

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

Club Line Race Series 2026 Sailing Instructions (SIs)

These sailing instructions are for Club racing from the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club line and the Royal Burnham Yacht Club line.

1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before a race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

2. Code of Conduct

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

3. Signals made ashore

- 3.1. When racing from the RCYC Line signal made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the RCYC race box.
- 3.2. When racing from the RBYC Line signals made ashore will be displayed on the balcony near the RBYC race box.
- 3.3. When Flag AP is displayed ashore before the scheduled Warning Signal of the first class to start that day, "1 minute" is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. Once a starting sequence has commenced this change to the Racing Rules of Sailing shall not apply.

4. Communication

Keelboats and safety boats are required to carry a VHF radio, which should be kept tuned to channel M1 (37a) from the Warning Signal.

5. Safety Regulations

- 5.1. RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies to all competitors in centreboard classes.
- 5.2. RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies to all competitors in all classes, at all times when afloat. Buoyancy aids to be worn until the last Sunday in April for the 2026 season.

- 5.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 5.4. 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 refer to Notice of Race.

6. Schedule of Races and Warning Signals

- 6.1. The schedule of racing for each class is in the Programmes available from the RCYC and the RBYC websites.
- 6.2. The scheduled times of the Warning Signals are as shown in Appendix A.
- 6.3. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to NoR 8.3.

7. Courses

- 7.1. Course Cards are available from the RCYC and the RBYC and on the Club websites.
- 7.2. 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 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.
- 7.3. Sunday racing for keelboats will all use the Squibs, RCOD, RBOD and ECOD course card.

8. Marks

- 8.1. The Marks are as defined on the Course Cards.
- 8.2. Marks are rounding Marks unless designated as passing Marks on the Course Cards.

9. Class Flags

- 9.1. The class flags are as shown in Appendix A.
- 9.2. The use of Flags C and H as class flags is in addition to their unchanged meaning in the RRS.

10. The Start

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The RCYC Line and the RBYC Line are in each case a line between a staff at the race box and two posts in transit on the south shore in the approximate positions shown on the Course Cards.
- 10.3. When racing from the RCYC the starting line will be the RCYC Line.
- 10.4. When racing from the RBYC the starting line will be the RBYC Line.
- 10.5. [DP] Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.6. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a Hearing. This changes rules RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.7. A minimum of 1 boat intending to race must appear in the starting area for a race to be started.

11. Time Limits

- 11.1. The time limit for each race is three hours and thirty minutes after the start of that race during BST and 3 hours during GMT.
- 11.2. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be the RCYC Line when racing from the RCYC and the RBYC Line when racing from the RBYC.

13. 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 or race committee, may shorten the course as per RRS 32 or where Flag H is displayed on its own at a rounding mark, or over an individual Class Flag when this instruction will apply to that class only. 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 changes RRS 32.

14. Hearing requests

- 14.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.2. Protest forms are available from the PRO or the offices of the RCYC and the RBYC.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted as soon as reasonable possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the location and at the time posted.

APPENDIX A: Warning Signals

Class	Dinghy	Keelboat Handicap **	RS Elite	Dragon	Squib	RCOD	RBOD	Cruiser
Class Flag	F	T	H	D	NN9	C	NN4	N1
Saturdays	N/A	N/A	13.55	14.05	14.15	14.25	14.35	N/A
Sundays	10.15	10.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.55*	11.05
Saturdays in October	N/A	N/A	12.55	14.05	14.15	14.25	14.35	N/A
Sundays in October	N/A	N/A	11.05	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55	N/A
Saturdays November onwards	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.05	13.15	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Occasional Sundays only

** Mass start for Keelboats