



Royal Burnham Yacht Club

The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AU

PREDICTED LOG RULES

Motor Boats: (Yachts motoring under engine alone may also enter as if a Motor Boat)

The contest will be governed by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, the Crouch Harbour Authority bye-laws, local Notices to Mariners and these Rules.

Description and Rules:

A predicted log event is an exercise in navigational skills where the participants predict in advance the times necessary for their boats to complete a predefined course.

The objective of the event is to complete the course in as close as possible to the predicted time without adjusting the throttle after the start, and the winner is the boat, which has the lowest percentage time error. It is not a speed contest, each participant chooses a speed for their own boat, which is comfortable and safe. Deviation from a straight line shall be the minimum required for safety, while maintaining the shortest distance between marks. Marks must be passed within 50 metres. **Safe navigation is paramount.**

Please be aware that multiple keelboat races will start from the BSC from 11.20 (WS) onwards and a fleet will start from Pile House at 11.40 (WS).

Date: Thursday 3rd September 2026.

Starting window: 10.45 to 10.55.

Predicted Log course: This will be communicated at least 24 hours in advance.

Starting procedure:

All predicted log boats to identify themselves and announce to the RB Racebox on Channel 37 their intention to start as they approach the start line within the starting window and their predicted time to complete the course.

There are no entry formalities as such, but it is anticipated that boats intending to take part will make this known reasonably well in advance.

Boats taking part will display a conspicuous orange pennant or streamer as they approach the start line and when finishing to assist the RB Racebox in identification.

Organisation and communications:

The organisation is informal and through the "RB Cruiser WhatsApp Group".

Communication with owners not on that group will be managed by those owners being encouraged to join that WhatsApp Group, or in some other reasonable manner.

Communications will include dates for events, starting window and the course.

Risk Statement:

The RBYC, its directors, officers, members and employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injury to boats or their crew in any way from any cause during or related to the event.

By taking part in the event, each participant agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part.
- 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 participate and they are fit to participate.
- e) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue.

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.