



Royal Burnham Yacht Club

(The Organising Authority)

WILLIWAW TROPHY

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PREAMBLE

The Royal Burnham Yacht Club, its officers, members and employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel in any way or from any cause during or related to Races organised by the Race Committee. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4 (Decision to Race).

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20, the IRC2017 Rules, the Crouch Harbour Authority bye-laws, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions prevail over the Notice of Race when they conflict.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1. General:

The safety of a boat and her entire management, including Insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat or the provision of safety boats, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of them taking part in a race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races and that the boat contains at least the minimum specified safety equipment detailed in class rules.

2.2. Insurance:

Each boat shall have a valid third-party insurance of not less than £2,000,000 in force for the duration of all races sailed under these Sailing Instructions for which she has entered.

2.3. Compliance with Class Rules, Measurement and Rating Certificated – see RRS 78.

Boats must submit a current IRC certificate with the entry fee to be included in the IRC class. Boats must submit NHC information with the entry fee to be included in the NHC Class.

2.4. Racing Fees and Entry Form:

A Race Entry Form must be submitted and received by 2000hrs, Friday 14th April 2017. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Officer.

2.5. Identification on Sails:

Under exceptional circumstances and provided that class rules allow, the race committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS Rule 77 and Appendix G. The use of such sails may only be allowed with the prior agreement of the Race Officer and applications must be made in writing.

2.6. Eligibility:

Races are open to any member of a yacht club recognized by the RYA (or by another National Sailing Authority).

3. CLASSES:

Entries are invited for both IRC and NHC cruiser classes. A Dual Scoring system will be used for cruisers, all yachts will start and race as one fleet with the results calculated on the elapsed time according to each system. The intention is all yachts will be entered in the NHC class, subject to a satisfactory handicap being determined by the Race Officer.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the RBYC.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will either be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the race, or by communication (which may be orally or on VHF Channel 37) with each competitor afloat before the warning signal.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the Race Box Platform of the RBYC.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races for all classes are scheduled to start as follows:

Saturday	15 th April	Cruisers Warning 09:55 Race 1
Saturday	15 th April	Cruisers Warning 14:35 Race 2
Sunday	16 th April	Cruisers Warning 09:55 Race 3

There is one start for all yachts, both IRC and NHC yachts race as one fleet.

8. CLASS FLAG: The Class flag for all yachts shall be Pennant No 1 (red circle on white background).

9. RACING AREA: The rivers Crouch and Roach and adjacent coastal waters.

10. THE COURSE: The course will be posted on the official Royal Burnham Yacht Club Notice Board before the start and via VHF Channel 37 at regular intervals before the start.

11. MARKS: Navigation and/or Racing marks in the Rivers Crouch, Roach or adjacent coastal waters may be used.

11. THE START. (RRS 26 is amended)

11.1. Starting Line:

All races will start from the **RCYC LINE**. The starting and finishing line is defined by two posts in transit on the South Shore, opposite the clubhouse. In the absence of one of these posts the line will be defined as between the remaining post on the south shore and the southernmost post on the north shore (The transit of the two posts on the northern shore is a guide only).

The starting procedure will be as stated in RRS 26 **except** that every mention of "flag" should be interpreted as "board".

11.2. Finishing Line- Club Fixed Line:

The finishing line is the **RCYC line** as defined in 11.1 above.

12. SHORTENING COURSE AFTER THE START (RRS32 is amended)

12.1. Shortening course at Finishing line.

When Flag S is displayed, with two sounds, at or near the finishing line, its meaning is for all classes.

The leading boat will finish when she crosses the designated Finishing Line; all other boats will finish when they do so after having sailed the same course.

12.2. Shortening a course at a mark.

When Flag H is displayed, with two sounds, from a vessel flying the Club Burgee near a mark of the course it will have the same meaning for all classes. Where Flag H is displayed over a Class Flag this instruction will apply to that class only. The course is shortened and this is to become the last mark of the course. Pass it on the required side and sail to the designated Finishing Line, having first sailed the same number of laps as the leading boat and finish. The Finishing Line is to be crossed from the direction of the last mark.

When Flag S is displayed, with two sounds, from a vessel wearing the Club Burgee near a mark of the course its meaning is as the RRS-Race Signals

13. FINISHING LINE: See paragraph 11.3 above.

14. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for each race will be:

Saturday 15 th April	Race 1 - 1400hrs
Saturday 15 th April	Race 2 - 1830hrs
Sunday 16 th April	Race 3 - 1300hrs

The race will be valid for all boats finishing within the Time Limit. Boats finishing after the Time Limit will be deemed to have retired and will be scored DNF.

15. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2: (RRS 44.1 is amended.)

One turn shall be regarded as a penalty for infringement of a part 2 sailing instruction.

16. PROTESTS:

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer or Regatta Office and delivered to the Race Officer within one hour after the last boat's finish unless the Race Officer decides to allow a longer period.

17. SCORING:

Scoring for individual classes and overall will be in accordance with the RRS A2 Low Points System. No discards are available.

18. PRIZES:

The Williwaw Trophy will be presented to the overall winner of the IRC class at the RBYC on Sunday 16th April at lunch after racing. A trophy will also be awarded for the NHC Class.

19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

19.1. **Personal Buoyancy:** RRS 40 will apply.

19.2. **Safety Equipment:** Any yacht found deficient in safety equipment according to the rules of their class during a race or during a spot check will be considered to have infringed Rule 1 of these Sailing Instructions.

19.3. **Moored Vessels:** A boat that makes contact with a moored or anchored vessel whilst racing shall retire and report the incident to the Race Officer and the Crouch Harbour Authority.

19.4. **VHF Radio:** It is compulsory for all competitors to have a VHF Radio in working order and listening on Channel 37.

20. DECLARATIONS AND RETIRING:

Declarations are not required. However, it is the responsibility of the owner/person in charge who retires to notify the Race Officer without delay and in all cases within the Protest Time Limit.