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**The 2025 Athene Cup**

**Notice of Race**

1. **Event Information**
* Hosted by the Norfolk Punt Club on the River Thurne on Saturday 11th October 2025
* The racing is weather dependent. Please check on the NPC WhatsApp as in the event of bad weather it may be cancelled at short notice.
* Due to this the entry fee of £10 for Athene Cup should be made on the day in cash.
* Entries via WebCollect by the end of Thursday 9th October.
* Minimum of 4 entries for the race to proceed.
* Tow available from Barton Turf leaving at 9am or launch / recovery available from Bureside Holiday Park Dyke, Boundary Road, Great Yarmouth, NR29 3BW
* The briefing will be on Saturday at 12:00 noon. The race will start at 12.30pm and finish around 3.30pm.
* The buoys will be laid near Upton Dyke, St Benets and Womack Water. The exact course and position will be decided on the day.
* The start sequence will be a 10 minute, 5 minute and 1 min bell.
1. **Eligibility**
* Open to all Norfolk Punt Boats
* Non NPC members welcome
* Entrants are sailing for the Blackbird Trophy (first over the water) and the Athene Cup (first on handicap)
* All boats must sail with their correct sail number on their mainsail and spinnaker. If that is not the case you will not be eligible to win a trophy.
* There is strictly no sailing in the dyke.
1. **Rules**
* The race will be sailed in accordance with the RYA Rules and the Norfolk Punt Club Sailing Instructions
* Punts will be sailing on their handicap
* Protests must be lodged within 15 minutes of the final boat finishing
* All visiting competitors will be deemed temporary members of the Norfolk Punt Club during the event and as such shall abide by the club’s rules.
1. **Prize Giving**
* Prize giving will commence around 3.45 pm subject to the completion of any protest hearings
* Overall results will be published on the Norfolk Punt Club website.