



**Yare Cup 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**

**LOCAL RULES**

**Local Rule 1**

A penalty of 10 seconds per minute late will be given to any boat arriving late at the Control Point and being allowed at the discretion of the Finish Judge to still pass and race.

**Local Rule 2**

A penalty of 20 seconds will be given to any crew which leaves the correct navigation lane to follow a shorter course, especially on the two major bends. Umpires will be stationed at the Postwick bend and Griffin Marina bend (after the Viaduct) to guide crews to keep to the correct racing lane, and will award penalties to crews not heeding this guidance. (For fuller guidance, see Safety Warning, below\*)

**Local Rule 3**

The signal which will be used by Marshals and Umpires to stop the race will be repeated long blast on a marine whistle, rather than the usual use of a bell, together with a Red Flag.

**Local Rule 4**

Handicaps races will be allowed over a maximum span of 5 Masters' age categories, rather than the normal maximum of 3, so as to make more races instead of lone crews having "time only" row-overs.

**Local Rule 5**

Trophies will be awarded in competitive events where at least two crews enter and two crews race.

\*SAFETY WARNING TO ALL CREWS

**Notice of Possible Penalties or Disqualification**

We are unable to close the river to navigation so it is the responsibility of all competitors to follow to the rules of navigation. In particular the Broads Authority Navigation ByLaws state that craft must travel along the river keeping to the right hand, or Starboard, side of the centre line of the river. Therefore the "racing lane" going upriver is to the right hand side of the centre line of the river (bow-side / starboard blades closest to the bank).

Particular care must be taken on blind corners: along the course there are two left hand bends:

- the Postwick Corner,
- and the Griffin Marina bend, just upstream of the A47 viaduct.

On these two bends there is a temptation to move out of the racing lane and "cut the corner". **This is not allowed.**

Marker buoys will placed on the centre line of the river at both these bends. British Rowing Umpires will be on duty at both of the bends and will assist crews with their steering. **Any crew who "cuts the corner" and goes outside the racing lane on the left hand bends, to gain an unfair advantage over crews who stay within the correct racing lane, will have a time penalty applied, and risk disqualification under the British Rowing Rules of Racing.**

Any boat which ignores Umpires' guidance and whose hull crosses an imaginary line which the Umpire deems to be the centre line will be given a 20 second time penalty. If the boat fails to respond to an Umpire's instruction to return to the racing lane and continues racing on the wrong side of the centre line the crew is liable to be given further 20 second penalty or be disqualified. The instruction will be "RETURN TO YOUR LANE" and a white flag will be raised.

**Throughout the course, only overtake when it is safe to do so.**