



Burnham Sailing Club Nutcracker 2024
Sunday 1st December to Sunday 22nd December 2024
Organising Authority Burnham Sailing Club
Burnham on Crouch Essex
Notice of Race

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

1 Rules

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) and IRC2024 rules where applicable.
- 1.2 Crouch Harbour Byelaws will apply. <https://crouchharbour.uk/byelaws/>
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable instructions from an event official.

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 SIs are published separately.

3 Communications

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at BSC website.
- 3.2 [DP] All Cruisers shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 37a (M1)
- 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 Open to all cruisers including 707s.
- 4.2 This is a legacy Open Series so members of other RYA affiliated clubs are welcome.
- 4.3 Class One is for yachts racing under IRC, Class Three is for yachts racing under YTC. In each class yachts may elect to sail the series under their non-spinnaker handicap but must declare this prior to the first race of the series.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form available from the website or by emailing an entry form to Racebox@burnhamsc.co.uk and submitting it, together with the required fee for non members.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete an entry form and pay all fees where applicable.

5 Entry fees schedule

5.1 As on the season entry form this series makes up part of the season for members.

5.2 Entry fee for non members is £15 for the series or £5 per race entered.

6 Crew Limitation

6.1 IRC rule 22.4 does not apply.

7 Advertising

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

8 Qualifying series and Final series n/a

9 Schedule

9.1 Dates of Racing

Class	Date	Warning	Trophy
1	Sunday 1 st December	10:55 warning	
3		11:00 warning	
1	Sunday 8 th December	10:55 warning	
3		11:00 warning	
1	Sunday 15 th December	10:55 warning	
3		11:00 warning	
1	Sunday 22 nd December	10:55 warning	
3		11:00 warning	

9.2 Number of Races 4

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.

13.3 Courses will be set using the BSC 2024 course card available from the website.

13.4 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 fewer than 3 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.

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 and fatigue 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 3 million pounds sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 Prizes

24.1 Prize giving: Final Sunday as soon as practicable after racing

25 Further information

25.1 For further information, please contact:

www.burnhamsc.co.uk

vicecommodore@burnhamsc.co.uk

racebox@burnhamsc.co.uk

Appendix A Minimum Safety Requirements for Cruisers

1 Buoyancy

- 1.1 Boats shall either be self-righting from 60 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsized. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.

2 Fire Extinguisher

- 2.1 Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.

3 Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard

- 3.1 Boats without lifelines or with lifelines which do not meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Category 4 shall have personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40. Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing.
- 3.2 Boats with lifelines which meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Category 4 shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crew member. Boats shall also carry a rescue quito or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line or one lifebuoy or life sling.

4 First Aid

- 4.1 Boats shall carry a waterproof first-aid pack with instructions.

5 Anchor

- 5.1 Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.

6 Compass

- 6.1 Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld is acceptable.

7 Equipment

- 7.1 All equipment, fittings, and engines shall be securely fastened.

8 Propulsion

- 8.1 All yachts must carry a means of propulsion, other than the boat's sails.

9 Communication

- 9.1 Fixed or handheld VHF shall be carried at all times capable of transmitting and receiving Channels 37a (M1).