.

13. **What do I have to do before the start?** This will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions email being sent in early May. Please hand in all documents and collect your Race Pack by 10am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

14. **I am not local to the Broads, are there additional charges to pay?** Unless you have an annual Broads Authority Toll, you will need a temporary Broads Regatta Toll for the Race, these are £12.50 and can be ordered on the application form. We will issue these when you report to Race Control.

If you wish to get on the water before the race weekend, you will need a short-visit toll available directly from the Broads Authority.