



**RS Elite National Championship 2008
Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex**

**Organising Authority JCC acting as co-ordinator, and the racing will come under the authority of the individual club organising the day's racing in association with the Elite Class Association
Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th August 2008**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- i) the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- ii) Notice of Race
- iii) RS Elite Class Rules
- iv) Crouch Harbour Authority byelaws available at registration
- v) Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

1.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event

2. Sponsorship & Advertising

2.1 ISAF Category C

2.2 While racing, boats shall display Sponsor Logo Decals. The organising authority will supply the decals and instructions for their use.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats of the RS Elite Class Association

3.2 Eligible boats may enter online at www.burnhamweek.org.uk

3.3 Helms shall be up to date family, full or associate members of the RS Elite Class Association

3.4 Competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge a parental/guardian's consent form included in the entry form with the Race Committee prior to the start of racing

4 Fees

4.1 Entry shall be made online with electronic payment of £150 including welcome reception

5. Safety

- 5.1** A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this NoR or SIs or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 5.2** It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 5.3** Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of her having taken part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- 5.4** Boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.
- 5.5** Boats shall comply with their class rules and shall carry:
- a) Adequate personal buoyancy for each crew member
 - b) Anchor (and or chain) of not less than 4kg plus sufficient warp for sailing area
 - c) Two paddles and / or outboard motor, bracket and fuel
 - d) Bucket or hand bailer if no bilge pumps fitted
 - e) Radio
 - f) 2 red or orange hand held flares – both to be in date
 - g) Towrope of not less than 12 metres (may be incorporated into anchor warp
- 5.6** All helms/owners shall be required to sign a 'self-certification' declaration to be signed at registration to confirm that they are carrying the following equipment, a list of which shall also be displayed on the RS Elite web page at least three weeks before the championships.
- 5.7** Helms/owners shall declare that they are aware that random checks will be carried out from time to time during the course of the National Championships and any boat found not complying will face immediate disqualification. Si 6.2

6. Schedule

- 6.1** Registration will take place at the JCC Events Office which is situated at the eastern end of the RCYC from 16.00 to 18:00 hours on Monday 25th August
- 6.2** Measurement and random inspection of boats and equipment will be made by the Race Committee. Any unapproved changes and/or inadequate safety equipment will lead to disqualification from races sailed prior to the inspection.

6.3 Race dates & start times:

Tuesday 26th August	Race One	11:00
	Race Two,	As soon as possible
	Race Three	As soon as possible
Wednesday 27th	Race Four	11:00
	Race Five	As soon as possible
	Race Six	As soon as possible
Thursday 28th	Race Seven	11:00
	Race Eight	As soon as possible
Friday 29th	Race Nine	11:00
	Race Ten	As soon as possible

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available from 31st July 2008 from the web site and at registration

8. Venue

8.1 The racing shall be in the Rivers Crouch, Roach and Thames Estuary

9. The Courses

Courses will be issued with the Sailing Instructions

10. Scoring

10.1 The low point scoring system will apply. Ten races are scheduled of which four shall be completed to constitute the Championship. When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When seven or eight races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score, and when nine or ten races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. Support Boats

11.1 Support Boats shall be marked with Flag R

11.2 Competitors support boats shall keep clear of the race course after the warning signal for the race.

12. Berthing

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the moorings

13. Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta, except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.

14 Radio Communication.

All boats are required to carry VHF radios.

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing, including any by mobile telephone, except in an emergency.

15. Prizes

Prizes for the days racing will be presented at the dinner, this will be in the RBYC Club House.

The Championship Trophies and Prizes will be awarded at the Prizegiving evening this will be in the RBYC Club House.

The Elite National Championship Trophy

RBYC Elite National Championship Runners up Trophy

Class Association Elite National Championship 3rd Place

Elite Class Association Trophy

Commodore Salver

Eleco Trophy

16. Disclaimer of Liability.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million sterling

18. Further Information

For further information please contact the JCC on 01621 786251 or www.burnhamweek.org.uk



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Additional Information

Berthing & Cranage

£120.00 Special price from both yards

Priors Yard 01621 782160

Rice & Cole 01621 782063

Other times/days may be available by special arrangement with yards

Tides

High tide times at Burnham over the regatta weekend are as follows

Date	Time	M.
Tuesday 26th August	0:00	4.5
Wednesday 27th	0:00	4.6
Thursday 28th	0:00	4.7
Friday 29th	0:00	4.8

Boatyards, Sail Makers & Chandlery

There are number of the above in the Burnham area, which include the following

Priors	Boat yard	01621 782160
Rice & Cole	Boat Yard/Chandler	01621 782063
Mailspeed	Chandler	01621 787040
Lonton & Gray	SailMaker	01621 786200
Fairway Marine	Chandler	01621 782659
BYH	Marina/Chandler	01621 782150