

Club Line Race Series

The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club (RCYC) and The Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBYC)

March – December 2026 Burnham on Crouch, UK

Notice of Race (NoR)

This NoR applies to all Club racing from the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club (RCYC) and Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBYC) as detailed on the respective Club websites under RCYC, RBYC and Class specific Programmes on the dates set out therein (Programmes), where there are no other race specific Notices of Race applicable. The Organising Authority for each race will be the Club from whose line the race is started.

1. Rules

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 Any rules relating to COVID from time to time will be published in a supplement to this NoR.

1.4 The International Dragon Class Association rule 12.20 is changed such that a boat is allowed to use an electronic depth sounder whilst racing.

2. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions are available on the RCYC and RBYC websites.

3. Communication

3.1 The online official notice boards are located on the respective RCYC and RBYC websites.

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) 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 committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel M1(37a).

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 the Programmes.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the respective RCYC and RBYC Entry Form and sending it to the respective Club office with the respective fees.

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: All registration and fees shall be paid before the next race in the series or the first race of a subsequent series (whichever is the earlier).

5. Fees

Race Fees for each class are set out on the respective Club websites.

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. Qualifying Series

Classes will have series racing for various trophies throughout the sailing season as detailed in the Programmes.

8. Schedule

8.1 The dates of racing and number of races in a series is set out in the Sailing Programmes.

8.2 The scheduled time for the Warning Signals for each class is set out on the respective Club websites and in the Sailing Instructions.

8.3 The dates and scheduled times referred to in NoR 8.1 and 8.2 may be varied from time to time on reasonable notice by supplements and/or amendments to the Sailing Instructions.

9. Safety Regulations

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

9.2 RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies to all competitors in all classes at all times when afloat before the last Sunday in March and after the last Saturday in October.

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

9.4 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:

1. Her penalty is to retire unless she protests another boat and is exonerated under RRS 43;
2. The owner/person in charge shall report the collision to the Crouch Harbour Authority at the first reasonable opportunity on Channel M1 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 RCYC and RBYC at Burnham-on-Crouch, where racing takes place in the rivers Crouch and Roach and adjacent coastal waters.

12. Courses

12.1 The courses are the courses and instructions shown on the Course Cards available at the RCYC and RBYC and on the Club websites.

12.2 When starting from the RCYC Line 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 RCYC race box at the class warning signal.

12.3 When starting from the RBYC Line 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 RCYC race box (for a RCYC start) or the RBYC race box (for a RBYC start) and the marks of the course shall be communicated to competitors by the Race Officer before the Warning Signal.

12.5 Whenever boats pass through the RCYC or the RBYC club lines as part of the displayed course, these lines, which are defined in the SIs, will be a mark of the course.

13. Penalty System

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

14. Scoring

14.1 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 the Programmes.

14.2 Rule A5.3 applies.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.' See also NoR 1.3. 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.

18. 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.

19. Prizes

Perpetual Trophies and other prizes will be awarded on the day the series finishes, at the annual prize giving ceremonies or as specified by the Fleet Class Captains and posted on the respective club websites.

20. Further Information

For further information please contact either:

RCYC Office: The Quay, Burnham on Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AX. Tel: 01621 782105

Email: info@royalcorinthian.co.uk.

Office Opening hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 0900 to 1700hrs
- Saturday (in season only) - 0830 to 1430hrs
- Sunday (in season only) - 0830 to 1430hrs
- Winter Weekends - 1000 to 1400hrs.

RBYC Office: The Quay, Burnham on Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AU. Tel: 01621 782044,

Email: info@rbyc.org.uk

Office Opening Hours: Tuesday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00.