

FOX'S TWO RIVERS

THE EVENT

The object of this **pursuit** event is for a monohull yacht to sail, towing a dinghy, to the marks of the course (drinking establishments - see the poster/course card for a general idea); drop off your dinghy and party going ashore, which should then make their way to the shore nearest the mark; make their way to the mark; purchase a beverage at the mark and collect a token; return to the dinghy, and thence to the mother yacht and then sail on to the next mark. The first boat to cross the finishing line and then handing in tokens from all the marks will be the winner (subject to any protest).

- Yachts **MUST BOTH LET GO** and **RECOVER** their dinghy and party going ashore from a position **WITHIN A MINIMUM DEPTH OF TWO METRES OF WATER**. *In the case of Suffolk Yacht Harbour, this action should take place outside an imaginary box measuring three moorings either side of the entrance channel to the shore.* At no mark of the course shall yachts go alongside.
- Yachts must embark and disembark their party going ashore from a point as close to the relevant drinking establishment as is navigationally possible within the other rules.
- The party going ashore is to row, paddle or scull their dinghy from the above positions to the shore and back - the use of outboards is forbidden.
- All dinghies must be towed, fully afloat, from the stern of the competing yacht with the full load taken by the painter. **NB dinghy is defined as a normal cruising boat's tender: NOT canoe, kayak, scull, surfboard, windsurfer or any other of your wild ideas.**
- The dinghy and party going ashore **must** return to and reboard the parent yacht, thus all the crew sailing on the parent yacht between each drinking establishment visited.
- On visiting each drinking establishment, the party going ashore shall order, pay for and consume **ON THE PREMISES** at least one drink (not water) and collect a token as confirmation. After the finish, on arrival at Fox's Marina Yacht Club a full set of tokens is to be handed to the OOD.
- The 'drinker(s)' in the party going ashore shall run or walk (crawl or slither), without the use of animate or inanimate objects, from the landing point to the drinking establishment and back.
- Yachts shall not impede the progress of the dinghy of another participating yacht.
- The winning yacht shall be the first boat crossing the line after completing the above tasks, and handing all the relevant drinking tokens to the OOD (subject to any protest).

Participants are requested to enter this event in the spirit in which it was conceived – no nasty tricks, wheezes or shenanigans. **YOU** police the other participants – **and THEY POLICE YOU.**

REMEMBER: The handicap committee will be meeting on the Wednesday evening preceding the event. This is when we set your start times. Late entries will be fitted into the start times on the Friday evening preceding the event. **Please pick up your race package from Fox's Yacht Club on Friday evening.** This will include the course card, racing ribbon, start time for all boats entered (possibly not late entries) and any last minute instructions. **The club is open from 5pm and serves good food from 6pm.**

Any tales of your own and/or other participants' slight miscalculations that may occur will be gratefully received by the OOD with your tokens - extra prizes may be awarded for these, be it your vessel & crew or another's.

FOX'S TWO RIVERS – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. This pursuit event will be sailed under the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Parts I, II and III and the prescriptions of the RYA, except as amended by Fox's Marina Yacht Club.
2. **The safety of the yacht and its entire management, including third party insurance to a minimum of £2 million, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or representative of the yacht for this event. The acceptance of an entry will in no way mean that Fox's Marina Yacht Club will be liable for any loss, damage, death or physical injury however caused to the owner, skipper or any of the crew as a result of taking part in this event.**
3. Yachts must at all times avoid interference with a vessel which can navigate only in a narrow channel; this includes all commercial traffic. If a yacht is involved in an incident which could involve such a vessel to take evasive action, she shall be disqualified. Please be aware that a boat sailing a converging course with a large or unwieldy commercial vessel may be held to have impeded its safe passage by approaching within its restricted visibility zone, even without have encroached within the deep water channel.
4. The Bylaws of the Harwich Haven Authority & ABP Ipswich apply, as do the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
5. **Start Line:** The start line is an imaginary line between the mast of the committee boat, which shall fly an FYC burgee, and the outer Port Hand Mark of the Suffolk Yacht Harbour entrance, to be crossed in an easterly direction.
6. **Finish Line:** The finish line is an imaginary line, the extension of a transit made from the flagstaff outside Fox's Marina Harbour Master's Office (which shall be flying an additional large flag of Cornwall) through the outermost port beacon on the north side of the spit marking the channel into Fox's Marina. The Inner Distance Mark on this line shall be the start of the entrance channel (i.e. you will not be finished if you are within the entrance channel). **NB** No crew are to be left ashore before finishing, and the dinghy must be attached in some form to the mother yacht when crossing the line to rank as a finisher.
7. The course to be sailed shall be taken from the Course List. The actual course will be shown by displaying a numeral pennant, or (Course Zulu) abbreviations of chosen marks displayed on the committee boat. **There is no set order for the course except the start, passing/rounding Collimer to starboard after the start, Shotley HORSE to starboard down the Orwell and to port returning into the Orwell, and the finish.** The order of the list is only a guide taking into consideration opening time (1100) and the straight line route.
8. **Starting:** An old fashioned ten-minute sequence (10, 5, go) will be used for the very first start, with Code Flag I as the warning signal. A sound signal will be made on each published start time after that. Boats will be started in groups, using ordinal numbers (1st start, 2nd start, etc) when given over the radio on Channel M (37). Time checks, a 'one minute' & 'five second' countdown may also be given over the radio on Channel M (37) for participants. Participants are advised to monitor Channel 37 at all times during the event.

Competitors may use their engine up to 5 minutes before their own start time. Any yacht using their engine after that time must complete a 720 turn before crossing the start line. Please keep clear of the start line when other yachts are starting.

Yachts 'On Course Side' at their start shall have commensurate time added (at OOD's calculation) should they not return to clear the line. Every attempt will be made to contact such yachts by radio or shouting.

9. Protests should be brought to the attention of the OOD as soon as possible (see No. 10 below) and the written protest (to include details of the event and possible witnesses) handed in to the OOD, along with a £5 protest fee, within half an hour of coming ashore.
10. Any yacht retiring should inform the Event Officer as soon as possible. Please call Fox's Committee Boat on VHF Ch 37 or by telephoning Fox's Marina Yacht Club on 01473 684111.
11. **Time Limit:** Yachts not finishing by 1800 BST will be deemed 'did not finish'.
12. There will be no recall for premature starters. However, premature starters will be given a time penalty at the discretion of the OOD.
13. **Safety Equipment:** All yachts shall carry the following minimum equipment: anchor and sufficient chain (and/or warp), fog horn, depth sounder or lead line, fire extinguisher, life buoy (carried within easy reach of the helmsman), life jackets & harness for each member of the crew, first aid kit, radar reflector, compass, bilge pump, bucket on lanyard and suitable flares.
14. If a change of sailing instructions is necessary, Code Flag L will be flown from the committee boat and competitors should come within hail.

PLEASE READ THE EVENT DETAILS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES, AND EMPHASIS MADE REGARDING MINIMUM DEPTH AND POSITION FOR RELEASING AND RECOVERING THE DINGHY WITH ITS PARTY GOING ASHORE.