



# The Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBYC)

## Whitsun Regatta 2026

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority is the RBYC.

### 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 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 RBYC website.

### 3. Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on the RBYC website.
- 3.2 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 Officer may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel M1(37a) (for fleets starting from the RBYC line or BSC line) or VHF radio channel 72 (Cruisers and 707s).

3.4 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.

4.3 IRC Cruiser entrants 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 any fees.

4.5 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: All registration and any fees shall be paid before the next race in the series.

#### **5. Fees**

The regatta is free to enter.

#### **6. Advertising**

World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, shall apply.

#### **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 or VHF or telephone number 01 621 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 and BSC 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 RBYC and on the Club website, except for the 707 (windward leeward courses) and dinghies fleets.
- 12.2 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 or BSC race box at the class Warning Signal for classes starting on the RBYC or BSC line.
- 12.3 A special course (being a course not on the Course Cards) will be indicated by the inverted letter "A" being displayed by the RBYC or BSC race box and the marks of the course may be posted online no later than 30 minutes before the Warning Signal or alternatively, communicated to competitors by the Race Officer before the Warning Signal.
- 12.4 Whenever boats pass through the RBYC or BSC club line as part of the displayed course, these lines, which are defined in the Sailing Instructions, will be a mark of the course.
- 12.5 12.1 to 12.4 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.

## **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 Appendix B.
- 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**

Trophies will be awarded at the RBYC on the day the regatta finishes.

## **20. 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](mailto:info@rbyc.org.uk)

## APPENDIX A: Boat Classes and Class Flags

<b>Boat Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
<b>IRC/NHC Cruisers</b>	<b>Numeral pennant 1</b>
<b>707s</b>	<b>Naval Numeral 7</b>
<b>Elites</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Dragons</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>ECODs</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>RCODs</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>RBODs</b>	<b>Naval Numeral 4</b>
<b>Blazes and Phantoms</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>Dinghies - PY 1199 and below</b>	<b>Numeral pennant 7</b>
<b>Dinghies - PY 1200 to 1360</b>	<b>K</b>

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

<b>Sat 23 May 2026</b>		<b>Start</b>	CB = Committee Boat
<i>HW 06:14</i>	<b>First race of the day</b>		<b>Other race(s) of the day</b>
10:05 Cruisers (Race 1)		CB	Cruisers (Race 2) *
10:55 Elites (Race 1)		RB line	Elites (Race 2) *
11:15 ECODs (Race 1)		RB line	ECODs (Race 2) *
11:25 RCODs (Race 1)		RB line	RCODs (Race 2) *
11:35 RBODs (Race 1)		RB line	N/A
10:45 Dinghies -Fast (Race 1)		BSC line	Dinghies – Fast (Races 2,3 & 4) *
10:55 Dinghies – Slow (Race 1)		BSC line	Dinghies – Slow (Race 2, 3 & 4) *
<b>Sun 24 May 2026</b>		<b>Start</b>	
<i>HW 07:20</i>	<b>First race of the day</b>		<b>Other race(s) of the day</b>
10:05 Cruisers (Race 3)		RB line	Cruisers (Race 4) *
10:55 707s (Race 1)		CB	707s (Races 2, 3 & 4)
10:55 Elites (Race 3)		RB line	Elites (Race 4) *
11:15 ECODs (Race 3)		RB line	ECODs (Race 4) *
11:25 RCODs (Race 3)		RB line	RCODs (Race 4) *
11:35 RBODs (Race 2)		RB line	N/A
10:45 Dinghies -Fast (Race 5)		BSC line	Dinghies – Fast (Races 6 & 7) *
10:55 Dinghies – Slow (Race 5)		BSC line	Dinghies – Slow (Races 6 & 7) *
<b>Mon 25 May 2026</b>		<b>Start</b>	
<i>HW 08:28</i>	<b>First race of the day</b>		<b>Other race(s) of the day</b>
All Classes - £200 Cup Pursuit Race Staggered warning signals for each class from 11:00 – see Sis – finish 12:30		RB line	N/A

\* Next race (from RB line or BSC line unless indicated otherwise) as soon as feasible after previous race concluded

## **Briefings (NoR 7.4)**

Briefings for Cruisers and 707s (Sunday only) will be at 0830 on each day of racing in the RBYC dinghy park.

## **Scoring (NoR 14)**

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**

### **IRC AND NHC CRUISER CLASSES**

The Whiplash Trophy

### **ELITES**

The Whitsun Weekend Trophy

### **707s**

TBC

### **EAST COAST ONE DESIGNS**

TBC

### **ROYAL BURNHAM ONE DESIGNS**

The Georgina Kennedy Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> Overall  
The President's Cup

### **ROYAL CORINTHIAN ONE DESIGNS**

Nada Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> Overall

### **HANDICAP DINGHIES**

The Catamaran August Cup

### **SQUIB**

East Coast Championship Trophy  
plus 2 half models (1<sup>st</sup> Overall – 1<sup>st</sup> visitor)

### **PHANTOMS**

The Sonata Easter Egg

### **PREDICTED LOG**

The RBYC Inter-Club Cigarette Box

### **CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE**

The Heritage Tiller and Champagne

### **£200 CUP PURSUIT RACE**

Presented on Monday