



The 2026 Athene Cup Notice of Race

1. Event Information

- Hosted by the Norfolk Punt Club on the River Thurne on Saturday 3rd October 2026
- 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 1st 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.