



RS Tera Eastern Championships 2026

Part of the RS Tera Eastern Traveller Series 2026

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Burnham Sailing Club

Sunday 13th June 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is Burnham Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK RS Tera Class Association.

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. 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.
 - 1.3. The following documents apply:
 - 1.3.1. The International RS Tera Class Rules apply, available at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/documents>In addition:
 - 1.3.2. All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids [DP]
 - 1.3.3. All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8m in length (measured from the fitment point on the boat) [DP]
 - 1.3.4. It is advised that the rear handles on the transom have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS.
 - 1.3.5. Long hair must be tied back so it does not pose a threat to the sailor's safety.
 - 1.3.6. Burnham SC and the UK RS Tera Class Association implement the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter, available at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
 - 1.4. The Post-Race Penalty under RRS 44.3(c) will be 30% of the number of boats in the relevant fleet (rounding 0.5 upwards).
- 1.1 RRS 40.1 will apply at all times whilst afloat.

- 1.5. RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. Communications with Competitors

The official noticeboard for the event is located in the Clubhouse.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Burnham Sailing Club flagpole, which is located on the club balcony.

- 4.2. When flag AP  is flying ashore, 'the warning signal will be made' is replaced with 'Flag D will be raised' in the Race Signals section of the RRS. Any further postponement signals will be made from the committee boat in accordance with the Racing Signals section of the RRS.

- 4.2.1. [DP] Flag  D with fleet flag and one sound means 'Boats in displayed fleet can launch. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 20 minutes after flag D is displayed'

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The table below shows the scheduled times for warning signals for each day of the event:

Day	Event	Time
Sunday 13 th September	Registration open	08.30 – 10.15
Sunday 13 th September	Briefing on clubhouse decking	10.30
Sunday 13 th September	First warning signal	11.10
Sunday 13 th September	Last possible time for a warning signal	16.00
Sunday 13 th September	Prizegiving	As soon as possible after racing

- 5.2. The Championship will consist of up to 5 races.
It is planned that each days races will be sailed back-to-back.
- 5.3. 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.

6. Class Flags

The class flags will be presented at the competitors briefing.

7. Courses

- 7.1. The course to be sailed will be presented at the competitors briefing.

8. Marks

Marks will be orange dumpy marks and navigational marks.

The Starting mark will be a danbuoy with an orange flag and the Burnham Sailing Club race line.

The finishing mark will be a danbuoy with an orange flag.

9. The Start

- 9.1. Races will be started using RRS 26
- 9.2. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.3. 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
- 9.4. In the main fleets, the PRO fleet will start first, followed by the SPORT fleet.
- 9.5. If there is a general recall  for the PRO fleet, the SPORT fleet will be started after the restart of the PRO fleet.

10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 10.2. Minor mark moves of up to 100m or approximately 5 degrees may be made without a signal. This changes RRS 33

11. The Finish

- 11.1. The finishing line is between the committee boat with an orange flag at the starboard end and the finishing mark at the port end.
- 11.2. Scoring other boats:
 - 11.2.1. After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.
 - 11.2.2. When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be finished by this race committee boat.
 - 11.2.3. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12. Time Limits and Target Times

- 12.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time for the first boat and Finishing Window are show in the table below

Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
50 minutes	30 minutes	10 minutes

- 12.2. 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, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did not finish (DNF) without a hearing. A boat scored DNF 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.
- 12.3. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS62.1(a)

Hearing Requests

- 12.4. For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 12.5. Hearing request forms are available to be completed from the race office.
- 12.6. 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. Hearing location will be published with the schedule on the official notice board.

13. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 13.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 13.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 14.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat as soon as possible. A declaration form is available from the race office which must be completed by competitors when ashore. Competitors may also use this form to indicate races which they did not finish (DNF) or in which they took penalty turns. [DP]

15. Prizes

- 15.1. Prizes will be given dependent on number of entries.
- 15.2. The titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Tera Pro Eastern Champion	First RS Tera Pro Overall (Eastern Region)
RS Tera Sport Eastern Champion	First RS Tera Sport Overall (Eastern Region)

First RS Tera Pro Overall	This will only be awarded if the first boat is not an Eastern Region Sailor
First RS Tera Sport Overall	This will only be awarded if the first boat is not an Eastern Region Sailor

16. 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 by its nature 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 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 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

17. 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.

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SI ADDENDUM 2

INCIDENTS ON THE WATER - SOME EXPLANATIONS

Protests and Arbitration

If you are involved in an incident on the water - you may want to protest another boat. To do so you must immediately hail 'Protest' at the first reasonable opportunity. Later you can fill in a protest form and deliver it at the race office before the protest time limit ends.

At this event we will be operating a system of Arbitration. This is set out in RRS Appendix T.

Advisory hearing

If you have been involved in an incident - but you don't want to protest anybody, maybe you want to learn what the rules are in that situation anyway..., then you can ask for an advisory hearing.

This can be a good way to learn more about situations that happen on the water - and nobody will get disqualified or penalised.

If you are told in an advisory hearing that you did break a rule in the situation - you can take a Post Race Penalty or retire - but you don't have to.

RYA Racing Charter

Applies equally to everyone involved in sailboat racing

Principles

Fair Racing

Competitors agree to race fairly; organisers and officials agree to provide fair racing; support persons agree to encourage fair racing and uphold the principles of this Charter.

Fair Resolution

Disputes will be addressed in a timely and proper manner by those responsible; parties involved will use established tools for achieving a fair resolution.

Respect

Foul, abusive, aggressive and discriminatory language or behaviour, or a lack of respect for others and their property, will not be tolerated.

Accountability

Those who take unfair advantage of sailing's self-policing nature, or behave inappropriately, can expect action to be taken against them.

Why?

Ensures sailboat racing is **fair, welcoming and inclusive to all**

Provides a framework for all-round **enjoyment**

Encourages **life long** sailboat racing

In Practice

What YOU should expect

- Racing that is inclusive, fair, enjoyable and safe.
- Facilities, organisation and race management of acceptable standards and appropriate to the event.
- Opportunities to give feedback.
- Prompt resolution of any disputes.



What is expected of YOU

- Courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials and other water users, both afloat and ashore.
- Compliance with rules; taking a penalty when required by the rules.
- Use of provided tools to resolve any disputes.

The RYA encourages the use of the following tools...

for the resolution of Racing Disputes:

Post-Race Penalty Advisory Meetings Protest Hearings Arbitration

for Unacceptable Behaviour:

Rule 2 Protest Rule 69 Hearing



For further information, visit www.rya.org.uk/racingrules