



**2026 Squib East Coast Championship  
Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBYC)  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
2026  
Burnham-On-Crouch, UK**

## Sailing Instructions

The notation '[DP]' in the rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 2 hours before the scheduled first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 On the water, the Race Office intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 72. Competitor equipment must be turned on while on the water.

3.2 If the race committee displays flag V, the alternate VHF channel 37 will be used.

### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RBYC Race Box.

### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Competitor briefing will be held in the RBYC courtyard on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10:30

6.2 Schedule of races is

Day	Number	Races per day	Max races per day	Scheduled first warning signal	No Warning Signal After
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1,2,3,	3	4	11:55	18:00
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	4,5,6,7,	4	5	10:55	16:30

6.3 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the change is made according to SI 2.1

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag is NN9:



## 8 RACING AREA

8.1 NoR Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas, which are the River Crouch and the River Roach.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Mark(s) are Orange inflatable buoys; the WWL spreader mark, if laid, will be a Black inflatable buoy.

10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13, are Orange inflatable buoys

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 NA

## 12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and an Orange buoy displaying an orange flag

12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

12.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 13 CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it may be replaced by an original mark.

## 14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the signal vessel and an Orange buoy displaying a blue flag.

14.2 [DP] After finishing, boats shall keep clear of the finishing line, keep clear of all boats that are continuing to race and must not cross back onto the course side.

## 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS 44.1 applies (two-turn penalty)

## 16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
40 minutes	60 minutes	20 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 If no boat has sailed the course and finished within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat that scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 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.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RBYC Office.

17.3 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 at the OA's location.

## 18 SCORING

18.1 RRS A4 applies (the low point scoring system).

18.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

18.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee via a support RIB or VHF Channel 72 at the first reasonable opportunity.

- 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee**
- 21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- 21.1 As stated in NoR**
- 22 SUPPLIED BOATS**
- 22.1 As stated in NoR**
- 23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**
- 23.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: RCYC burgee**
- 24 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**
- 24.1 As stated in NoR**
- 25 TRASH DISPOSAL**
- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.**
- 26 BERTHING**
- 26.1 As stated in NoR**
- 27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
- 27.1 As stated in NoR**
- 28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**
- 28.1 As stated in NoR**
- 29 PRIZES**
- 29.1 As stated in NoR.**
- 30 RISK STATEMENT**
- 30.1 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 inherently unpredictable and therefore 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 boats 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;**

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

**31 INSURANCE**

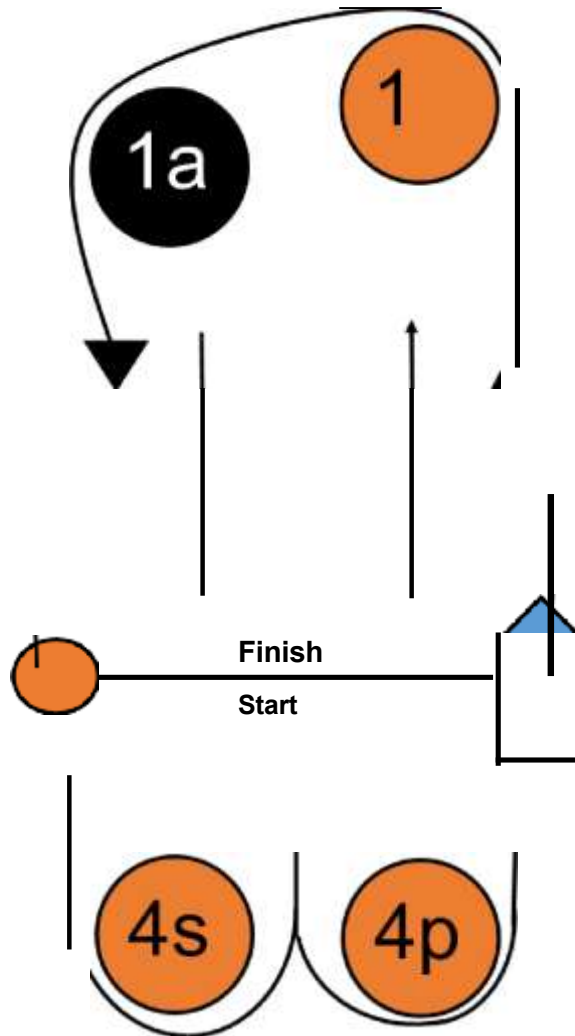
**31.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

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## Sailing Instructions Addendum, No 1

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Windward leeward course



The diagram shows the direction of rounding mark 1 and 1a when the red board is shown by the Committee boat (Port rounding)

If a green board is displayed by the Committee boat, the direction of mark 1 will be to starboard. Mark 1a to Starboard. Marks 3&4 will form a gate at the leeward end of the course. You must pass between Mark 3 & 4 and round either of the marks. Boats must pass through the start finish line on each windward leg.

**All Boats must pass through the Start/ Finish gate on each windward leg.**

The race will finish on a windward leg when the leading boat passes through the start-finish gate for the first time, after the race has been in progress for the time displayed on a board at the stern of the Committee Boat. However, if conditions are extreme, the race may be shortened.

**Marks 1, 4s, and 4p are orange buoys. Mark 2: a black buoy. Pin orange buoy**

