

Burnham Week 2026
Burnham Week Limited
29th August to 5th September 2026
Burnham on Crouch, Essex

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule 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 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*.
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with the Crouch Harbour Byelaws. Document name: Crouch Harbour Authority Byelaws & Regulations available at [www. Byelaws-crouchharbour. UK](http://www.Byelaws-crouchharbour.UK).
- 1.3 RRS A5.1 and A5.2 are changed as follows: A boat that does not start within ten minutes after its starting signal will be recorded as Did Not Start without a hearing. RRS44.1 is changed as follows: A one-turn penalty replaces a two-turn penalty for all keelboat classes.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 on August 7th 2026, at the *Burnham Week website*.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.burnhamweek.com/noticeboard/>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on *channel(s) 37a 72, 77 and 16*
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

- 3.4 [DP] Whilst racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions. It shall not receive voice or data communication, which is unavailable to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of Class O Mocra, Class One, Class Two, Class Five and Class Six. All Keelboat and dinghy Classes.
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats with valid handicap or rating systems certificates with a maximum and minimum range handicap.
- 4.3 Classes are defined as follows:

Class 1 & 2	World Sailing Offshore special regulations Appendix B with VHF radio. See BW appendix A	YTC less than 950.
Class 5	White sails and a spinnaker	YTC 950 or more
Class 6	White sails only	YTC.
Keelboats	707 International Dragon Royal Burnham one Design Royal Corinthian One Design RS Elite East Coast One Design Squibs Sandhoppers.	
Dinghies	Merlin Rocket, Osprey, Phantom, Dinghies fast and slow handicap ILCA and Laser	
Town Cup and the EORA Houghton Cup	Town Cup YTC Houghton Cup IRC.	Category 4 plus category 3 compliant Safety Harnesses and Tethers. Entrants shall complete an online declaration stating that the boat complies.
Beastie Tour	Optimist, ILCAs, Tera, Fevas and Cadets	Special Youth Event Sunday 29 th August 2026

- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to the Burnham week Official Website by Friday, August 28th, 2026
- 4.5 Boats may enter the event by registering online at [<Burnhamweek - Official Website>](#).
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: at the discretion of the Race Committee. Additional fees will apply.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows

Class	Early entry Fee until 2359 July 31st 2026	Standard Fee From 1 st August to 2359 August 29 th 2026
All Keelboats	Eight Days £168.00	Eight Days £194.00
	BHWE @ £102.00	BHWE @£107.00
	BH & T.Day @ £136.00	BH & T.Day £143.00
	Day Rate £37.00	Day Rate £39.00
All Dinghies	Four Days @£50.00	Four Days @£55.00
	Three Days @£40.00	Three Days @£45.00
	Day Rate @£15.00	Day Rate @17.50
Beastie Tour	Single @ 15.00 Double Handed £20.00	

Four days = Saturday, Sunday, Bank Holiday Monday and final Saturday. Entry to the John Torrance Trophy is free, provided you enter by Tuesday, 26th August.

Entries are online at [Burnhamweek - Official Website](#)

BHW = Bank Holiday Weekend * Includes entry for John Torrance.

5.2 **Late fee** from 23.59 August 28th. A late fee of £20.00 will apply.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The following crew limitations apply: For IRC classes, IRC rule 22.4.20 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number printed on the certificate". There is no weight limit.

7 **ADVERTISING**

7.1 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 **QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

N/A for this event

9 **SCHEDULE**

9.1 Registration Burnham Week Office situated at the Royal Burnham Yacht Club

Date	From	To
Friday 28 th August	1500	2000
Saturday 29 th August	0800	1130
Sunday 30 th August	0930	1130
Remainder of the week	0930	1130

9.2 Equipment inspection and event measurement:

Friday 28th August from 1400 to 1600 at BYH.

9.3 Dates of racing:

Date	Class	
Saturday 29 th August	All Classes	Racing
Sunday 30 th August	All Classes	Racing
Monday 31 st August	All Classes	Racing
Tuesday 1 st September	Keelboats and Yachts	Racing
Wednesday 2 nd September	Keelboats and Yachts	Racing
Wednesday 2 nd September	Dinghies John Torrance	Racing
Thursday 3 rd September	Keelboats and Yachts	Racing
Friday 4 th September	Keelboats and Yachts	Racing
Saturday 5 th September	All Classes	Racing

9.4 Number of races:

Class	BW Regatta Total.	Scheduled	Maximum per day
Mocra	4	2	2
Class 1& 2	7	1	1
Class 5 & 6	6	1	1
707	8	2	2
Dragons	8	1	1
ECOD	8	1	1
Elite	7	2	2
Squib	11	2	2
RBOD	8	1	1
RCOD	11	2	2
Sandhopper	3	1	1
Merlin Rocket	5	2	2
Phantom	8	2	2
Osprey	5	2	2
Fast Handicap	10	3	4
Slow Handicap	10	3	4

9.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat will verify the existence of a valid measurement or rating certificate.

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.3 All acknowledged class and safety equipment may be inspected or measured.

10.4 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 N/A to this event

12 VENUES

12.1 The venue is spread across the three Clubs: Burnham Sailing Club, The Royal Burnham Yacht Club and the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club.

12.2 NOR addendum, B shows the location of the racing area.

13 COURSES

13.1 Courses to be sailed are set in the rivers Crouch, Roach, and Thames Estuary.

13.2 The marks that may be used are as follows: River racing marks. Navigation marks and inflatable buoys.

13.3 Racing marks and their locations

<i>Bridgemarsh</i>	<i>51.38.152</i>	<i>000.45.230</i>
<i>Canewdon</i>	<i>51.37.921</i>	<i>000.44.925</i>
<i>Clarkes</i>	<i>51.37.074</i>	<i>000.53.945</i>
<i>Cliff</i>	<i>51.38.296</i>	<i>000.45.902</i>
<i>Cliff Reach</i>	<i>51.37.923</i>	<i>000.46.728</i>
<i>Crossrail 1</i>	<i>51.37.975</i>	<i>000.43.998</i>
<i>Rubber Ball</i>	<i>51.37.223</i>	<i>000.52.033</i>
<i>Holliwell</i>	<i>51.37.223.</i>	<i>000.53.421</i>
<i>Jubilee</i>	<i>51.36.244</i>	<i>000.52.042</i>
<i>Lands End</i>	<i>51.38.213</i>	<i>000.46.102</i>
<i>Raypitts</i>	<i>51.38.241</i>	<i>000.43.516</i>
<i>Redward</i>	<i>51.37.235</i>	<i>000.52.350</i>

<i>Roach</i>	<i>51.36.694</i>	<i>000.51.933</i>
<i>Ron Pipe</i>	<i>51.37.272</i>	<i>000.54.126</i>
<i>Short Pole Reach</i>	<i>51.38.123</i>	<i>000.42.388</i>
<i>Tony Glaze</i>	<i>51.38.064</i>	<i>000.45.426</i>
<i>West Quay</i>	<i>51.37.499</i>	<i>000.48.503</i>
<i>Wallaseaness</i>	<i>51.36.791</i>	<i>000.51.981</i>

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty is 20% .

14.2 For all keelboat classes, RRS 44.1 has been changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turn Penalty.

15 SCORING

15.1 The scoring system is as follows: Appendix A

15.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series

15.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores

15.4 (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

15.5 Rule 90.3 applies

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with a Burnham week flag.

17 CHARTERED AND LOANED BOATS

N/A

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the moorings.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

N/A

21 DATA PROTECTION Privacy Statement

21.1 The management of racing involves using participants' personal information. The Data Protection Act 2018 regulates the use and storage of personal information in the United Kingdom. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is a contract. If the rules do not bind you, the legal basis for processing that personal information is a legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used under the organising authority's privacy policy.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 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". Sailing is an unpredictable sport and, therefore, inherently 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 their own exposure, crew's, and boat's exposure to such inherent risk whilst participating in the event.
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property, whether afloat or ashore.
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their actions or omissions.
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and fit to participate.
 - e) The event organising authority's provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their 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, regulations and/or byelaws specific to sailing or racing in the CHA Harbour, including:
 - h) Tidal conditions are complex, with areas of shallow water common as well as very fast tidal flows in parts of the harbour and around the entrance to the wetlands
 - i) The area is used by a wide variety of craft, including large commercial vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and high volumes of leisure boat traffic. The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) 1972 and local byelaws apply to all these craft, including racing yachts.

- j) The Sail Racing Procedures issued by Burnham Week, <https://www.>, require all those involved in yacht racing to participate in Burnham Week.
- h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy to withstand extreme weather, that the crew is sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, up to date, and familiar to the crew.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3 million pounds sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES as listed in the Sailing Instructions

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information, please get in touch with Burnham Week Limited
Email: info@burnhamweek.com Website www.Burnhamweek.com

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APPENDIX B – Special Regulations for Inshore Racing

Special Regulations for inshore racing are intended for use in short races, close to shore relatively warm and protected waters where adequate shelter and/or effective rescue is available all along the course, held in daylight only.

Part A Basic

Regulation Item

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 Under RRS 3 the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face all weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of his incapacitation.

2.04.1 All equipment required by OSR shall:

- a) function properly,
- b) be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced,
- c) if it has an expiry date, it will not have exceeded its expiry date whilst racing,
- d) when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised,
- e) be readily accessible, and
- f) be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.

3.02 Watertight and Structural Integrity of a Boat

3.02.1 A boat shall be essentially watertight and all openings shall be capable of being immediately secured. Centreboard or daggerboard trunks and the like shall not open into the interior of a hull except via a watertight maintenance hatch with the opening entirely above the waterline.

Part B Portable Equipment

A boat shall have:

Regulation Item

3.23 A strong bucket with a lanyard and of at least 9 L (2.4 US Gal) capacity.

3.24 A compass (a hand-held is acceptable).

4.05 A fire extinguisher required if electrical system, engine or stove on board.

4.06 An anchor.

4.22.3 A lifebuoy with a drogue.

4.22.4 A heaving line, no less than 6 mm (1/4") diameter, 15–25 m (50–75') long, readily accessible to cockpit.

4.25 A strong, sharp knife, in a securely restrained sheath shall be readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit..

Each Crewmember shall have:

Regulation Item

5.01.1

A gas inflatable lifejacket which shall comply with ISO 12402-3 (Level 150) and have been manufactured after 2011. It shall be fitted with the following, each complying with ISO 12402-3 or ISO 12402-8:

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- a) a manual or automatic gas inflation system,
 - b) a ride up prevention system (crotch strap or thigh straps), It shall also:
 - g) be of the appropriate size range for the crewmember as marked on the PFD, and
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h) have been indelibly marked with the name of the owner or boat.

5.01.4 The person in charge shall personally check that each lifejacket has been service in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation by an approved service station and that the next service date as marked on the lifejacket has not been exceeded.

End of Notice of Race 2026