



Royal Burnham Yacht Club

(The Organising Authority)

THE WILLIWAW TROPHY

Saturday 3rd April and Sunday 4th April 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

PREAMBLE

The Royal Burnham Yacht Club, its officers, members and employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel in any way or from any cause during or related to Races organised by the Race Committee. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 3 (Decision to Race).

1. RULES

1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 and the IRC 2021 Rules. The Crouch Harbour Authority byelaws will apply and can be viewed on their website at <http://crouchharbour.org.uk/byelaws/complete/>

1.2 All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow prevailing government COVID-19 guidelines and legislation. However, these do not form part of the rules and are outside the jurisdiction of the Protest Committee. The event sailing instructions may include an addendum with rules relating to COVID-19 that will govern the event and do not form part of the rules and are outside the jurisdiction of the Protest Committee.

1.3 With particular reference to COVID-19, competitors should make their own decision on whether to race. Competitors are responsible for maintaining social distancing in accordance with Government and RYA guidelines. Neither the Organising Authority nor the PRO is responsible for enforcing social distancing measures on the water from people sailing in the same boat. By racing, competitors acknowledge that rescue by safety boat may result in compromise of social distancing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the RBYC website.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

3.1. **General:** The safety of a boat and her entire management, including Insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the Notice of Race nor the Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat or the provision of safety boats, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for

the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of them taking part in a race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races and that the boat contains at least the minimum specified safety equipment detailed in class rules.

3.2. Insurance: Each boat shall have a valid third-party insurance of not less than £3,000,000 in force for the duration of all races sailed under these Sailing Instructions for which she has entered.

3.3. Compliance with Class Rules, Measurement and Rating Certificated – see RRS 78. Boats must submit a current IRC certificate with the entry fee to be included in the IRC class. Boats must submit NHC information with the entry fee to be included in the NHC Class.

3.4. Racing Fees and Entry Form: A Race Entry Form must be submitted and received by 2000hrs, Friday 2nd April 2021. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Officer.

3.5. Identification on Sails: Under exceptional circumstances and provided that class rules allow, the race committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS Rule 77 and Appendix G. The use of such sails may only be allowed with the prior agreement of the Race Officer and applications must be made in writing.

3.6. Eligibility: Races are open to any member of a yacht club recognized by the RYA (or by another National Sailing Authority).

4. CLASSES: Entries are invited for both IRC and NHC cruiser classes. A Dual Scoring system will be used for cruisers, all yachts will start and race as one fleet with the results calculated on the elapsed time according to each system. The intention is all yachts will be entered in the NHC class, subject to a satisfactory handicap being determined by the Race Officer.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the RBYC.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will either be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the race, or by communication (which may be orally or on VHF Channel 37) with each competitor afloat before the warning signal.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES: Races for all classes are scheduled to start as follows:

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| a. Saturday 3 rd April | Cruisers Warning 09:55 | Race 1 |
| b. Saturday 3 rd April | Cruisers Warning 14:15 | Race 2 |
| c. Sunday 4 th April | Cruisers Warning 09:55 | Race 3 |

There is one start for all yachts, both IRC and NHC yachts race as one fleet.

8. CLASS FLAG: The Class flag for all yachts shall be Pennant No 1 (red circle on white background).

9. RACING AREA: The rivers Crouch and Roach and adjacent coastal waters.

10. THE COURSE: The course will be posted on the official Royal Burnham Yacht Club Notice Board before the warning signal and via VHF Channel 37 at regular intervals before the warning signal.

11. MARKS: Navigation and/or Racing marks in the Rivers Crouch, Roach or adjacent coastal waters may be used.

12. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2: (*RRS 44.1 is amended.*)

One turn shall be regarded as a penalty for infringement of a part 2 sailing instruction.

13. PRIZES: The Williwaw Trophy will be presented to the overall winner of the IRC class at a date in the future still to be decided. A trophy will also be awarded for the NHC Class.

14. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

14.1 Personal Buoyancy: RRS 40 will apply.

14.2 Safety Equipment: Any yacht found deficient in safety equipment according to the rules of their class during a race or during a spot check will be considered to have infringed Rule 1 of these Sailing Instructions.

14.3 Moored Vessels: A boat that makes contact with a moored or anchored vessel whilst racing shall retire and report the incident to the Race Officer and the Crouch Harbour Authority.

14.4 VHF Radio: It is compulsory for all boats to have a VHF Radio in working order and be listening on Channel 37.