

Burnham on Crouch Sailing Club

# 2026

## PROGRAMME & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Clubhouse, West Quay, Burnham on Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AS  
(BSC Car Park via Remembrance Avenue)

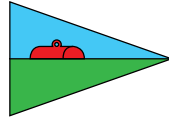
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# WELCOME TO BSC



Well, here I am again ..... for the second time I find myself Commodore of this wonderful club. It has been 8 years since the last time, but it feels like only yesterday. At least this time I have a much better idea of what I am doing and I can say that I now have a boat and do sail (sometimes)!



Our Club has always had a reputation for good competitive racing and for such a small club we punch well above our weight, both on our local river and on the national and international scene. We have had some fantastic results over the years. Last year we managed to become the highest placed UK team ever in the Keelboat League and one of our sailors has retained his national title for a fifth consecutive year. Many of these sailors learned to sail at the Club.

Racing aside, we also have a wonderful junior section with a reputation for introducing sailing in a safe and fun way. This year we are going to be working on some new ideas for both our juniors and adult sailors.

We also have a great social scene, with regular meet ups and lots of other events throughout the year. Even when we are not sailing there is still lots happening at the Club.

I'm sure I don't need to remind anyone that the BSC is run entirely by its member volunteers and I am happy to say I am well supported by Marcus Collingbourne as Vice Commodore, Nick Plank as Rear Commodore, the General Committee and various subcommittee members. These people put in huge amounts of time and effort to make our club what it is, and we all owe them our thanks for this. Having said that, we are always on the lookout for more volunteers and if you would like to help out or have any suggestions for improvements, then please don't hesitate, speak to someone, we are always keen to have new ideas or volunteers.

**Alan Hanna**  
Commodore

# SAILING 2026

Another year – another great season of sailing to look forward to at the Burnham Sailing Club!

Once again our keelboat sailors will take to the water on a Wednesday evening throughout the Spring/Summer sailing season from mid-April until the beginning of September. As the evenings draw in, racing will switch to Sunday morning Autumn Series in October running into the Nutcracker series in December.

We had a great turnout of boats last season across all our classes and it would be wonderful to see new faces joining our regulars for the keelboat racing this coming season.

Don't forget to enjoy the hospitality of the clubhouse after racing for a bite to eat, a drink and some good-natured post-race discussions!

There are minimal changes to the sailing instructions this year – we have increased the number of discards for the keelboats in the Spring Series from 2 to 3 as it is a 7 race series. The SI's have also been amended to allow the shortening of a course by the race box announcing the 'H' flag and Class flag instructions by VHF radio when it is impractical to send a committee boat to do so (Rule 11.3).

For those of you no longer actively involved afloat, we do need help this season in our racebox on a Wednesday evening. No experience is needed as full training will be given. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday evening please contact Alan Hanna at [racebox@burnhamsc.co.uk](mailto:racebox@burnhamsc.co.uk)

Let's go sailing!

**Marcus Collingbourne**  
Vice Commodore



## Key dates for 2026:

### APRIL

**Tuesday 7th**

Spring Series Week 1 (Dinghies)

**Wednesday 8th**

Practice Race (Keelboats)

**Wednesday 15th**

Spring Series Race 1 (Keelboats)

### JUNE

**Tuesday 2nd/Wednesday 3rd**

RNLI Pennant (Dinghies / Keelboats)

**Tuesday 9th/Wednesday 10th**

Stuart Paul Memorial (Dinghies / Keelboats)

**Saturday 13th**

Commodore's Cruise

**Tuesday 16th**

Presidents Trophy (Dinghies)

**Wednesday 17th**

Baldwin Trophy (Keelboats)

**Tuesday 23rd**

Summer Series Week 1 (Dinghies)

**Wednesday 24th**

Long Distance Race (Keelboats)

### JULY

**Wednesday 1st**

July Cup Race 1 (Keelboats)

**Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th**

Jimmy Starling (Squibs)

**Wednesday 29th**

Summer Series Race 1 (Keelboats)

### AUGUST

**Saturday 29th – Monday 31st**

Burnham Week Dinghy Regatta

**Saturday 29th – Saturday 5th September**

Burnham Week

### SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday 2nd**

John Torrance Race (Dinghies)

**Sunday 6th**

St Mathew Cup

**Wednesday 9th**

Crew's Race (Keelboats)

**Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th**

RS Tera Eastern Championships

**Sunday 20th**

Dinghy Autumn Series Week 1

### OCTOBER

**Sunday 4th**

Keelboat Autumn Series Race 1

### NOVEMBER

**Sunday 29th**

Keelboat Nutcracker Series Race 1

Further details and information on other BSC events will be made available on the website: [www.burnhamsc.co.uk](http://www.burnhamsc.co.uk)

# DINGHIES 2026

Welcome to another season of dinghy racing at the BSC.

Last year saw a growing fleet of sailors involved in our dinghy racing on a Tuesday evening from the BSC line with a large menagerie of craft taking to the water. The sailing is fun but pretty competitive!

The Spring and Summer series will be raced from the middle of April until darkness stops the fun in early September. We run fast and slow handicap fleet racing as well as RS Tera and Optimist races for our younger sailors, and try to fit 2 races an evening once the daylight hours get longer. It would be great to see more of our juniors taking to the water on a Tuesday this season as their skills progress.

We are looking at introducing a second method of scoring the racing this coming season, where, in addition to the usual results, we hope to introduce a Local Handicap series of results – just got to find some more trophies now...watch out for more news on this on the website.

Once the sailing is over make sure you grab some refreshment in the clubhouse where the convivial atmosphere is usually dominated by tales of what could have happened an hour earlier on the water!

The BSC is again running the dinghy fleet racing on the first weekend of Burnham Week, a highlight of our sailing calendar.

Weekend sailing is also available to our sailors - the Crouch River Clubs will be hosting Saturday or Sunday morning racing throughout the year, with spring and summer racing from the RBYC and RCYC lines and the autumn racing from the BSC line.

We do need help this season in our racebox on a Tuesday evening. No experience is needed as full training will be given. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday evening, please contact Alan Hanna at [racebox@burnhamsc.co.uk](mailto:racebox@burnhamsc.co.uk)

I am looking forward to seeing old and new faces on the water this season and remember, if you see an RS200 catching you up on the racecourse, give my super helm Jo and I a wave and let us pass.

See you on the water!

**Marcus Collingbourne**

Vice Commodore Sailing & Dinghy Co-Ordinator



## Key dates for 2026:

### APRIL

#### Tuesday 7th

Dinghy Spring Series Week 1

### MAY

#### Tuesday 2nd

RNLI Pennant

#### Tuesday 9th

Stuart Paul Memorial Trophy

#### Tuesday 16th

President's Trophy

### JUNE

#### Saturday 13th

Commodore's Cruise

#### Tuesday 23rd

Dinghy Summer Series Week 1

### AUGUST

#### Saturday 29th – Monday 31st

Burnham Week Dinghy Regatta

### SEPTEMBER

#### Wednesday 2nd

John Torrance Trophy Race

#### Saturday 5th

Burnham Week Town Cup

#### Sunday 6th

St Mathew Cup

#### Sunday 20th

Dinghy Autumn Series

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# JUNIORS 2026

The coaches and junior coordinators are excited to welcome our junior “Seals” back to Friday evenings at BSC, starting 17th April.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled season of sailing — with plenty of hiking out, race practice, trips to Lions Creek, and of course picnics, crabbing and games on the water. And getting wet is sure to feature somewhere!

Tuesday evening racing will also return for those young sailors who have achieved the required level of competence and are keen to gain more racing experience. We will continue with our Optimist fleet, as well as the slow and fast handicap fleets.

For beginners joining this season, our training sessions at the pond will be led by coach Marcus, who will introduce you to the basics of sailing and help you to get started on the water.

We can’t wait to see you all back on the water — let’s make it another fantastic year!

**Ceilidh Embling**  
**Richard Shepherd**  
**Marcus Collingbourne**  
 Junior Coordinators  
[juniors@burnhamsc.co.uk](mailto:juniors@burnhamsc.co.uk)



## Key dates for 2026:

### APRIL

**Tuesday 7th**

**Friday 10th**

**Friday 17th**

### SEPTEMBER

**Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th**

**Friday 18th**

**Saturday 26th**

Tuesday dinghy racing – Spring Series week 1

Seals Parents Evening / Welcome Presentation

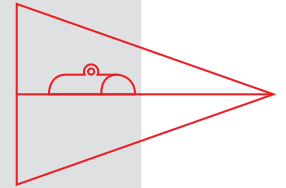
First Friday Junior Sailing

RS Tera Eastern Championships

Seals Prizegiving

Burnham Carnival

Further details will be posted on our social media channels and the website: [www.burnhamsc.co.uk](http://www.burnhamsc.co.uk) as they become available.



# KAYAKS 2026

Club paddles will be held every Wednesday from 2nd April 2026. 5.30pm meet and on the river for 6pm (although subject to adjustment based on weather forecasts).

Gain experience and confidence on the water with our coaches and experienced kayakers at hand. For our regular paddles on the River Crouch we use Sea or Touring kayaks - these are designed for paddling on open waters and the paddler is seated under a covered deck with a well, or cockpit, into which the paddler snugly fits. Then, using a double-bladed paddle, pull the blade through the water on alternate sides to move forward.

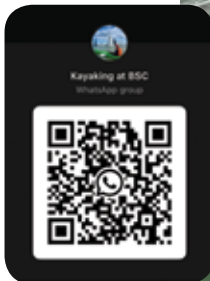
You can paddle using your own Sea / Touring Kayak, or for a small fee, rent one of the kayaks we have available. This includes all the kit required to get you out on the river.

The Crouch Kayak Club also runs trips away from the River Crouch during the year and organise camping adventures. For these trips we have smaller river kayaks and canoe's available to rent.

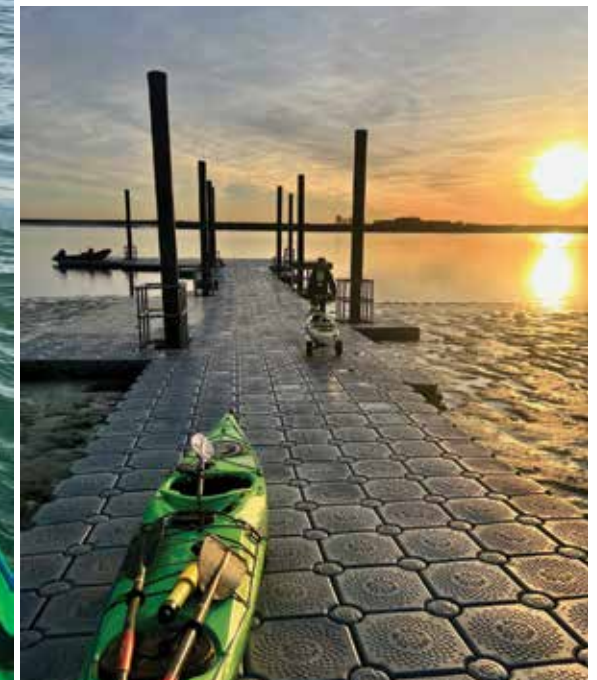
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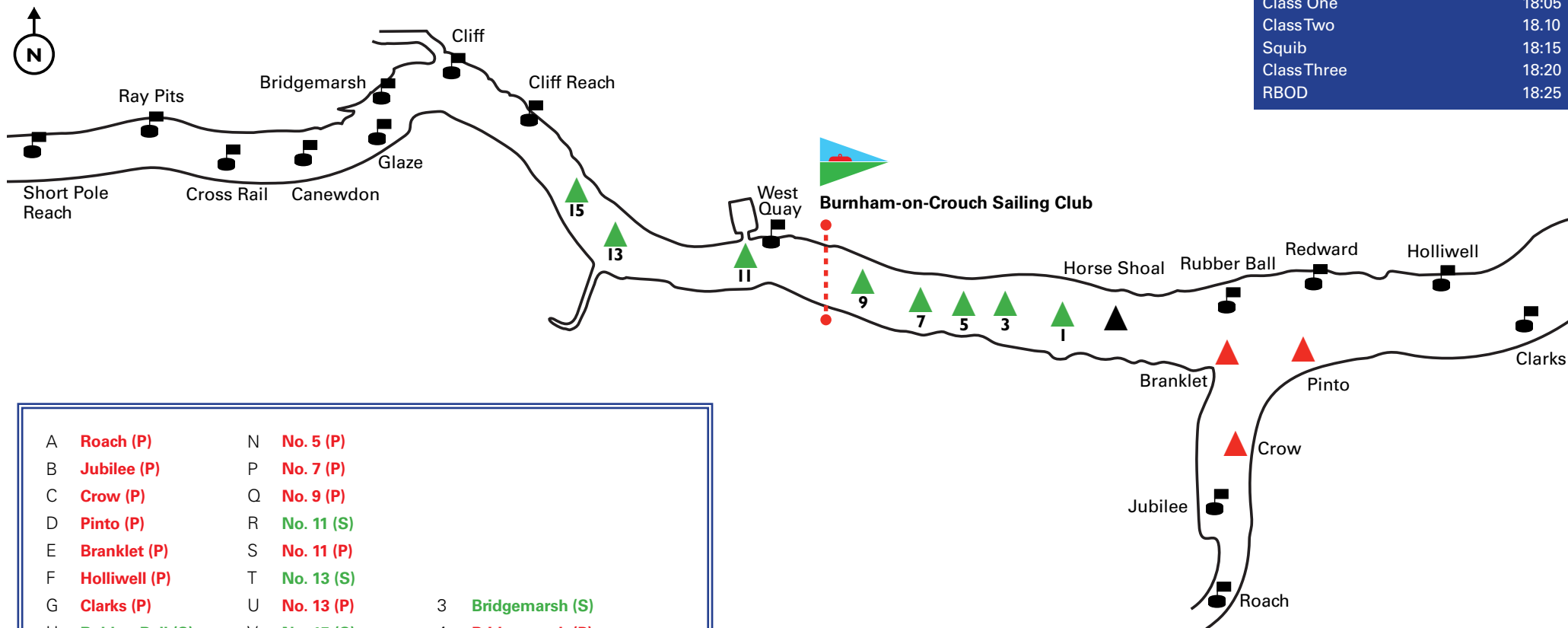
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# Burnham on Crouch Sailing Club

# Course Card 2026

Start times - Wednesday evening series	
Elite	18:00
Class One	18:05
Class Two	18:10
Squib	18:15
Class Three	18:20
RBOD	18:25



A	Roach (P)	N	No. 5 (P)
B	Jubilee (P)	P	No. 7 (P)
C	Crow (P)	Q	No. 9 (P)
D	Pinto (P)	R	No. 11 (S)
E	Branklet (P)	S	No. 11 (P)
F	Holliwell (P)	T	No. 13 (S)
G	Clarks (P)	U	No. 13 (P)
H	Rubber Ball (S)	V	No. 15 (S)
J	Redward (P)	W	No. 15 (P)
K	Horse Shoal (P)	X	Cliff Reach (P)
L	No. 1 (P)	Y	Cliff (S)
M	No. 3 (P)	Z	Cliff (P)
SP	Special Course	LD	Long Distance
		3	Bridgemarsh (S)
		4	Bridgemarsh (P)
		6	Glaze (S)
		7	Glaze (P)
		8	Canewdon (P)
		9	Short Pole Reach (P)

"Special Course" will be announced on VHF Ch 37 before the warning signal

SI 16.3 : Retirements shall be reported to the Racebox immediately via VHF Channel M1 (37) or by Mobile: 07753138642

## BSC Calendar 2026

Date	HW	LW	Keelboat	RBOD	Dinghy	Event	Junior	Kayaks	
<b>April</b>									
Friday	3	14:22	20:28			Good Friday			
Monday	6	15:38	21:39			Easter Monday			
Tuesday	7	16:07	22:09		Week 1	Dinghy Spring Series			
Wednesday	8	16:43	22:46	Practice Race		Keelboat Practice Race		Paddle	
Friday	10	18:13	12:01			Welcome Presentation	Seals		
Tuesday	14	23:16	17:02		Week 2	Dinghy Spring Series			
Wednesday	15	11:55	17:59	Race 1		Keelboat Spring Series		Paddle	
Friday	17	13:23	19:29			1st Friday sailing	Seals		
Tuesday	21	16:06	22:11		Week 3	Dinghy Spring Series			
Wednesday	22	16:48	22:57	Race 2		Keelboat Spring Series		Paddle	
Friday	24	18:31	12:06				Seals		
Tuesday	28	23:23	17:18		Week 4	Dinghy Spring Series			
Wednesday	29	11:54	18:06	Race 3		Keelboat Spring Series		Paddle	
<b>May</b>									
Friday	1	13:15	19:26				Seals		
Monday	4	14:38	20:43			Early May Bank Holiday			
Tuesday	5	15:03	21:11		Week 5	Dinghy Spring Series			
Wednesday	6	15:36	21:45	Race 4		Keelboat Spring Series		Paddle	
Friday	8	17:01	23:14				Seals		
Tuesday	12	21:08	14:57		Week 6	Dinghy Spring Series			
Wednesday	13	22:24	16:15	Race 5		Keelboat Spring Series		Paddle	
Friday	15	12:02	18:13				Seals		
Tuesday	19	15:08	21:26		Week 7	Dinghy Spring Series			
Wednesday	20	15:53	22:15	Race 6		Keelboat Spring Series		Paddle	
Friday	22	17:30	11:15				Seals		
Monday	25	20:45	14:25			Spring Bank Holiday			
Tuesday	26	21:51	15:35		Week 8	Dinghy Spring Series			
Wednesday	27	22:47	16:37	Race 7		Keelboat Spring Series		Paddle	
Friday	29	12:04	18:18				Seals		
<b>June</b>									
Tuesday	2	14:18	20:32		RNLI	RNLI Pennant Race Dinghies			
Wednesday	3	14:45	21:02	RNLI	RNLI	RNLI Pennant Race Keelboats		Paddle	
Friday	5	16:02	22:21				Seals		
Tuesday	9	19:27	13:15		Stuart Paul	Stuart Paul Memorial Trophy Dinghies			
Wednesday	10	20:32	14:24	Stuart Paul	Stuart Paul	Stuart Paul Memorial Trophy Keelboats		Paddle	
Friday	12	23:52	16:48				Seals		
Saturday	13	11:34	17:53	Commodore's Cruise					
Tuesday	16	14:09	20:37		Presidents	Presidents Trophy Dinghies			
Wednesday	17	14:57	21:27	Baldwin Race	Baldwin Race	Baldwin Trophy Keelboats		Paddle	
Friday	19	16:31	23:09				Seals		
Tuesday	23	20:06	13:52		Week 1	Dinghy Summer Series			
Wednesday	24	21:10	14:52	Long Distance	Long Distance	Long Distance Race Keelboats		Paddle	

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## BSC Calendar 2026 continued

Date	HW	LW	Keelboat	RBOD	Dinghy	Event	Junior	Kayaks
<b>June</b>								
Friday	26	23:09	16:57				Seals	
Tuesday	30	13:40	20:04		Week 2	Dinghy Summer Series		
<b>July</b>								
Wednesday	1	14:12	20:37	Race 1	Race 1	Keelboats July Cup		Paddle
Friday	3	15:15	21:43				Seals	
Tuesday	7	18:09	11:57		Week 3	Dinghy Summer Series		
Wednesday	8	19:01	12:49	Race 2	Race 2	Keelboats July Cup		Paddle
Friday	10	13:51	15:06				Seals	
Saturday	11	10:07	16:30	Squibs		Jimmy Starling		
Sunday	12	11:15	17:45	Squibs		Jimmy Starling		
Tuesday	14	13:09	19:42		Week 4	Dinghy Summer Series		
Wednesday	15	14:00	20:33	Race 3	Race 3	Keelboats July Cup		Paddle
Friday	17	15:31	22:08				Seals	
Tuesday	21	18:27	12:23		Week 5	Dinghy Summer Series		
Wednesday	22	19:20	13:10	Race 4	Race 4	Keelboats July Cup		Paddle
Friday	24	21:33	15:05				Seals	
Tuesday	28	12:46	19:12		Week 6	Dinghy Summer Series		
Wednesday	29	13:29	19:52	Race 1	Race 1	Keelboats Summer Series		Paddle
Friday	31	14:36	21:03				Seals	
<b>August</b>								
Tuesday	4	16:59	23:24		Week 7	Dinghy Summer Series		
Wednesday	5	17:43	11:32	Race 2	Race 2	Keelboats Summer Series (Diana Memorial)		Paddle
Friday	7	19:30	13:13				Seals	
Tuesday	11	12:07	18:42		Week 8	Dinghy Summer Series		
Wednesday	12	13:00	19:33	Race 3	Race 3	Keelboats Summer Series		Paddle
Friday	14	15:11	21:45				Seals	
Tuesday	18	17:03	23:27		Week 9	Dinghy Summer Series		
Wednesday	19	17:42	11:39	Race 4	Race 4	Keelboats Summer Series		Paddle
Friday	21	19:19	13:04				Seals	
Tuesday	25	11:35	17:57		Week 10	Dinghy Summer Series		
Wednesday	26	12:24	18:45	Race 5	Race 5	Keelboats Summer Series		Paddle
Friday	28	13:43	20:03				Seals	
Saturday	29	14:16	08:11		Burnham	Burnham Week		
Sunday	30	14:48	08:45		Week Dinghy	Burnham Week		
Monday	31	15:21	09:18		Regatta	Burnham Week		
<b>September</b>								
Tuesday	1	15:56	09:51			Burnham Week		
Wednesday	2	16:35	10:26			Burnham Week. John Torrance Trophy Race		
Thursday	3	17:18	11:04			Burnham Week		
Friday	4	18:06	11:49			Burnham Week		
Saturday	5	19:05	12:44			Burnham Week Town Cup (Keelboats & Dinghies)		
Sunday	6	18:08	14:03			St Mathew Cup		

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## BSC Calendar 2026 continued

Date	HW	LW	Keelboat	RBOD	Dinghy	Event	Junior	Kayaks
<b>September</b>								
Wednesday	9	22:04	18:27	Crew race	Crew race	Keelboat Crew Race		Paddle
Friday	11	11:39	19:57				Seals	
Saturday	12	15:06	08:09			RS Tera Eastern Championships 2026		Paddle
Sunday	13	17:07	08:45			RS Tera Eastern Championships 2026		
Wednesday	16	22:10	22:45					Paddle
Friday	18	12:28	23:54			Seals Prizegiving		
Sunday	20	06:42	13:03		Week 1	Dinghy Autumn Series		
Wednesday	23	14:49	17:14					Paddle
Saturday	26					Carnival		
Sunday	27	13:47	20:06		Week 2	Dinghy Autumn Series		
Wednesday	30	15:35	21:45					Paddle
<b>October</b>								
Sunday	4	06:21	10:04	Race 1	Week 3	Autumn Series		
Sunday	11	13:39	07:29	Race 2	Week 4	Autumn Series		
Saturday	17					Senior Prizegiving		
Sunday	18	05:12	11:27	Race 3	Week 5	Autumn Series (George Prince Trophy Keelboats)		
Sunday	25	11:33	19:48	Race 4	Week 6	Autumn Series		
<b>November</b>								
Sunday	1	16:53	19:46	Race 5	Week 7	Keelboats Autumn Series		
Sunday	8	11:30	17:53	Race 6	Week 8	Autumn Series (Peter Cashell Trophy Keelboats)		
Sunday	15	15:37	09:16	Race 7		Autumn Series		
Sunday	22	10:05	16:30	Race 8		Keelboat Autumn Series / Prize Giving		
Sunday	29	15:54	09:48	Race 1		Keelboat Nutcracker		
<b>December</b>								
Sunday	6	10:15	16:39	Race 2		Keelboat Nutcracker		
Sunday	13	14:44	08:29	Race 3		Keelboat Nutcracker		
Sunday	20	08:17	14:59	Race 4		Keelboat Nutcracker		

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## Social Events 2026

We plan for the galley to be open for all sailing activities, including catering on Wednesday evenings. However, we say a sad farewell to Yim and Sharina who have been catering for us over the past 10 year. Our grateful thanks to them for their lovely food and big smiles.

As we go to press we are putting the final touches to new catering arrangements for Wednesdays evenings which we hope everyone will enjoy.

We intend to hold as many social events as there is demand for from members and for which we have volunteers to organise and manage. Monday "Meet Ups" will return (tea, biscuits, cakes and a chat) starting on Monday 2nd March and the first Monday of each month thereafter.

### Notable dates for 2026:

**Saturday 13th June**  
**Saturday 27th June**  
**Monday 31st August**  
**Wednesday 2nd September**  
**Friday 4th September**  
**Saturday 5th September**  
**Friday 18th September**  
**Saturday 17th October**  
**Saturday 7th November**  
**Sunday 22nd November**

Commodore's Cruise and BBQ  
 Quiz Night  
 Burnham Week Bank Holiday Cream Teas  
 John Torrance party/supper  
 Commodore's Cocktail Party (by invitation)  
 Fish & Chip Supper (Burnham Week Fireworks)  
 SEALS prizegiving party  
 Senior prizegiving dinner  
 Quiz Night  
 Autumn series prizegiving lunch

Further details and information on other BSC events and dates will be advertised by email, WhatsApp and the website: [www.burnhamsc.co.uk](http://www.burnhamsc.co.uk)

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2026

## SECTION "A" (Keelboats)

The notation '(DP)' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), IRC2026 rules where applicable and the Crouch Harbour Byelaws. <https://crouchharbour.uk/byelaws/>
- 1.2 The helm or owner must be a sailing member of the Burnham on Crouch Sailing Club (BSC).
- 1.3 One-design class rules will apply when boats are racing in a one design class and valid association membership is needed where applicable. Any crew weight limit rules for IRC are exempt for Club racing in Class One and Class two. If a one design is racing out of class in the local handicap classes, class rules do not apply.

### 2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located in the clubhouse and on the BSC website and social media channels when possible.

### 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day 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.

### 4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the BSC using the appropriate flag boards displayed on the upper storey balcony.
- 4.2 If the V flag flies from the flag halyards by the Club Burgee all boats and support vessels need to maintain radio watch on CH37 and 16 to potentially assist with a search and rescue.

### 5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Dates as in the BSC Programme 2026.
- 5.2 Class One is open to all yachts with a current valid IRC certificate. Class Two is for yachts with a current valid IRC certificate of 0.940 and below. Class Three is for yachts sailing under YTC/ Local handicap. Cruisers in both IRC and YTC/local handicap divisions can enter the series under a non-spinnaker handicap.
- 5.3 The scheduled warning signals for each class are as follows:-

Class	Warning Signal	Start	
Elite	1755	1800	
Class One	1800	1805	
Class Two	1805	1810	
Squib	1810	1815	
Class Three	1815	1820	
RBOD	1820	1825	ALL TIMES ARE BST

### 6 Class Flags

- 6.1 Class Flags will be:-

Elite	E
Class One	NP1
Class Two	NP2
Squib	NN9
Class Three	NP3
RBOD	NN4

### 7 Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing will take place on the Rivers Crouch and Roach

### 8 The Courses

- 8.1 The courses will be set from the BSC Course Card 2026. A chartlet is provided showing the approximate locations of marks.
- 8.2 The BSC line is a mark of the course when a boat passes through it on any leg of their course.

### 9 The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal and then at 4, 1, GO.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between 2 triangles on the South Shore and a transit on the race box.
- 9.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4 A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 AND A5.

### 10 The Finish

- 10.1 The finish line is the same as the start line, between the two triangles on the South Shore and a transit on the Race Box.
- 10.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, the helm should report their finishing time, and position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first opportunity.

### 11 Shortening Course

- 11.1 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.
- 11.2 If the H flag is displayed on its own or over an individual Class Flag at a rounding mark, the course changes. Pass the mark on the correct side from the direction of the previous mark and sail to the finish line.
- 11.3 In rare situations when it is impracticable to send a rib to a rounding mark the Racebox may announce the H flag and Class flag instructions over the VHF radio.
- 11.4 The finishing line is to be crossed from the direction of the last mark. This changes rule 32.

### 12 Penalty System

- 12.1 For Classes Elites, One, Two, Three and Royal Burnham one designs RRS 44.1 is hanged so that a two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.
- 12.2 A yacht in Class One, Two or Three who goes aground may use her engine to get off, ensuring no further advantage is gained. The yacht going aground nd using her engine must inform the race officer as soon as possible and accept a 2% or 1 place penalty, whichever is greater.

### 13 Time Limits

- 13.1 The time limit for each race is 3 hours after the start time for the first boat. If no boat finishes within the time limit the race committee will abandon the race. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 A4 and A5.

### 14 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Box.  
14.2 For each class the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.  
14.3 Notices must be posted no later than 45 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race box as soon as practicable. Where possible arbitration will be used.

### 15 Scoring

- 15.1 Scoring will be under the low points system as per RRS Appendix A where A5.3 is in effect.  
15.2 Discards will be applied as follows: 4 or more races 1 discard, 7 or more races 2 discards, 9 or more races 3 discards, 14 or more races 4 discards.

### 16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 Anchors stowed on deck shall not protrude over the bow.  
16.2 Outboard engines shall not be tilted up so as to protrude beyond the transom  
16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race box as soon as possible.  
16.4 All boats racing in Class One, Two and Three will carry the minimum of:
- Buoyancy aid or life jacket for each person aboard
  - A bucket with lanyard
  - A knife suitable for cutting ropes
  - A floating throw line or equivalent of 6mm minimum diameter and a minimum of 15m in length
  - A VHF capable of receiving and transmitting VHF 37 (M1)
  - A suitable anchor
- 16.5 Day Boats racing as one designs must carry adequate personal buoyancy and a VHF capable of receiving VHF 37 (M1) and any other safety requirements as laid out in their class rules.  
16.6 Boats failing to observe rules 16.1 and 16.2 may be disqualified without a hearing. Photographic evidence may be used for boats failing to comply with these rules.

### 17 Waste Disposal

- 17.1 All waste must be taken ashore and disposed of properly.

### 18 Radio Communication

- 18.1 Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all competitors.

### 19 Prizes

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded at the annual prize giving dinner.

### 20 Disclaimer of Liability

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### 21 Insurance

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

## SECTION "B" (Dinghies)

The notation '(DP)' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), and the Crouch Harbour Byelaws. <https://crouchharbour.uk/byelaws/>  
1.2 The helm or crew must be a sailing member of the Burnham on Crouch Sailing Club (BSC).  
1.3 One-design class rules will apply and valid association membership is needed where applicable.  
1.4 All in a dinghy will wear a personal flotation device in accordance with rule 40.1. Rule 40.1 will apply at all times.

### 2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse and on the BSC website and social media channels when possible.

### 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day 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.

### 4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the BSC clubhouse using the appropriate flags or flag boards displayed on the upper storey balcony.  
4.2 IF the V flag flies from the flag halyards by the Club Burgee all boats and support vessels need to maintain radio watch on CH37 and 16 to potentially assist with a search and rescue.

### 5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Dates as in the BSC Programme 2026.  
5.2 The scheduled warning signals for each class on Tuesday are as follows:-

Class	First Warning Signal	Start	
Fast Handicap	18:15	18:20	
Slow Handicap	18:20	18:25	
Regatta	18:30	18:35	ALL TIMES ARE BST

- 5.3 One extra race per day may be sailed at the RO's discretion.

## 6 Class Flags

- 6.1 Class Flags will be:
- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Fast Handicap | F |
| Slow Handicap | C |
| Regatta       | O |

## 7 Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing will take place on the Rivers Crouch and Roach

## 8 The Courses

- 8.1 The courses will be displayed on a notice board located on the pontoon.  
8.2 The BSC line is a mark of the course when a boat passes through it on any leg of their course.

## 9 The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal and then at 4, 1, GO.  
9.2 The starting and finishing line shall be between the triangles mounted on the Clubhouse and a Pin Marker.  
9.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.  
9.4 A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 AND A5.

## 10 The Finish

- 10.1 The finish line is the same as the start line, between the Pin Marker and a transit on the Race Box.  
10.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first opportunity.

## 11 Shortening Course

- 11.1 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.  
11.2 If the H flag is displayed on its own or over an individual Class Flag at a rounding mark, the course changes. Pass the mark on the correct side from the direction of the previous mark and sail to the finish line.  
11.3 The finishing line is to be crossed from the direction of the last mark. This changes rule 32.

## 12 Penalty System

- 12.1 For dinghy classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that a two-turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

## 13 Time Limits

- 13.1 The time limit for each race is 2 hours after the start time for the first boat. If no boat finishes within the time limit the race committee will abandon the race. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 A4 and A5.

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## 15 Scoring

- 15.1 Scoring will be under the low points system as per RS Appendix A where A5.3 is in effect.  
15.2 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding every 1 race out of 4 that are completed in the series.

## 16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race box as soon as possible.  
16.2 All dinghies are required to sign on and off regardless of where they launch.

## 17 Waste Disposal

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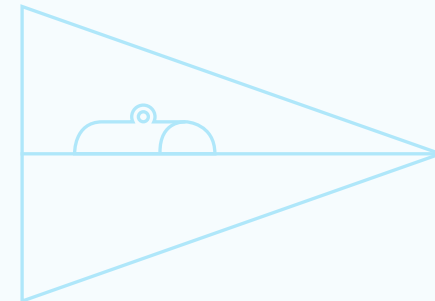
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## 2025 Season Trophy Winners - Keelboat Classes

### Spring Series

Class 1	Little Gem Trophy	Cobra	Philip Collard
Class 2	The Ryland Cup	Rondo	Richard Taylor
Class 3	Taylor Walker Cup	Mantra	P & S Harbott
707	Bedford Cup	Red Rooster	Phil Aspinall
RS Elite	Wilkinson Cup	Blind Squirrel	Bill Blank
Squib	Pitcher Cup	By The Lee	Jo Tribe, Jason Phelps

### RNLI Race

Class 1	RNLI Shield	Exile	Paul Trueman
Class 2	RNLI Shield	Jeannie	John Saunders
Class 3	RNLI Shield	Mantra	P & S Harbott
707	RNLI Shield		
RS Elite	RNLI Salver	All The Gear	Neil Fulcher
Squib	RNLI Shield	By The Lee	Jo Tribe, Jason Phelps

### Stuart Paul Trophy

Class 1,2,3	Stuart Paul Yacht	Cobra	Philip Collard
Squib/ RBOD/elite	Stuart Paul Yacht	Humphrey	Robert Coyle

### Baldwin Memorial Trophy

Class 1,2,3	Baldwin Trophy	Santa Evita	D Wastnage, G Richards, M Schneidau
Squib / RBOD/elite	Baldwin Trophy	Serious Moonlight	Richard Bavin

### July Cup

Class 1	Teazer Cup	Santa Evita	D Wastnage, G RichardsSchneidau
Class 2	The Minty Cup	Jeannie	John Saunders
Class 3	Hood Cup	Mantra	P & S Harbott
707	Mayflower Cup	Red Rooster	Phil Aspinall
RS Elite	Laser Cup	Blind Squirrel	Bill Blank
Squib	Wilkinson Cup	Humphrey	Robert Coyle
RBOD	BSC 1931 B Class Tankard	Red Jacket	Stephen Herring

### Summer Series

Class 1	Rnd.The Island Tankard	Slingshot	N Plank, S Pankhurst
Class 2	Jack Harrison Trophy	Jeannie	John Saunders
Class 3	Summer Points Tankard	Elfin	Martin Smith
707	Summer Points Cup	Red Rooster	Phil Aspinall
RS Elite	Summer Points Cup	Blind Squirrel	Bill Blank
Squib	Summer Points Tankard	Chequemate	Ian Simons
RBOD	RBOD Summer Series Cup	Red Jacket	Stephen Herring

### Long Distance Race

Class 1	GH Rope Cup	Santa Evita	D Wastnage, G Richards, M Schneidau
Class 2	R Austin Cup	Rondo	Richard Taylor
Class 3	Social Committee Cup	Mantra	P & S Harbott
707	Warwick Smith Cup	Felonius Gru	Paul Stratton
RS Elite	Long Distance Tankard	Serious Moonlight	Richard Bavin
Squib	Challis Cup	Humphrey	Robert Coyle
RBOD	Digger's Donation?	Red Jacket	Stephen Herring

### Diana Race

Class 1	Royal Wedding Trophy	Slingshot	N Plank, S Pankhurst
Class 2	Warwick Smith Cup	Jeannie	John Saunders
Class 3	Barrett Cup	Elfin	Martin Smith
707	Fred Rhind Bowl	Bugs Bunny	Ray Apthorp
RS Elite	JCC Salver	Serious Moonlight	Richard Bavin
Squib	Ron Clare Salver	Chequemate	Ian Simons
RBOD	RBOD Diana Jug	Red Jack	Stephen Herring

### Season's Points - Runner Up

Class 1	Covington Cup	Santa Evita	D Wastnage, G Richards, M Schneidau
Class 2	John Monk Tankard	Rondo	Richard Taylor
Class 3	W.W.Hawkes Cup	Shoestring	Tye Wichard
707	Sonata Shield	Bugs Bunny	Ray Apthorp
RS Elite	Dyce Pettigrow Tankard	Excalibur	Roger Martin
Squib	Joyce Hooper Bowl	Squabble	Ian & Iona Scott

### Season's Points - Winner

Class 1	Norma Cup	Cobra	Philip Collard
Class 2	Ian Torrance Cup	Jeannie	John Saunders
Class 3	Sable Cup	Mantra	P & S Harbott
707	Billingham Trophy	Red Rooster	Phil Aspinall
RS Elite	Full & Bye Cup	Blind Squirrel	Bill Blank
Squib	Joe Cole Cup	By The Lee	Jo Tribe, Jason Phelps

### Clanger Trophy

Shoestring Tye Wichard

### Autumn Series

Class 1		Martinique	Mark Lyons
Class 3		Rondo	Richard Taylor

### Nutcracker Series

Class 1		Cobra	Phil Collard
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## 2025 Season Trophy Winners - Dinghy Classes

### SENIORS

#### Spring Series

Fast Handicap Spring Series Cup James Hutton-Penman

#### Summer Series

Fast Handicap Summer Series Cup Noah Mathers

#### Season's Points

Fast Handicap 1st Saltmore Shield Noah Mathers  
 Fast Handicap 2nd Autumn Cup James Hutton-Penman  
 Fast Handicap 3rd BSC Tankard Richard Shepherd

#### Fast Handicap

Golden Dinghy Trophy Keith Gilmore

#### President's Race

Fast Handicap President's Decanter Ben & Lucy Harden

### SEALS

#### Spring Series

Slow Handicap 1st Spring Series Cup Arthur Bullen  
 Slow Handicap 2nd Enterprise Cup Harriet Fletcher  
 Slow Handicap 3rd Optimist Spring Series Cup Dylan Cross

#### Summer Series

Slow Handicap 1st Summer Series Cup Arthur Bullen  
 Slow Handicap 2nd The Harrison Cup Dylan Cross  
 Slow Handicap 3rd Race Cup Rishi Hancock

#### Season's Points

Slow Handicap 1st Darby Cup Arthur Bullen  
 Slow Handicap 2nd Hermes Trophy Dylan Cross  
 Slow Handicap 3rd The Hardy Cup Harriet Fletcher

#### Regatta Racing

1st Optimist B Summer Series Cup Harrison White  
 2nd Topper Cup Harry North  
 Fastest RS Tera Optimist Summer Series Cup Arthur Bullen  
 Fastest Optimist The Branklet Trophy Harrison White  
 Fastest Boy First Season Challenge Shield Noah Mathers  
 Fastest Girl First Season Challenge Shield Harriet Fletcher

### FRIDAY AWARDS

#### River 3

Most Enthusiastic BSC Summer Series Optimist Oscar Bergfeld  
 Best Allrounder BSC Handicap Cup Noah Mathers  
 Most Improved Kate Bennet Cup Dylan Cross

#### River 2

Most Enthusiastic BSC Summer Series Optimist Savannah Thomas  
 Best Allrounder The Bass Cup Harriet Fletcher  
 Most Improved Kate Bennet Cup James Bryant

#### River 1

Most Enthusiastic Kate Bennet Cup Sienna Adair  
 Best Allrounder Kate Bennet Cup George Shepherd  
 Most Improved Kate Bennet Cup James Bryant

#### Pond/Beginners

Most Enthusiastic Certificate Aubree Day  
 Best Allrounder Certificate Yuri Maigre  
 Most Improved Certificate Jesse Day

#### Mel Bass Trophy

Best volunteering Family Reece Thomas

#### Bob Cole Memorial Trophy

Noah Mathers

#### Endeavour Cup

Harry North

#### Rose Bowl

Sienna Adair

#### Race Fleet Best Allrounder

George Shepherd

#### BSC Cadet Cup for Endeavour

Helm Archie Hutcheon

#### BSC Cadet Cup for Endeavour

Crew Jack Embling

#### Optimist Away performance Girl

First Season Challenge Shield Harriet Fletcher

#### Optimist Away performance Boy

Optimist B 1st Harry North

#### RS Tera Away performance

Reynolds Shield Arthur Bullen

#### CLANGER TROPHY

Joe Embling

# TROPHIES TROPHIES TROPHIES



We race for the sport and the fun, and our level of success should be measured by the width of our smiles as we come off the water. However, we also give out trophies at the end of the season - at the Prize Giving Supper last year no fewer than 64 trophies were awarded to the keelboat and dinghy classes and a further 38 awarded at the junior prize giving evening.



Many of the cups are named after the people who donated or presented them, often in memory of someone. Whilst most of today's members might not be familiar with the names, these people certainly live on through the trophies. Some trophies go right back to when the Club was founded, for example, the Warwick Smith Cup presented by H Warwick Smith (the first Commodore of the BSC) in 1931. The first winner was H Wilkinson for the "Long Distance Race". The oldest trophy appears to predate the BSC by 47 years - it is the Teazer Cup inscribed "Burnham Regatta 1883" and most recently won by Wastnage, Richards and Schneidau in Santa Evita.

It is always fascinating to read the names of boats and helms that have won them previously but it is also a sobering reminder when you see "1939-1945 not presented - World War Two" engraved on them.

One of the more valuable trophies (2lb of solid silver) is the Wilkinson Cup, presented by Mrs. G J Wilkinson in memory of her husband in 1935. It was awarded for "Squibs July Points" and was first won by J French. Many names follow, including Cole (at least 4 different ones), Duce (x 2), Tunbridge, Tucker (x 2), Deacon, Stebbings, Larter, Tolhurst and Lewis to name but a few. Most recently it was won by Robert Coyle.

But it's not all about size or value - the Clanger Trophy is awarded for a memorable example of foolishness, questionable seamanship or other such mishap on the water and is usually accompanied by a poem describing the incident. Many of us have won it but, to save blushes, it is one trophy that doesn't get engraved. Last year we didn't get any poetry but the keelboat clanger was awarded to Shoestring, Tye Wichard, for managing to run aground outside the clubhouse, not just once but three times!

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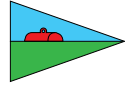
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