

Welcome to Oulton Week 2020

(updated 19th August – new text in red)

There are several ways in which this year's Oulton Week will differ from previous ones:

- Only 4 days (Sunday 23rd to Wednesday 26th August)
- A different race programme (see below)
- All entries to be made in advance (deadline for entries is Wednesday 19th August)
- Entries – priority will be given to WOBYC members and then to members of other clubs in the Broads area. Other entries may be accepted but we don't want to be overwhelmed!

However, you will still be assured of a very warm welcome and we look forward to offering good racing.

RACE PROGRAMME

10.15 Fast Handicap dinghies

10.18 Lasers (standard and radial rigs)

10.21 Slow Handicap dinghies

10.24 Optimists

11.30 Fast Handicap dinghies

11.33 Lasers (standard and radial rigs)

11.36 Slow Handicap dinghies

11.39 Optimists

13.00 River Cruisers

14.15 Broads ODs

14.18 Yare & Bure ODs

14.21 Squibs

14.24 Waveney

15.45 Mixed One Designs - sailed in flights. See 'Oulton Week Sailing Instructions – the Important Bits 2020' for details

17.30 River Cruisers (no race on Wednesday)

Notes on Race Programme:

- PY numbers for Fast Handicap are below 1163 and for Slow Handicap are 1163 and above.
- Mixed One Design races are for Broads ODs, Yare & Bure ODs, Waveney ODs and Squibs.
- The Mixed One Design series will be sailed in flights on the first 3 days with a Gold and a Silver race on Wednesday.
- All River Cruiser races will count towards the same series.
- Please note that as the broad is likely to be very busy, perhaps this isn't the best Oulton Week for junior novices to take part in.

Entry form:

- The entry form is available on the WOBYC website <http://wobyc.com/>; download it, complete it and email to sailing@wobyc.com. Payment can be made by bank transfer (bank details are on the form) or by cheque and posted to Mrs V. Falat, Swans Cottage, Waveney Hill, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft NR32 3PR.
- Please remember that entries must reach us by Wednesday 19th August.
- The entry form is to be completed by the “helm” of the boat(s) concerned. This is so we know who is responsible for each boat and its crew. If the boat is helmed by someone else on occasions during a series, please let us know.

Covid-19 measures

- Please follow the instructions posted in and around the clubhouse and observe all the social distancing rules.
- The clubhouse might not be completely open. It is hoped to offer shower facilities to people staying aboard boats moored at night on the club pontoons but a mooring fee of £5 per night will be charged to cover the costs of extra cleaning.
- It is hoped that sailors will arrive at and leave the club in their sailing clothes, even dinghy sailors in wetsuits!
- The caterer will not be operating in the downstairs canteen but from his trailer-unit parked just outside the club grounds.
- The bar will be open **from 12 noon until after racing** but a one-way system means you enter by one door and leave by another and the number of people in the bar is limited.
- **We intend to employ at least 1 person to clean surfaces (door handles, hand-rails, chairs, tables, etc) regularly throughout each day – but please take sensible precautions yourselves and help us keep everyone safe.**
- **Dinghy sailors:** we intend to have someone (wearing gloves!) on hand at the slipway to help with launching trollies. **Please label your trolley with your sail number.** This should help especially when lots of boats want to pull out at once. But please be patient and avoid making a crowd! **You can launch your dinghy as early as you like and moor at the club – and buy a bacon roll from the caterer’s van! And after racing you can moor again at the club or carry on sailing while you wait for the queue at the slipway to reduce. (Keelboats may want to moor at the club at lunchtime, before their races – so dinghies, please don’t hog the pontoons!)**
- **Results and notices to competitors will be posted on the club website rather than in the clubhouse. The club wifi can be accessed using the password ladymayhew .**
- **Protests – please consider using the RYA Arbitration process rather than a full protest hearing. This is more informal and disputes are quite likely to be resolved out of doors! For more info, check out <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/rules-disputes-process.aspx>**
- **There will be no sweepstake prize-money this year.**

Car Parking

- Please remember to pay for car parking in the pay-and-display car park near the dinghy park.
- The normal car park fee is £1 an hour or £5 a day. However, a week’s ticket can be bought for £10 by phoning East Suffolk Council’s car park team on **01502 523260**

during office hours. Have your vehicle registration number and payment card details ready. (This will allow you to park in any long-stay car park in East Suffolk during the 7 days from your start date.)

- Do not leave cars in the dinghy park or in any way that can restrict access to the crane.

Oulton Week Trophies

- If you are bringing trophies that you won last year, please hand them to a club member so that they can be identified and ticked off before being stored or presented this year.

Food and Catering

- The caterer will be serving a variety of snacks and drinks from 9 am until mid afternoon. Please support him! His trailer-unit will be in the park, just outside our fence.
- Jeckells Chandlery, near the park entrance, is stocking essential supplies for River Cruisers such as milk, bread, etc.
- We will not be organising food during the evenings but there are various options for take-aways within walking distance and you are welcome to bring food back to the club. There are also several pubs and restaurants.

General notes

- The Broad has been very busy this summer. Swimmers, paddle boarders, whole families in inflatable kayaks – and of course fishermen. Keep a good look out and be prepared to take avoiding action!

If you have any queries please email sailing@wobyc.com or phone Veronica Falat (WOBYC Sailing Sec.) on 01502 573570.