



Kings Lynn Hanse Regatta

Sunday 16th May 2020

Staggered-Start Race Instructions

Contacts:

Race Officer (Andrew Dewing)	Safety Boat 1 (Bob Panrucker)	River Authority KLCB
VHF ch'M' (37)	VHF ch'M' (37)	VHF ch14
All competing gigs will be given a number to display whilst racing		

1. The Course

- 1.1. Please see reverse for diagram
- 1.2. The Staggered-start course will be from the start line (Purfleet flagstaff) upstream, leaving the Pontoon Buoy to STBD, past the fishing dock, then leave the Channel Buoy on the bend to STBD to the first bridge. Take the leftmost channel, leaving the two centre bridge supports (main channel) to STBD. Turn when clear (avoiding old bridge supports) and return leaving the two centre bridge supports to STBD. Leave the Pontoon Buoy to PORT!!
- 1.3. The finish is the start line in the opposite direction.
- 1.4. Please clear the line and return to the pontoon quickly.

2. The Race

- 2.1. There will be 1 short race of one lap, approximately 2 miles long
- 2.2. **First start: 15:00pm, the starting sequence will be:**
- 2.3. **5 minutes before first start, a single sound signal and the starting order and time spacing(s) will be broadcast on VHF chM (37) and Tannoy (from Safety Boat)**
- 2.4. **1 minute before first start, a single sound signal and the starting boats (numbers) will be called to the line by Tannoy**
- 2.5. **10 second countdown (on Tannoy); long, single sound signal**
- 2.6. The race will start upstream on a transit line between the Purfleet flagstaff and transit posts on the opposite bank; the line (may) also marked with 2 buoys. placed either end of the start line. All boats must (have their bow) behind the start line at the 1 minute signal.
- 2.7. If a boat is over the line at the start of the race, up to 2 boat lengths is a 15 second penalty; more will incur either a restart by rounding a start line buoy or a disqualification. (notification by two sound signals). A general recall will be sounded by three blasts.

3. Safety

- 3.1. All rowers will wear a life jacket including coxswains.
- 3.2. A RIB will be on hand throughout the racing; all boats must carry a working hand-held portable VHF radio; set to regatta chM (37); or a waterproof mobile phone. (suggestion: set dual watch with Kings Lynn Port's ch14)
- 3.3. All race entries will be given a numbered entry sheet to display whilst racing
- 3.4. All boats must steer a proper course. Any zigzagging to block another boat will result in disqualification.
- 3.5. Leading boats have right of way over trailing boats. Note you will pass STDB to STBD, not PORT to PORT!!!
The "2 boat lengths clear" rule applies at turning marks e.g. The trailing boat must be within 2 boat lengths for the leading boat to give way.

