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COLNE YACHT CLUB

CLUB RACING 2026

Organising Authority: Colne Yacht Club.

CYC, Waterside, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0BA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.3 In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the SI's will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5 (c)
- 1.4 For Cruisers, no spinnakers shall be flown the CYC side of a line formed by the two 4 knot markers in Brightlingsea Creek. For Sonatas, see Sonata Wednesday Evening League SI's.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online on the CYC website

They will be issued individually for:

CYC Cruiser racing.

Sonata Wednesday Evening League.

Separately for any other individual event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located by the entrance door to the CYC. Communications may also be made by the CYC Racing WhatsApp group.
- 3.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing 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 Sonata Class Yachts shall comply with their Class Rules and hold a current RYA Certificate
- 4.2 For Cruiser racing, all Yachts including visitors shall present a current RYA YTC rating certificate at registration for that race or series.
- 4.3 Every boat shall carry at least one VHF radio capable of operating on Channel 37/M1
- 4.4 All cruisers shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Sailing. (at the end of this NOR).
- 4.5 All CYC yachts competing shall fly from the backstay a Code Flag numeral 5.
- 4.6 Yachts shall display their sail number on the mainsail or their CYC racing number on dodgers with the boats name fixed to the guard rails/lifelines. CYC numbers shall be obtained from the CYC Sailing Secretary.
- 4.7 Yachts must have completed the entry form and signed the Declaration to agree to abide by RRS and any other rules governing the event
<https://colneyachtclub.org.uk/cyc-entry-form/>

5. FEES

There shall be no entry fees.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The scheduled number of races for each Club or Sonata series shall be posted on the CYC website calendar.
- 7.2 For separate or individual events, the schedule will be posted on the event details and NOR and SI.
- 7.3 Signing on shall be at CYC.
- 7.4 Start times will be posted on the CYC Calendar or appropriate Sailing Instructions
- 7.5 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement or rating certificate and may be asked to produce that measurement certificate at any time.
- 8.2 The Organisers may measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 8.3 Sonata sails shall be measured by an approved measurer before being used. Cruisers shall use sails compliant with the declaration on their rating.

- 8.4 All boats shall display on their mainsails their own or boats registered sail number and with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.
- 8.5 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity (DP)

9. VENUE

- 9 Races will be held in the Colne Estuary, Blackwater Estuary and Wallet.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The course to be sailed will be:
- (i) As per Sonata Wednesday League Sailing Instructions,
 - (ii) For CYC Cruiser Racing as per the CYC Course Card. There are 3 set course types: Long Distance, River (pursuit and Cock of the River) and Estuary (Spring, Summer and Autumn Series). The RO may vary these as necessary.
 - (iii) As per specific instructions for other events.
- 10.2 For CYC Cruiser Racing, the Race Officer may set a course **not** listed on the course card and announced by VHF following the display of a white board showing a blue diagonal cross. Failure to receive VHF transmissions shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4 (b) (1).

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for RRS 42) shall apply.
- 11.2 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 For all cruiser racing, The RYA YTC ratings will be used.
- 12.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 Discards shall be calculated on the number of races sailed as follows:
(A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores from races completed, as follows:

FOR CRUSIER RACING:

Races completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Scores excluded: 0 0 0 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 4 4

Scores to count 1 2 3 3 4 4 5 6 7 7 8 9 10 10 11

13. DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal

information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority, racingrulesofsailing.org, and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising 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 event.

15. RISK ASSESMENT

Rule 3 of the RRS states "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their own actions or omissions.
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

N.B When applicable, parents or guardians of competitors under 18 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependents throughout the event and to sign any parental permission form provided by CYC.

16. INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the owner or person in charge of each participating boat to ensure that the boat carries adequate valid third-party liability insurance to cover racing in all circumstances and for every event or the equivalent. The CYC may choose to set a minimum figure on their registration documents.

17. TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

- 17.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage – which may be taken by drone - or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.
- 17.2 **Drones at the Event:** All those who take part in the CYC Racing as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone or drones during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property.
- 18. PRIZES**
The prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Some trophies specifically for CYC members shall be awarded as required.
- 19. FURTHER INFORMATION AND KEY CONTACTS**
Club Contacts: CYC Sailing Committee
Colne Yacht Club,
Waterside, Brightlingsea, Essex

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APPENDIX B

SPECIAL REGULATIONS for inshore racing

Special Regulations for inshore racing are intended for use in short races, close to shore in relatively warm and protected waters where adequate shelter and/or effective rescue is available all along the course, held in daylight only.

All the items relevant to Special Regulations for inshore racing are shown in Appendix B.

Part A Basic

The following regulations shall be observed:-

Regulation Item

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 Under RRS 3 the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his/her responsibilities in the event of his/her incapacitation.

2.03.1 All equipment required by OSR shall:

- a) function properly
- b) be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced
- c) when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised
- d) be readily accessible
- e) be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.

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3.02 Watertight Integrity of a Boat

A boat shall be essentially watertight and all openings shall be capable of being immediately secured. Centreboard, daggerboard trunks and the like shall not open into the interior of a hull except via a watertight maintenance hatch with the opening entirely above the Waterline

Part B Portable Equipment

The following shall be provided:-

Regulation Item

3.23 one strong bucket with a lanyard and of at least 9 litres (2.4 US Gal) capacity

3.24 one compass (a hand-held is acceptable)

4.05 one fire extinguisher required if electrical system, engine or stove on board

4.06 one anchor

4.22 a lifebuoy with a drogue

4.22.5 A heaving line, no less than 6 mm (1/4") diameter, 15 - 25 m (50 - 75') long, readily accessible to cockpit

4.25 A strong, sharp knife, sheathed and securely restrained shall be provided readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit.

5.01.1 each crew member shall have: A personal flotation device which shall:

(a) be equipped with a whistle

(b) clearly marked with the boat's or wearer's name

(c) if inflatable, regularly checked for air retention

Unless otherwise specified by a boat's applicable class rules or by sailing instructions, personal flotation devices shall have at least 150N buoyancy, arranged to securely suspend an unconscious person face upwards at approximately 45 degrees to the water surface.