

Hollowell Sailing Club
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HOLLOWELL SAILING CLUB

Programme 2010

VISITORS are welcome up to 4 times a year. They must be signed in the **Visitors Book** to comply with licensing laws

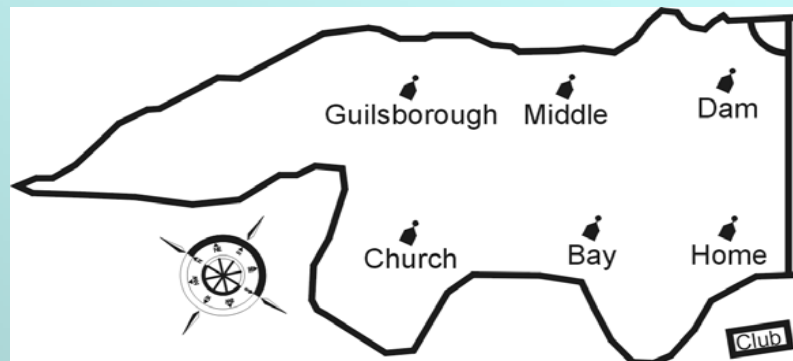
Buoyancy aids must be worn whilst afloat or on the pontoons
Windsurfers aged 17 and under must wear above waist buoyancy

No dogs allowed within the grounds (Anglian Water bye-laws)

How to participate in Racing at Hollowell

- Race start times are shown in the programme. Be at the start at least 5 minutes before the prescribed time. Races are run by the duty crew from the committee boat anchored at one end of the start line. The committee boat displays a board indicating the marks (buoys) to be rounded in the race. The letters on the board are as shown below:-

There is also a spare mark "S" which may be used as required



- The letters on the board have either a red or a green background
RED means you must leave the mark on your PORT (i.e. left) side as you pass, GREEN on your STARBOARD (i.e. right) side. The board also shows the number of laps to be sailed
- Each race is started with the following 5 minute sequence:-

5 mins	H flag raised	Single horn
4 mins	Blue Peter flag raised	Single horn
1 min	Blue Peter flag lowered	Single horn
START	H flag lowered	Single horn - GO!
- All boats start at the same time. If you are over the line when the starting signal is sounded you must return and re-start avoiding all other boats as you do so.
- See the club website for full Sailing Instructions

Pursuit Races

In a Pursuit race the slower boats start first according to their Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) number. You must find out the PY number of your boat before racing. The PY numbers are displayed on the committee boat. You start when your PY number drops

All boats finish at the same time in a Pursuit race. A sound signal from the committee boat indicates the Finish time. You should note the sail numbers of the boats ahead and behind you at that time to avoid uncertainty

OPEN WATER POLICY – MEMBERS MAY SAIL AT THEIR OWN RISK AT ANY TIME WHEN THERE IS NO RACING EXCEPT WHEN THE PROGRAMME STATES “NO FREE SAILING”. IT IS RECOMMENDED HOWEVER THAT YOU DO NOT SAIL ALONE

Open Meetings – “No free sailing”

These events are open to Hollowell members and visiting sailors alike. Entry fees are payable and the events are a good opportunity for publicity for the club
“No free sailing” means only sailors who have paid the entry fee may take to the water sailing the class of boat for which the meeting is organised

Tuesday & Thursday summer evenings

From 5 pm until dusk, these provide for a more relaxed style of sailing than at weekends:

- Tuesdays are for “free sailing” which means you are free to just potter about
- Thursdays are similar but with the addition of an informal Personal Handicap race lasting 35 mins with a staggered start avoiding the pressure of a massed start
- An important part of Thursday evenings is the social side – a personal Handicap race with a nice meal and a chat in the clubhouse afterwards

Training Courses

- The Club is an RYA Recognised Training Centre.
- We have our own Instructors and there are courses for complete beginners as well as improvers. We also provide free training to all members on Powerboat courses to give them the necessary skills to undertake boat officer duties
- The courses planned for 2010 are shown in the programme and on the website
- Booking forms, with contact details, are available at the club and from the Training page on the website. Advance booking is essential

Boat Hire A number of ‘Club Boats’ are available for hire to members. These provide opportunities for new members to gain experience prior to buying their own boat.

Boat type	Cost per session (see below)
Wayfarer and Bahia	£10.00
RS Feva (Youth squad sailors only)	£5.00
GPI4, OTTER	£5.00
Laser I (choice of 3 sizes of rig to suit your weight)	£5.00
Laser Pico, RS Tera, Topper, Optimist	£5.00
Sailboards also available (ask for details)	

- A ‘session’ means a morning, an afternoon or an evening
- You may reserve a boat by placing your name on the appropriate page in the BOSUN’S LOG & DIARY that is kept near the tea bar
- **Hire Fee must be paid at the Tea Bar BEFORE YOU SAIL and Receipt Number recorded in the Bosun’s Log**
- At the end of your hire period you must ensure the boat is de-rigged and the cover properly replaced and secured. Please report any DAMAGE or DEFECTS in Log

Club Website - www.hollowellsc.org.uk

Here you can find “Mainsheet” the club newsletter and lots of useful information about the club including training courses. The special members’ area (password available to members only) has up to date duty rota, race results, Members’ Handbook, club rules and sailing instructions.

A club operated by the members for the members

We are proud of Hollowell’s reputation as a friendly club. This is made possible largely by the active participation in the day-to-day running of the club by its members. Work parties are organised for essential maintenance of equipment, clubhouse and grounds.

Notes for Duty Officers

NO RACING CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT A DUTY OFFICER

It is **your responsibility** to find a willing substitute if you are unable to attend.

Phone your duty crew at least a week prior to the duty day to ensure that they will attend. Ask them to arrive at least one hour before the first race.

The organisation of the Club is your responsibility. Safety Boat cover is to be provided during the programmed sailing times:-

- Saturdays 13:30 until 18:00
- Sundays & BH Mondays 10:30 until 18:00
- Sundays (Nov & Dec) 10:30 until 15.30
- Tuesday and Thursday 17:00 approx. until dusk

The clubhouse and entrance gates should be opened and closed in accordance with the "Advice to Duty Officers" which the Duty Coordinator will have sent to you. For full instructions consult the Duty Officers Log kept in the Race Office. In particular you should:-

- Note any club boats used and ensure hire fees are paid at tea bar
- Switch off the radios and put them back on charge
- At the end of the day complete the Duty Log in the Race Office

Notes for Boat Officers

NO RACING CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT A SAFETY BOAT ON THE WATER AND CREWED BY TWO PEOPLE.

One person in the Safety Boat must be equipped and ready to enter the water if necessary. A second boat should be available for immediate use in an emergency.

BEFORE STARTING -

- Fetch radios from Race Office. Fetch fuel cans with kill cords from petrol store. The tiller steering boats need 1 kill cord to operate. The RIBs need 2 kill cord PLUS KEY. An extra spare kill cord must remain attached to every fuel can for use in emergency
- Check equipment kept on boat: first aid kit, bucket, paddles, heaving line, knife on float and anchor with warp tied to boat
- Fuel tank must be secured to the boat whilst in use
- Carry out radio check with committee boat and tea bar

REMEMBER:-

- Safety boats are for RESCUE. People come FIRST, equipment after
- Driver must have passed Level 2 (plus RIB upgrade to drive a RIB)
- Crew must be 16 or over and physically able to assist with rescue.
- **KILL CORD to be attached to the drivers leg at all times**
- **When near people in the water STOP THE ENGINE.** Do not leave it running as the propeller may still turn
- Remain seated whilst driving
- Watch your wash. Approach pontoon and other boats slowly