

BURNHAM WEEK 2008
23rd to 30th August 2008
Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex

Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

- 1.1 Burnham Week is co-ordinated by the Joint Clubs Committee (JCC) and the organising authority of each day's racing will be:
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| Saturday 23 rd & Sunday 24 th August | Royal Burnham Yacht Club |
| Monday 25 th & Tuesday 26 th August | Burnham Sailing Club |
| Wednesday 27 th & Thursday 28 th August | Crouch Yacht Club |
| Friday 29 th & Saturday 30 th August | Royal Corinthian Yacht Club |
- 1.2 The Regatta Office can be contacted by email or phone as follows:
Web www.burnhamweek.org.uk
Email info@burnhamweek.org.uk
Phone 01621 786251

2. The Regatta

- 2.1 Burnham Week 2008 is the premier East Coast Regatta that will provide offshore racing for IRC rated boats as well as inshore racing for IRC rated boats, local handicap, one design classes and sports boats. The RS Elite National Championship will also take place during the event.
- 2.2 IRC class divisions will depend on entries received.
- 2.3 A separate start for classes that generate five or more entries will be considered. Please contact the Burnham Week Office before 30th June 2008. For classes with less than five entries, a race within a race will be considered.

3. Rules

- 3.1 Racing will be governed by the current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with any amendments, IRC 2008 (IRC), One Design Rules (OD), the Sailing Instructions (SIs), this Notice of Race (NoR) and the Crouch Harbour Authority Byelaws.
- 3.2 Competitors should note that the JCC implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008).

4. Safety

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 It is recommended that all boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.
- 4.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 4.6 Boats in Classes 1, 2 and 3 shall comply with ISAF Special Regulations Category 4 plus a marine radio transceiver and have a minimum Safety and Stability Screening numeral (SSSN) of 20,20 and 17 respectively.
- 4.7 Boats in Classes 5 and 6 shall comply with their class rules and shall carry:
- Adequate personal buoyancy for each crew member
 - 4 Red hand flares in date
 - Lifebuoy with drogue

- d) Heaving line accessible to the helmsperson
- e) Manual bilge pump with captive handle
- f) Fire extinguisher
- g) Anchor and warp
- h) Marine compass
- i) Marine radio transceiver
- j) First Aid kit
- k) Stout bucket with lanyard
- l) Identification number

- 4.8 Boats in dayboat classes and Hunter 707s shall comply with class rules, carry two red or orange hand flares in date and adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members.
- 4.9 Anchors and outboard engines shall be stowed inboard.
- 4.10 The Race Committee will make spot checks of safety equipment on boats of all classes. Any boat not complying with the foregoing clauses safety requirements and their Class rules will be considered to have infringed Rule 3 of these SIs.
- 4.11 At registration, each entrant is required to supply the Organising Authority with the details of an emergency contact ashore who shall keep an accurate record of the details of all crew on the boat on each day during the regatta.

5. Insurance

- 5.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

6. Schedule

- Class 1** *IRC TCC 1.006 and above SSS20
Sunday 24th to Friday 29th – The Week's Series; Sunday 24th, Monday 25th – The Bank Holiday Series; Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th – Midweek 4-day Series including 2 races upriver on Friday 29th; Saturday 30th - The Town Cup
- Class 2** *IRC TCC 0.925 – 1.005 SSS20
Sunday 24th to Friday 29th – The Week's Series; Sunday 24th, Monday 25th – The Bank Holiday Series; Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th – Midweek 4-day Series including 2 races upriver on Friday 29th; Saturday 30th – The Final Trophy Day
- Class 3** *IRC .0924 and below SSS17
Saturday 23rd – The Airlie Cup; Sunday 24th to Friday 29th – The Week's Series; Sunday 24th, Monday 25th – The Bank Holiday Series; Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th – Midweek 4-day Series including 2 races upriver on Friday 29th; Saturday 30th - The Final Trophy Day
- Classes 1 to 3** In addition to the individual Class 1, 2 and 3 Trophies for the Bank Holiday Series, there will be an overall IRC Trophy for Classes 1 to 3 for the Bank Holiday Series (the RTYC Duke of York Trophy)
- Note: The Airlie Cup on Saturday 23rd August 2008 is open to all IRC rated boats.
 - Note: The class splits may be altered prior to the 23rd August 2008.
- Class 5** Any Local Handicap
Saturday 23rd to Friday 29th – The Week's Series; Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th – The Bank Holiday Series; Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th – Midweek 4-day Series including 2 races upriver on Wednesday 27th; Saturday 30th – The Final Trophy Day
- Class 6** Family Handicap Cruisers, no spinnakers or cruising chutes
Saturday 23rd to Friday 29th – The Week's Series; Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th – The Bank Holiday Series; Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th – Midweek 4-day Series including 2 races upriver on Wednesday 27th; Saturday 30th – The Final Trophy Day
- One Designs** International Dragons, Hunter 707s, ECODs, WSODs, Squibs, Stars, RBODs, RCODs, Sandhoppers, Broads ODs, Ospreys
Saturday 23rd to Friday 29th – The Week's Series; Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th – The Bank Holiday Series; Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th – Midweek 4-day Series including 2 races upriver on Wednesday 27th; Saturday 30th – The Final Trophy Day

- RS Elites** *Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th – The Bank Holiday Series*
- Team Trophy** A team comprises three IRC boats from a yacht club. The team boats must be notified in writing to the Burnham Week Office by Sunday 24th August at 16:00.
- Town Cup** All entries for the Town Cup must be received by the Burnham Week Office by 12:00 Friday 29th August
- Dinghies** Fast and Slow Handicap, Laser and Phantom Classes – 2 races per day
Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th, Monday 25th – The Bank Holiday Series
- Motor Cruisers** Predicted log *Sunday 24th, Monday 25th*
- Junior Regatta** *Saturday 30th August 2008*
- See separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions**

7. Warning Signals

- 7.1 Times for each race will be published in the SIs.

8. Courses

- 8.1 Courses will be sailed in the Thames Estuary and the rivers Crouch and Roach. The courses will be described in the SIs.

9. Penalties

- 9.1 RRS 44 is changed by the SIs for Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
- 9.2 The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) or the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

10. Scoring

- 10.1 In accordance with RRS Appendix A Low Points System. Discards will be as described in the SIs.
- 10.2 Results for each series will be calculated using the number of boats in a class entered for the whole or part of that series.

11. Trophies

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded as described in the SIs. Daily prizes will also be awarded to the top 20% of each class.

12. Advertising

- 12.1 IRC Classes, IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 shall apply. All other classes Category A in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

13. Entries

- 13.1 By completing the online entry form at the Burnham Week website www.burnhamweek.org.uk Help, advice and all support is available by phoning the Helpline number 01621 786251. This number will be available from Tuesday July 1st. Entry fees are listed on the entry forms. IRC entries must provide a copy of their valid rating certificate either electronically to info@burnhamweek.org or when registering at the Burnham Week Office. Final Saturday Youth Regatta entries online entry, or by the entry form available Saturday morning at Burnham Sailing Club

14. Registration

- 14.1 Registration for Classes 1 to 6 and One Design Classes will be at the Burnham Week Office situated in the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club between 12:00 and 20:00 on Friday 22nd August and from 08:30 on Saturday 23rd August. Registration for Dinghies will be at the BSC from 08:30 on Saturday 23rd August.

15. Sailing Instructions

- 15.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Burnham Week website, www.burnhamweek.org.uk by June 1st 2008. The definitive SIs will be available on Registration at the Burnham Week Office from Friday 22nd August 2008.

16. Further Information

- 16.1 Visit our website www.burnhamweek.org.uk or phone 01621 786251

*** Launches will be running for visitors on swinging moorings ***