



Your Guide to Horning Sailing Club's Regatta Week 2023

We hope that you find this guide helpful for those that are first time to Horning Week, and equally to those who have experienced a few already. If you'd like to know more information about any aspect of the week, please email news@horning-sailing.club



Horning Week 2022 - racing on the River Bure

WHAT IS IT?

Horning Sailing Club's Regatta Week is an annual event that takes place on the River Bure outside the Clubhouse from Monday-Friday. Racing takes place from approximately 9.30am every day until around 6pm every evening, following a race schedule in the White Book. There are socials each evening too, providing an opportunity to catch up with friends, and make some new ones.

WHEN IS IT?

Regatta weekend is on Saturday 29th July/Sunday 30th July, and Horning Week is from 31st July - 4th August 2023. Regatta Weekend usually takes place on the Broad, with Regatta Week on the river – this year, due to the weed situation on the Broad, the weekend's racing may switch to the river.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Everyone is welcome to come down and either sail or watch what is going on – don't forget about the socials too! As it is an Open Week, you can also bring your friends down.

CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Absolutely! There are opportunities to race during the week, and if you don't feel confident to helm yourself there will often be the possibility to crew - please email news@horning-sailing.club and I will try to coordinate. Otherwise, come down and soak up the atmosphere, enjoy the racing, a cup of tea and join in with the evening socials. Pre-booking is required for the food options by 24th July – please email vice-commodore@horning-sailing.club – the Club BBQs are also available in the evenings for you to cook your own food.

Of course, if you want to get involved in helping too, you would be very welcome – you can volunteer to help on rescue, in the Galley, or with running the evening events – please speak to a Flag Officer (Will, Peter, Lorraine or Izzy) if you would like to get volunteering.

DO I NEED TO BE A MEMBER?

You don't need to be a member to come down or participate in Horning Week – although if you want to win the Club trophies and score points for glasses, you will need to be a member. Everyone is also welcome to the evening socials – so please bring friends and family!

Please note that you do need to be a member to participate in Regatta Weekend.

WHAT HAPPENS EACH DAY?

Each day has a packed schedule of activities with lots to get involved in – usually from early morning until evening, with a social each night. The Club bar will be open every evening. During the week, every time you sail your boat will be awarded “points” – which are added together over the week, and go towards the awarding of Club glasses on Friday afternoon – a tradition that dates back years!

Saturday 29th July

On Saturday racing begins at 2pm. There will be two races, and the evening activity will be a chance to relax and chat with friends whilst enjoying a glass of Pimms and a Platter – nibbles will be provided, but we'd also like to encourage you to bring a plate of food to share – the bar will be open.

Sunday 30th July

Sunday begins with a Church Service on the Island at 9.30am Sunday morning – all are welcome. Following this, racing will take place, with the first race starting at 11am. There is one race in the morning, and two in the afternoon.

After the conclusion of racing is the “Berry Shield Challenge” at approx. 5pm/5.30pm – this is a motor boat handling challenge, where individuals can have a go at making their way around a timed course, with various obstacles and tasks to complete. Club dories will be used and all are welcome to take part. Whilst you watch, you will be able to enjoy tea and cake with our Mad Hatter's Tea Party – there will be prizes for the best (or most outrageous!) hats – again, the bar will be open.

Monday 31st July

Monday is when Regatta Week begins, and we will be racing on the river all day, every day! Activity kicks off at 9.25am with the dinghy races (when the river tends to be quieter). Please be down for 8.30am each day if you wish to take part. There will be plenty to see, with fleet racing all day. If you're fairly new to sailing and not sure what would be the most appropriate racing for beginners to get involved in, please speak to your instructor. For younger sailors, we recommend the morning races only.

After racing concludes for the day, the evening social is Fish & Chips and Pub Games – pre-booking is required for the fish and chips (£10 for either: fish & chips, sausage & chips, or veggie option & chips). Please bring a game if you have one.

Tuesday 1st August

On Tuesday, the line is run kindly run by Snowflake Sailing Club, with some special trophies on the day. Again, racing takes place from early morning until early evening.

In the evening we have our ever popular Quiz Night – so get together your teams and don't miss out!

Wednesday 2nd August

On Wednesday, the line is kindly run by Norfolk Broads Yacht Club, with racing taking place from early morning to early evening.

The evening is our “Horning Royale” event – a fun Casino-themed night – with black tie or cocktail dress optional!

Thursday 3rd August

Thursday of Horning Week is the Horning Town Open Regatta – a tradition that dates back many years. You may also hear this referred to as “Spoons Day” – where silver plated spoons are awarded to those receiving first, second and third places during the day. This is kindly funded through a lunchtime reception held by the Regatta Presidents, and donations from members and individuals invited to be Vice Presidents for the Day.

Following the conclusion of the day's sailing, including one of the highlights of the week – the “Water Babies” race – where young sailors helm keelboats for the final race of the day, we are looking forward to an evening with our 90's Rave Night – with music from the era and you are encouraged to dress 90's style!

Friday 4th August

As Horning Week winds down, the final day sees another full schedule of racing, and to finish the week in style we will have some water frolics, then a relaxing evening with Tex-Mex food and themed music – booking required.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT FOOD PROVIDED BY THE CLUB?

We hope that you will enjoy the social and food provision organised by the Club, but if this does not work for you, the BBQs will be available each evening for you to cook your own food – please clean these before and after use.

HORNING WEEK COMPETITION

Throughout the week there will also be a competition to 'make something out of nothing' – with bags of assorted bits and pieces available for £2, proceeds going to Club funds, with the challenge being to make a model of some sort. This will be judged on Friday afternoon, with an adult and child prize. Julie Thomson is running this competition.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Please note that children should be supervised **at all times**, and those aged under 14 **must** wear a buoyancy aid whilst outside on the Island.

We are looking forward to seeing you!