

**The North Fambridge Yacht Club Race Series Sailing** **Instructions 2025.**

The series races, organised by volunteers from the North Fambridge Yacht Club (NFYC),

***List of races see club calendar 2025 9 Races in total.***

***PRE-RACE BRIEFINGS*** for competitors will be available from the Race Officer on the day, up to 45 mins before the scheduled race start. If not, contact Race officer by VHF Ch 37a / M1.

***GOVERNANCE of the event is by the relevant parts of the Racing Rules of Sailing.*** In particular NFYC and FYH wish to draw entrants’ attention to the following:

1. The crew of a vessel is responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, in this document or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
2. It is for the vessels owner to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or leaving her berth the Vessel confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is fit to sail and compete in them.
3. The Vessel is required to hold adequate insurance (including for racing) and in particular to hold insurance against third-party claims, in the sum of at least £3,000,000. In accordance with CHA & FYH. Requirements.
4. Nothing done by the organisers reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, personal injury or death, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat asking taking part in the races and the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run, races and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, and any patrol boats if available.
5. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of their responsibilities.

***PROTEST AND HANDICAP COMMITTEES*** are as follows

T. Masters. Rear Commodore. (Chair only)

N. Prid-Ham Race Officer. (no vote)

P. Wiggins FYH.

In addition, the committee will include, at the invitation of the members listed above, the skippers of 2 other boats in the event and not involved in the protest.

2 ? TBA

3 ? TBA

***Start & Committee boats*** will be deployed as appropriate.

***Hull Scrubbing***

Only 48 Hrs prior to any race.

**Start Lines** **will be chosen on the day, based on conditions**

1. The 8 knot buoy East of the club house.
2. The NFYC club line.
3. TBA

**Finish line will be chosen on the day, based on conditions**

 A. The NFYC club line.

 B. Finish on the 8 Knot buoy that lays to the East of the club house.

**Use of Engine.**

After the 5 min Gun, up to the skipper of the boat, skippers can have his engine running but not in gear “Stand bye mode”, until the boat has passed the 8 knot buoy East of the club house. This is for done for safety reasons, to protect other boat owners’ property, from damage.

**Protests**

The boat must indicate by protest flag on Starboard yard or Shroud and inform the Race Officers by VHF Asap. The protest paperwork must be handed up to 2 Hours after the last boat has crossed the finished line, using the RYA protest form.

**Area of races.**

The river Crouch, from Brandy Hole Buoy to the Inner Crouch. Also the river Rouch from the Blanket Buoy to the Rouch Buoy. There will be one out of river race.

**Weather & Visibility.**

The Race officer, in consultation with the race committee sailing will not start when wind is above

 When winds above force 6. Constant

Visibility as a guide Club house to across the river. To the south bank of the River Crouch visible

**At the start of the Race season, all race competitors must read and sign and understand the clubs.**

Risk assessment.

NFYC Sailing Instructions.

RYA RRoS.

CHA By Laws.

International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCS)



Up dated February 2025 By

T. Masters.

N. Prid-ham.

2025 Committee