



The Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBYC)

Whitsun Regatta 2025

Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th and Monday 26th May 2025

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority is the RBYC.

1. Rules and General

- 1.1 The event is governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2 The Crouch Harbour Authority byelaws apply, available from the Crouch Harbour Authority at the Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AS and can be viewed on their website at <http://crouchharbour.org.uk/byelaws/complete/>.
- 1.3 The Predicted Log event for motorboats (which is not a race) on 25th May 2025 is covered separately in Appendix D and is not otherwise subject to this NoR.
- 1.4 On Monday 26th May 2025 there will be a multi fleet fun event such as a pursuit or menagerie race. The details will be publicised separately and published in the Sailing Instructions and/or a supplement to this NoR.

2. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RBYC website on or before 17th May 2025.

3. Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on the RBYC website.
- 3.2 [DP] All keelboats and safety boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, M1(37a) and 72 and 78. This must be switched on and kept tuned to channel M1(37a) for fleets starting from the RBYC line, for Multihulls and for Cruisers and to channel 72 for RS Elites and Squibs, in all cases from the Warning Signal for the relevant race and throughout the race (subject to use of channel 16 in an emergency).

- 3.3 On the water, the Race Officer may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel M1(37a) (for fleets starting from the RBYC line, for Multihulls and for Cruisers) or VHF radio channel 72 (for RS Elites and Squibs).
- 3.4 [DP] From the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Racing is open to all classes of boat detailed in Appendix A.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online Entry Form and paying the relevant entry fees (if any as applicable).
- 4.3 Multihull must have a valid MOCRA rating. Cruisers must have a valid YTC rating (spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions available). These classes must provide a copy of rating certificate on entry.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay the relevant entry fees (if any as applicable).
- 4.5 Entry must be on or before Monday 19th May 2025. Late entry may be accepted at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer (PRO) and payment of the relevant fee.

5. Fees

- 5.1 There is no fee for entries on or before Monday 19th May 2025.
- 5.2 Entries after Monday 19th May 2025 incur a fee of £45 for the regatta or £15 per day. Such entries do not remove the PRO's discretion not to accept the late entry. If the late entry is not accepted any fee paid shall be refunded.

6. Advertising

World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, shall apply, save that the Squib Class may use the spinnakers provided by the organisers of the 2018 Squib National Championships at Cowes which display that events sponsor's logo.

7. Schedule

- 7.1 The dates of racing and number of races in a series is set out in Appendix B.
- 7.2 The scheduled time for the Warning Signals for each class is set out in Appendix B.
- 7.3 The dates and scheduled times referred to in NoR 7.1 and 7.2 may be varied on notice by amendments to the Sailing Instructions from time to time posted by 20.00 on the day before they will take effect.
- 7.4 The times and places of any briefings will be as set out in Appendix B.

8. Qualifying Series

Classes will have series racing for various trophies as detailed in Appendix C.

9. Safety Regulations

9.1 RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies to all competitors in centreboard classes.

9.2 Boats competing in keel boat classes must comply with their class rules, are required to carry an easily accessible safety knife and adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members.

9.3 A boat shall not, while racing, touch a moored vessel or a mooring buoy to which a vessel is moored or cause another boat to do so. When a boat while racing touches a moored vessel:

- a. Her penalty is to retire unless she protests another boat and is exonerated under RRS 43;
- b. The owner/person in charge shall report the collision to the Crouch Harbour Authority at the first reasonable opportunity on Channel M1 (37a) or VHF or telephone number 01621 783602 or mobile telephone number 07903 132644 or e-mail: info@crouchharbour.org.uk This reporting obligation is in addition to and not in substitution of the reporting obligation contained in CHA Bye Law 24

10. Equipment Inspection

10.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of valid class measurement or rating certificate if requested to do so by the organising authority.

10.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions.

10.3 On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

10.4 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11. Venue

The RBYC at Burnham-on-Crouch, where racing takes place in the rivers Crouch and Roach and adjacent coastal waters.

12. Courses (RBYC line)

12.1 This NoR 12 applies to fleets starting from the RBYC line. NoR 12.2 to 12.6 apply to all such fleets other than Dinghies. NoR 12.7 applies to Dinghies.

12.2 The courses are the courses and instructions shown on the Course Cards available at the RBYC and on the Club website.

12.3 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.

- 12.4 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 communicated to competitors by the Race Officer before the Warning Signal.
- 12.5 Whenever boats pass through the RBYC club line as part of the displayed course, these lines, which are defined in the Sailing Instructions, will be a mark of the course.
- 12.6 12.1 to 12.5 as regards type of course above may be varied to provide for different courses by amendments from time to time to the Sailing Instructions posted by 20.00 on the day before they will take effect.
- 12.7 The courses for Dinghies will be special courses indicated by the inverted letter "A" and will be communicated before the Warning Signal via the support RiB or as otherwise specified at the applicable briefing (Appendix B).

13. Courses (Multihulls and Cruisers)

- 13.1 This NoR 13 applies to Multihulls and Cruisers.
- 13.2 The courses will be communicated by the Race Officer at the applicable briefing (Appendix B)

14. Courses (RS Elites and Squibs)

- 14.1 This NoR 14 applies to RS Elites and Squibs.
- 14.2 The course will be windward/leeward courses from a committee boat of a length applicable to the conditions and the number of races, as to be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and/or a supplement to this NoR.

15. Penalty System

For the RBOD class RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16. Scoring

- 16.1 The number of races scheduled, the number required to be completed to constitute a series and the number of scores that will be excluded are set out in Appendix B.
- 16.2 Rule A5.3 applies.

17. Chartered or Loaned Boats

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18. Data Protection

The personal information participants provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate their participation in the race. If participants have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the race (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If participants are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Participants' personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, the

national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the race and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

19. Risk Statement

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 race, 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 race.
- (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 race and they are fit to participate.
- (e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the Organising Authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this race drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or race and to attend any safety briefing.

20. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

21. Prizes

Trophies will be awarded at the RBYC on Sunday 25th May 2025.

22. Further Information

For further information please contact:

RBYC Office: The Quay, Burnham on Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AU.

Tel: 01621 782044,

Email: info@rbyc.org.uk

APPENDIX A: Boat Classes and Class Flags

Boat Class	Class Flag
Multihulls – MOCRA rating between 1.130 and 1.600	M
Cruisers with YTC rating	Numeral pennant 1
Squibs	Naval Numeral 9
RS Elites	H
ECODs	TBC
RCODs	C
RBODs	Naval Numeral 4
Blazes and Phantoms	R
Dinghies - PY 1199 and below	Numeral pennant 7
Dinghies - PY 1200 to 1360	K

Appendix B: Schedule of Races (Warning Signals), Briefings and Scoring

Sat 24 May 2025		Start	CB = Committee Boat
<i>HW 10:39</i>	First race of the day		Other race(s) of the day
09:55 Multihulls (Race 1) 10:05 Cruisers (Race 1)		CB Andy CB Andy	N/A Cruisers (Race 2) from RB line
10:45 Blazes and Phantoms (Race 1) 10:55 RBODs (Race 1) 11:05 ECODs (Race 1) 11:15 RCODs (Race 1) 11:25 Dinghies -Fast (Race 1) 11:35 Dinghies – Slow (Race 1)		RB line RB line RB line RB line RB line RB line	Blazes and Phantoms (Race 2) * RBODs (Race 2) * ECODs (Race 2) * RCODs (Race 2) * Dinghies – Fast (Races 2 & 3) * Dinghies – Slow (Race 2 & 3) *
10:55 RS Elites (Race 1) 11:05 Squibs (Race 1)		CB David CB David	RS Elites (Races 2-4) * Squibs (Races 2-4) *
Sun 25 May 2025		Start	
<i>HW 11:36</i>	First race of the day		Other race(s) of the day
09:55 Multihulls (Race 2) 10:05 Cruisers (Race 3)		CB Andy CB Andy	N/A Cruisers (Race 4) from RB line
10:45 Blazes and Phantoms (Race 3) 10:55 RBODs (Race 3) 11:15 ECODs (Race 3) 11:25 RCODs (Race 3) 11:45 Dinghies -Fast (Race 4) 11:55 Dinghies – Slow (Race 4)		RB line RB line RB line RB line RB line RB line	Blazes and Phantoms (Race 4) * RBODs (Race 4) * ECODs (Race 4) * RCODs (Race 4) * Dinghies – Fast (Races 5 & 6) * Dinghies – Slow (Races 5 & 6) *
10:55 RS Elites (Race 5) 11:05 Squibs (Race 5)		CB David CB David	RS Elites (Races 6-8) * Squibs (Races 6-8) *
Mon 26 May 2025			
<i>HW 12:27</i>			
TBC (See NoR 1.4)			

* Next race as soon as feasible after previous race concluded

NB ALL FINISHES ON RB LINE APART FROM CB DAVID RACES

Briefings (NoR 7.4)

Briefings for Multihulls and Cruisers will be at 0800 on each day of racing in the RBYC dinghy park.

Briefings for RS Elites and Squibs will be at 0900 on each day of racing in the RBYC dinghy park.

Briefings for Dinghies will be at 1000 on each day of racing in the RBYC dinghy park.

Scoring (NoR 16)

1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
2. A boat's series score is the total of her races.
3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's score is the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
4. Rule A5.3 applies.

Appendix C: Trophies

MULTIHULLS

The Catamaran July Cup

CRUISER CLASSES

The Whiplash Trophy

RS ELITES

The Whitsun Weekend Trophy

SQUIBS

The RBYC Whitsun Regatta Trophy

EAST COAST ONE DESIGNS

TBC

ROYAL BURNHAM ONE DESIGNS

The Georgina Kennedy Cup – 1st Overall

The President's Cup

ROYAL CORINTHIAN ONE DESIGNS

Nada Cup – 1st Overall

DINGHIES

The Catamaran August Cup

BLAZES

The Committee Salver

PHANTOMS

The Sonata Easter Egg

PREDICTED LOG

The RBYC Inter-Club Cigarette Box

CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

The Heritage Tiller and Champagne

Appendix D: Predicted Log Sunday 25th May 2025

Motor Boats (Yachts motoring under engine alone may also enter as if a Motor Boat)

The contest will be governed by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, the Crouch Harbour Authority bye-laws, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions previously published and this amendment. The Sailing Instructions prevail over the Notice of Race when they conflict.

A predicted log contest is an exercise in navigational skills where the contestants predict in advance the times necessary for their boats to complete a predefined course. It is not a speed contest, each contestant chooses a speed for their own boat, which is comfortable and safe.

Deviation from a straight line shall be the minimum required for safety, while maintaining the shortest distance between marks. Marks must be passed within 50 metres.

The objective of the contest is to complete the course in as close as possible to the predicted time without adjusting the throttle after the start, and the winner is the boat, which has the lowest percentage time error.

Starting window: 12.15 to 12.25

All predicted log boats to announce to the Race Officer (RB Line) on Channel 37 their intention to start as they approach the start line within the starting window and their predicted time to complete the course.

Predicted Log course to be communicated to entrants in a timely fashion before the event.