

Organising Authority: The Organising Authority is the Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBVC).

1. Rules: Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20, the rules of each class and the Sailing Instructions (available at registration). In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. Any changes to the SIs will either be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 1 hour before racing begins, or by communication (which may be oral) to competitors before the Warning Signal.

1.2. Local Rules: Life jackets or buoyancy aids must be worn by all helmsmen and crew at all times when afloat. No entrant may launch without the permission of the organisers. No entrant may leave the race area without the permission of a safety boat.

1.3 Tallies: A tally system *may* be in operation. All competitors must tally out and tally in on return from racing. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

1.4: Moored vessels: Any competitor who collides, or causes a collision, with a moored craft shall either retire or protest.

All boats shall carry adequate and suitable third party insurance cover of not less than £3,000,000 and it shall be the responsibility of each owner and helmsman (in the case of under 18 years olds, the parents of such) to ensure that such cover is maintained in force for the time during which the boat participates in any event organized by the Royal Burnham Yacht Club.

2. Notices to Competitors: Any changes to the SIs will either be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 1 hour before racing begins, or by communication (which may be oral) to competitors before the Warning Signal of any one race.

A competitors' briefing will be held prior to racing. The course and sailing instructions will be explained.

3: Schedule of Races: The first start will be no earlier than 11.15am on Sunday 26th and Monday 27th May 2019. It is intended to complete 4 races per day

4: Class flag: The Class Flags will be confirmed at the competitors briefing.

5: Starting Procedure: Each start sequence will be 5, 4, 1, Start, (as per RRS 26).

6: Courses: The race areas in the Rivers Crouch and Roach will be advised each day, prior to launching.

7: Time limit: The time limit is 1 hour 30 minutes from the start of each race. Once the first boat has finished there will be a period of 30 minutes within which other boats can finish. Boats finishing after the expiry of this limit will be marked Did Not Finish. This changes RRS35.

8: Penalties for infringing a Rule of Part 2 of the RRS:

8.1: The "two-turn" penalty is reduced to a single 360 degree turn. This varies RRS 44.1.

8.2: The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

9: Seven races are scheduled for the series. If four races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race score excluding her worst score. If seven races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total score excluding her worst two scores. A lap handicap system may be used if the Race Officer feels this is appropriate.

10: Protests

10.1: In alteration to RRS 61.3, the Race Committee must be informed that a boat is intended to protest immediately after its finish and prior to the next race or going ashore. Protests shall then be given to a member of the Race Committee and the Race Officer informed by the Protester immediately after the last boat in its class coming ashore from racing.

10.2: Protest hearings: Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and of the location and time of the hearings.

10.3: Protests by the Race Committee: Notice of Protest by the Race Committee will be posted to on the Official Notice Board. By the display of such notice competitors shall be considered adequately informed of such a protest.

11. Disclaimer of Liability: By entering, the entrant acknowledges that the organising authority (RBYC) is only able to provide reasonable safety facilities during sailing. In the event of adverse weather conditions, parents or guardians alone must decide whether the child entrant can cope on the water and has adequate safety equipment. By going afloat the entrant confirms that he/she is fit for those conditions and that his/her crew is competent to sail in them.

Parents/guardians have sole responsibility for their children/wards and must appreciate that the RBYC cannot be expected to exercise supervision or control.

The organising authority accepts no responsibility for any damage suffered by persons or property on or off the water.

All participants are asked to take great care when using the RBYC pontoon.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the entrant nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the racing and the event and include the organising authority, race committee, race officers, group leaders, support/safety boats and those helping ashore. The provision of safety/support boats does not relieve the entrants of their responsibilities.

PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL TIMES.

Safety boat crews may enforce the retirement of any competitor at any time during the race or send a boat off the water if it is thought necessary.

12. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the Prizegiving at the end of the series. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

At least one parent/guardian from each family sailing is expected to help.