



RBYC Whitsun Regatta 2026

Sailing Instructions – Dinghies

The Organising Authority is the Royal Burnham Yacht Club

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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

1. Rules

1.1. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2. Crouch Authority Byelaws apply.

1.3. Rule 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.

1.4. All boats shall carry a 6mm floating line painter, at least 8 metres. [DP]

1.5. The following documents apply:

1.5.1. RYA Charter as adopted by the RBYC.

1.5.2. The RYA Arbitration, Advisory Hearing and Post-Race Penalty will be available.

1.5.3. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% of the number of boats in the relevant fleet (rounding 0.5 upwards).

1.6. In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SI, the SI will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c)(2).

1.7. RRS 40.1 will apply at all times whilst afloat.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect at the Burnham Sailing Club and Royal Burnham Yacht Club.

3. Communications with Competitors

The dinghy event noticeboard is located inside the Burnham Sailing Club clubhouse.

4. Code of Conduct

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

4.2. Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the Organising Authority by any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Burnham Sailing Club flag board gantry, located on the club balcony.

6. Schedule of Races

Saturday 23rd May

Up to 4 races to be sailed.

First warning to be no earlier than 11.30am

Ideal time

Race 1

Fast Handicap warning signal 1130

Slow Handicap warning signal 1135

All subsequent races as soon as practicable after each other. No break ashore is scheduled but may be used.

Last warning signal no later than 1600.

Sunday 24th May

Up to 3 races to be sailed

First warning no earlier than 1100

Ideally race one

Fast Handicap warning signal 1100

Slow handicap warning signal 1105

All subsequent races to be started as soon as practicable after the previous one.

The final warning signal will be no later than 1500 .

7. Class Flags

The class flag for the Fast Handicap fleet is Flag F.

The class flag for the Slow Handicap fleet is Flag R.

8. Racing Area

The racing area is the Rivers Crouch and Roach.

9. Courses

The courses to be sailed will be presented at the competitor's briefing.

10. Marks

Marks will be orange dumpy racing marks, River Crouch racing marks and navigational buoys.

. Obstructions

Designated obstructions include barges east of Rice and Coles moorings and wetland entrances.

12. The Start

12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

13. The Finish

The finish line will be the Burnham Sailing Club line.

14. Time Limits and Target Times

Target Time 30 minutes

15. Scoring

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

16. Safety Regulations

Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat.

17. Prizes

Prizegiving details as published.

18. Risk Statement

RRS 3 applies.

19. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a minimum of £3,000,000 third-party liability cover.