



Burnham Sailing Club Wednesday Series 2026

Wednesday 8th April to Wednesday 9th September 2026

Organising Authority Burnham Sailing Club

Burnham-on-Crouch Essex

Notice of Race

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, IRC 2026 rules for IRC classes and One-design class rules for boats racing in one-design classes.
- 1.2. Crouch Harbour byelaws will apply.
- 1.3. Open to cruisers including 707s, Elites, Squibs and RBODs. Cruisers in both IRC and local handicap divisions can enter the series under a non-spinnaker handicap.
- 1.4. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the rights in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, this event.
- 1.5. Competitors should note the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found in the front of the RYA rule book.
- 1.6. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable instructions from an event official.

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 SIs are in the BSC 2026 programme.

3 Communications

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at BSC web site.
- 3.2 [DP] All Entries shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 37a
- 3.3 The race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be 37a M1.

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication, that is not available to all boats.

4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to all Cruisers and 707s, Elites, Squibs and RBODs.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry race registration form (available on the BSC website)

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete an entry race registration form and the owner or helm will have paid their membership fee.

4.4 Racing is open to members only.

5 Entry fees schedule

5.1 Entry fees are included within the membership fees

6 Crew Limitation

6.1 IRC rules do not apply

7 Advertising

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 Qualifying series and Final series n/a

9 Schedule

9.1 As printed in the 2026 Sailing Programme

10 Equipment Inspection N/A

11 N/A

12 Venue

12.1 Races from the BSC.

13 Courses

13.1 The courses to be sailed are set in the rivers Crouch and Roach

13.2 Marks will be River race marks and Navigation marks as per the BSC course card 2026.

13.3 Courses will be displayed on the front of the BSC racebox at the warning signal for that class.

14 Penalties

14.1 The scoring penalty RRS 44.1 is changed to read “a two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty”.

15 Scoring

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2

(a) When Three or fewer 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.

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

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

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

16 Support person vessels N/A

17 Chartered or loaned boats N/A

18 Berthing N/A

19 Haul out restrictions N/A

20 Diving equipment and plastic pools N/A

21 Data Protection

21.1 See current BSC policy.

22 Risk Statement

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event,

each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, fatigue and risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

23 Insurance

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

24 Prizes

24.1 Prize giving: as scheduled in BSC programme 2026

25 Further information

25.1 For further information, please contact:

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Minimum Safety Equipment Rules for all classes are within the SIs within the BSC 2026 programme.