



HMS St. Mathew Cup

Sunday 5th September 2021

Organising Authority
Royal Burnham Yacht Club
Burnham on Crouch, Essex

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Crouch Harbour Authority byelaws will apply.
- 1.4 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the rights in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, this event.
- 1.5 Competitors should note the Royal Burnham Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be required to sail in compliance with the Charter.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located inside the Quay Entrance of the RBYC club house.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, alternatively Oral Changes may be communicated in accordance with rule 3.2
- 3.2 Oral Changes will be announced by VHF only (Ch 37), before the warning signal. The RBYC Race Box will indicate any Oral Changes by displaying Flag L. In these circumstances all competitors shall make radio contact if not heard and understood.
- 3.3 Changes may, without limitation, include a 'white sail only' rule.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RBYC Race Box.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration: Sunday 5th September 2021

From 09.30 to 10.15.

Each club shall supply a team list including competitor names and sail numbers by Saturday 28th August. This list needs to be confirmed at registration to ensure that competitors and sail numbers are correct.

- 5.2 Registration and a briefing will take place in the Dinghy Park of the Royal Burnham Yacht Club at 10:30 on Sunday 5th September 2021 when coffee will be provided and club flags will be handed out; **RCYC Blue, RBYC Yellow and BSC Red**. Each team boat must fly their club flag from the backstay or shroud whilst racing.

- 5.3 Dates of racing:

Date	Class	Start	Warning signal
5 th September	Race 1	RBYC	11:30

- 5.4 Number of races: 1

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags will be:

Class Flag A

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Rivers Crouch and Roach.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 As selected from the RCYC – RBYC Dragon course card 2021.
- 8.2 The courses are the courses and instructions shown on the Course Cards available at the RCYC and RBYC.
- 8.3 The course to be sailed will be the course shown on the Course Card corresponding to the letter or letters displayed on the front of the RBYC Race Box at the class warning signal.
- 8.4 A special course (being a course not on the Course Cards) will be indicated by the inverted letter "A" being displayed by the RBYC race box and the marks of the course may be posted on the official notice boards no later than 30 minutes before the warning signal or alternatively communicated to competitors by the Race Officer before the warning signal.
- 8.5 Whenever boats pass through the RCYC or the RBYC club lines as part of the displayed course, these lines, which are defined in these SI's, will be a mark of the course.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: Breaches entrances.

10 THE START

- 10.1 From the RBYC Line, using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The RBYC Line is a line between a transit behind the Race Box and two posts in transit on the south shore in the approximate positions shown on the Course Cards.
- 10.3 Boats that are deemed OCS at the starting signal will NOT be communicated by radio by the RBYC Race Box.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be the RBYC Line.
- 11.2 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START
This shall be as RRS 32 with the following addition.

A vessel flying the Club Burgee, which is authorised by the Race Officer, may shorten the course as per RRS 32 or where Flag H is displayed at a rounding mark. The course is shortened and the race will be to the designated finishing line, having first sailed the same number of laps as the leading boat. The

finishing line is to be crossed from the direction of the last mark. This supplements RRS 32.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The penalties are as follows: Rule 44.1 apply.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Officer. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the race, or the Race Box signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the RBYC Library, beginning at the time posted.

13.4 Notices of protests will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

13.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 19, 22 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This supplements rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

14 SCORING

14.1 One completed race is required.

Low points system Appendix A.

14.2 BREAKING A TIE

If, after applying Appendix A(7) and A(8), two or more teams are tied, the tie will be broken as follows.

Considering only the tied teams, the winning team will be the one comprising the highest ranked finisher.

This supplements Appendix A(7) and A(8).

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Check-Out and Check-In: None.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Box as soon as possible.

16 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

16.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 SUPPORT BOATS

17.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Box signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

19.2 It is required that all helms of keelboats carry a hand-held VHF radio on board for communications from the Race Box and for use in an emergency. This must be switched on and kept tuned to Ch 37 from five minutes before the warning signal and throughout the race (subject to the use of Ch 16 in an emergency).

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

HMS St. Mathew Cup will be presented in the RBYC Dinghy Park as soon as practical after racing.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boat and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

21.2 With particular reference to Covid-19, participants should make their own decision on whether to race. All competitors are responsible for adhering to Government and RYA guidelines which are in effect on the date of the race. Neither the Organising Authority nor the PRO is responsible for enforcing social distancing measures on the water for people sailing in the same boat. By racing, dinghy participants acknowledge that rescue by safety boat may result in compromise of social distancing.

22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3 Million GB Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

23 BOATS

Each Club shall arrange to borrow the following 7 boats:

Hunter 707	4 persons, one under 25
Elite	3 persons
RCOD	3 persons
RBOD	3 persons
Squib	2 persons
Blaze	1 person
Laser	1 person

23.1 The sails used will be a mainsail, jib and spinnaker loaned by the owner or the club.

This loan shall not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 60.1(b)

23.2 Boats that are provided for clubs/competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

- a) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.
- b) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted.

23.3 All equipment provided with the boats for sailing purposes shall be in the boat whilst afloat.

23.4 The penalty for not complying with clauses 23.2 and 23.3 will be disqualification from the race.

23.5 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organising Authority's representative immediately. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race.