



**EAST ANGLIAN OFFSHORE RACING ASSOCIATION**



**2026 - NOTICE OF RACE**

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The East Anglian Offshore Racing Association is an association of East Anglian and Kent Sailing Clubs formed in 1949 to co-ordinate offshore racing on the East Coast. EAORA is now comprised of 23 member clubs, some of whom run the individual races in the season and many who provide competitors and crew.

EAORA is proud to represent over 75 years of history & tradition, although some of the individual races predate EAORA such as the Houghton Cup which has been raced since 1911.

However important tradition and history is, the future for Offshore Racing on the East Coast requires us to look forward. With only 70-80 IRC rated boats on the East Coast the challenge is profound.

This year the committee has decided to reshape the calendar a little with the aim of reducing the number of weekends requiring commitment from Skippers and Crew alike. Most notably we start the season with what we hope to a popular Spring Coastal Regatta, visiting 4 of our core member clubs in 3 days. In a move also designed to encourage participation by a wider audience we will also offer a YTC rated class in the regatta – if you have a boat but don't want to commit to a full IRC rating certificate, why not give Offshore Racing a try with the low complexity YTC rating.

2 Handed racing is becoming increasingly popular and important in the offshore scene. EAORA has had a 2 Handed trophy for many years and we are keen to promote short-handed racing in 2026 with more trophies and recognition for the unique challenges involved – and its one way to enjoy racing without the headache of assembling a large crew!

EAORA has also been keen to promote Multihull racing through the inclusion of a MOCRA Class over the last few years. We encourage all multihull sailors to come and join us, another way to enjoy offshore racing in 2026.

The social side of EAORA is legendary and this year we return to Southern Holland for EAORA Week – 5 days of fun racing in the Veerse Meer & Oosterschelde – short but competitive races in the day followed by partying ashore for all in a different town each night. Again we will welcome YTC rated entries with the aim of encouraging families and short-handed entries who want a slightly less 'full on' racing experience.

EAORA continues to thrive because it provides great offshore racing with great friendship and camaraderie to sailors of all ages. Your committee welcomes you all to the 2026 season – long may the tradition continue!

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## EAORA SEASON 2026 - NOTICE OF RACE - PART 1

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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Series of Races organised in conjunction with other organisations as specified in NOR Part 2

## GENERAL RULES FOR THE RACE SERIES

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This **Notice of Race (NoR)** consists of two main sections. Part 1 consists of the rules that apply to all races organised by EAORA or associated Clubs unless modified by a NoR Part 2 or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The **NoR** Part 2 gives details that apply to each race in the EAORA programme. When a Rule is modified in Part 2, it takes precedence over the Rule in Part 1.
- 1.3. Both **NoR** Part 1 and all **NoR** Part 2 are published on the EAORA Website. [www.eaora.org.uk](http://www.eaora.org.uk)
- 1.4. The 2026 programme below shows races that form part of the EAORA season.

Date	Race	OSR Cat *	Miles	Organising Authority
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> May	EAORA Spring Coastal Regatta – 3 day regatta in the Thames Estuary, comprising:	4		EAORA
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Jane's Cup Harwich to Medway	4	50	EAORA, MYC, HPYC
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Ralph Herring Trophy Medway to Burnham on Crouch	4	45	EAORA, RBYC, MYC
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Pattinson Cup Burnham on Crouch to West Mersea	4	50	EAORA, WMYC, RBYC
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	RORC North Sea Race Harwich to Scheveningen	3	180	RORC, RHYC
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> June	RORC East Coast Race Harwich to Breskens	3	90	EAORA, RORC, HPYC
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	EAORA Week – 5 day inshore regatta in the Netherlands.	Inshore		EAORA
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Round the Goodwins Ramsgate to Ramsgate		30	Royal Temple Yacht Club / Ramsgate Week
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	HMS Halcyon trophy Harwich to Lowestoft		40	Haven Combined Clubs
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Houghton Cup Burnham-on-Crouch to Burnham-on-Crouch		35	Burnham Week Ltd, RBYC
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Buckley Goblets West Mersea to Ostend	3	86	EAORA, WMYC, RNSYC

\* See paragraph 6.3 below for details of the OSR Categories.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Class** – IRC, YTC & MOCRA Classes as defined within this Notice of Race.
- 2.2. **Closing Date** - is the date after which a late entry / late payment fee may be charged, and cancellation fees apply.
- 2.3. **Competitor** - A person who races or intends to race in the event.
- 2.4. **Documents page** - can be found at [www.eaora.org.uk](http://www.eaora.org.uk) on the Handbook Tab.

- 2.5. **Race Committee** - Appointed under rule 89.2(c) and any other person or committee performing a race committee function.
- 2.6. **Bonus Points Scoring System** - the boats are ranked in order of points scored. Lowest Points score wins.
- 2.7. **Emergency Contact** - is the person to be informed in case of emergency. The nominated Emergency Contact must be available to contact for the duration of the race and cannot be a Competitor in the race.
- 2.8. **Offshore Race** - Offshore Races are OSR Category 3 plus Category 2 liferaft, or OSR Category 4 plus Category 3 Safety Harnesses & Tethers.
- 2.9. **Inshore Race** - Inshore Races are World Sailing Special Regulations for inshore racing – Appendix B with VHF radio.
- 2.10. **Rating Deadline** - is the latest date by which a valid Rating or Class Certificate shall be issued to the boat and declared to the race officer. If not explicitly stated then the Rating Deadline shall be 24 hours before the first start.
- 2.11. **Sailing School Yacht** – must be entered by a bona fide sailing school, affiliated to a National Authority and having on board a crew consisting of at least 50% paying students (not Instructors).
- 2.12. **Terminology** - The use of the masculine gender shall be taken to mean either gender.

### 3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 3.1. **PART 1 – GENERAL RULES** – The rules of Part 1 shall apply to all races in this Notice of Race except where otherwise stated in Part 2 or the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY** – The organising authority is the East Anglian Offshore Racing Association (EAORA), or as identified in the NoR Part 2 for each individual race.
- 3.3. **ENGLISH LAW** - This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by entering a boat into any race or event governed by this Notice of Race, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Any dispute which cannot be resolved under Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.
- 3.4. **RACING RULES OF SAILING** -The rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
- 3.5. **NATIONAL AUTHORITY PRESCRIPTIONS** - The prescriptions of RYA will apply. No other National Authority prescriptions will apply. (<https://assets.rya.org.uk/assetbank-rya-assets/action/directLinkImage?assetId=47811>).
- 3.5.1. The **National Authority for Appeals** under rules 70 shall be the RYA for all races, this modifies rule 70.4.
- 3.6. **CLASS RULES** - the IRC Rules 2026 Parts A, B & C, MOCRA Rules and the Rules and Regulations of appropriate One-Design and/or Class rules.
- 3.6.1. For the purposes of IRC Crew Limitation Rules and Sail Limitation Rules, no race will form part of a regatta other than the Spring Coastal Regatta and EAORA Week.
- 3.7. **WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS (OSR)** - The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, any amendments thereto for the current year, and RORC Prescriptions where applicable. Where details of Offshore Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative.
- 3.8. **INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA** - Except when changed in Sailing Instructions, the Rules of RRS Part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way Rules of IPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea), or by Government right-of-way rules between the times of local sunset and sun rise. See paragraph 11 in this Notice of Race for details of penalties for infringing IPCAS rules. This amends RRS 44.1.
- 3.9. **NOTICE OF RACE** - This Notice of Race and any amendments thereto will be available from the EAORA Website.
- 3.10. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Sailing Instructions will be emailed to Competitors after the Closing Date for each race. They may also be posted on the EAORA Website. Sailing Instructions shall take precedence over the Notice of Race Part 1 and Part 2.
- 3.11. **CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - will be advised as follows:
  - 3.11.1. Written Changes will be advised by and available from the relevant Race headquarters and the EAORA Web Site. The Race Officer on the Committee Vessel at the start of a race will ensure that any written changes are brought to the attention of all competitors prior to the start of the race.
  - 3.11.2. Oral Changes will be announced by VHF only by the Race Officer on the Committee Vessel.

## 4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 5. RESPONSIBILITY

- 5.1. **THE PERSON IN CHARGE** - Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to World Racing Special Offshore Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."
- 5.2. 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:
- 5.2.1. 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 whilst taking part in the event.
  - 5.2.2. they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
  - 5.2.3. they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
  - 5.2.4. their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
  - 5.2.5. the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
  - 5.2.6. they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.
  - 5.2.7. The EAORA, its sponsors, and other organising clubs accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.
- 5.3. **STARTING AND CONTINUING TO RACE** - The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 3 and decide whether to start or to continue to race.
- 5.4. **RACE DECLARATION(S)** No boat will be accepted as an entry unless the Person in Charge has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in NoR Part 1.
- 5.5. **SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT** For all Offshore & Inshore Races; Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: "Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."
- 5.6. However, a Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:
- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
  - When alone on deck
  - When reefed
  - When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
  - When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile.
- See also World Sailing Special Regulation 5.02.

## 6. ELIGIBILITY – THE BOAT

- 6.1. **SUITABILITY**
- 6.1.1. EAORA races are open to seaworthy boats which comply with the Rules and Regulations described in this Notice of Race and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are fit to face bad weather.
  - 6.1.2. However, no person may race contrary to the terms of a ban imposed by the EAORA, RORC, a National Authority or World Sailing.

## 6.2. CLASSES

- 6.2.1. **IRC – Monohulled Boats rating 0.800 and greater** - IRC 2026 Rules Parts A, B, and C shall apply, except as varied below or in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.2.2. **Multihulls - Boats rating 1.100 and greater** - Offshore multihulls with Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association (MOCRA) rating certificates may enter a multihull division in Offshore Races. The minimum crew for multihulls is two.
- 6.2.3. **YTC - Monohulled Boats rating 1030 and lower** with a RYA Yacht Time Correction system rating. YTC entries will be accepted for the Spring Coastal Regatta and EAORA Week. Boats may enter both IRC and YTC classes should they have both rating certificates.
- 6.2.4. **CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS** - For all EAORA races, Competitors will be categorised into the following Classes.

CLASS	T.C.C. Range	CLASS FLAG
One	1.020 and greater	IC Numeral 1
Two	0.941 to 1.019	IC Numeral 2
Three	0.800 to 0.940	IC Numeral 3
Multihull (MOCRA)	1.100 and greater	IC Numeral 8
YTC	1030 or lower	IC Numeral 9

- 6.2.5. EAORA reserves the right to amend the class bands in the light of the current year's handicap data.
- 6.2.6. Crew Numbers - IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate." There is no weight limit.
- 6.2.7. Suitability - The minimum crew on any monohull shall be three apart from as allowed under NoR 6.2.10 Two-Handed Class.
- 6.2.8. Exclusion of Boats and Competitors - RRS 76.1 is changed to apply to each race rather than first race of the series.
- 6.2.9. Automatic and Wind-vane devices - for steering are permitted (This changes RRS 52)
- 6.2.10. Two-Handed Class - A Two-Handed Class within IRC will be available in Offshore Races. Boats will be eligible for both Two-Handed and IRC Rating band class trophies. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately organised for two-handed sailing.
- 6.2.11. When racing, the appropriate Class flag or flags shall be prominently displayed from a backstay, or at the stern on a boat with no backstay. Boats shall provide their own Class flag.
- 6.2.12. RATINGS, RATING AND CLASS CERTIFICATES Boats shall hold valid Rating/Class certificate(s) on the Rating Deadline. Boats racing under IRC, YTC or MOCRA are required to submit a copy of their certificate to the EAORA Race Officer. Changes to Ratings and Class certificates will only be accepted after the Rating Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the EAORA. Every boat racing shall have on board a current valid signed copy of the Rating certificate for the Class or Classes in which she is racing.
  - 6.2.12.1. The Committee may, at its discretion, require an Endorsed Certificate prior to acceptance of a yacht's race entry.

## 6.3. WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS (OSR)

The OSR category which applies to each race depends on the nature of the race and is specified in NoR Part 2 for each race. (RORC Prescriptions can be found in the RORC Notice of Race).

Inshore Regattas use the World Sailing Special Regulations for inshore racing – Appendix B with VHF radio. Offshore Races are either Category 3 with a Category 2 compliant liferaft or Category 4 plus Category 3 compliant Safety Harnesses and Safety Lines (tethers).

- 6.3.1. **OSR COMPLIANCE** Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge. However, the EAORA will endeavour to help Competitors to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any boat at any time.
- 6.3.2. **OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS (OSR) CHECKLIST** For Offshore Races the Person in Charge shall, before the Closing Date of their first Offshore Race of the season, complete a Checklist for the

appropriate Category (Checklists are available on the World Sailing and EAORA Websites in Appendix F).

Only one checklist appropriate to the race category or higher is required from the Person in Charge unless changes are made to the equipment onboard or the yacht changes ownership. A completed Category 3 checklist confirms compliance with Category 4 for those races that are Category 4, however if a Category 4 checklist has been provided at the start of the season, then an additional Category 3 checklist will be required for the Category 3 races. Checklists from other organisations may also be accepted if they are current, completed to the appropriate race category, comprehensive and based on the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.

For Inshore Regattas only, the entrant shall complete an online declaration stating that the boat complies with the World Sailing Special Regulations for inshore racing.

6.3.3. A completed **CHECKLIST** signed by the owner/person in charge shall be retained on board and a copy shall be sent to the EAORA Principal Race Officer prior to the first EAORA race of the current racing season in which the yacht competes. Failure to send a copy of the Safety Checklist to the EAORA PRO may mean that no result is given for the race.

6.3.4. **Exceptional Weather Conditions** – The Race Committee may change the category of a race at any time before the start – or they may require additional safety measures to be observed such as the carrying of a Liferaft on a category 4 race.

Changes at short notice will only be made in exceptional circumstances where the likely alternative course of action is to abandon the race and the race committee will make every effort to communicate changes to competitors in sufficient time for them to be able to comply.

6.4. **AIS TRANSPONDERS** shall be fitted on all vessels in OSR Category 3 races

AIS Transponders are recommended for all OSR Category 4 races.

Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) at all times when racing. A boat's AIS must transmit: the boat's MMSI number, current racing name, the speed and course over the ground. See OSR 3.29.13.

6.5. **Personal AIS / EPIRBs** – are recommended for all crews.

For Two Handed entries a Personal AIS **or** a Personal EPIRB is required to be worn by all crew at all times when on deck.

6.6. **STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES** In accordance with OSR 3.04.3 the EAORA uses minimum stability/buoyancy indices. For boats competing under IRC either SSS or STIX and AVS Indices are used depending on the series date of the boats and the category of the race.

6.6.1. All Boats entering IRC races must comply with the "SSI", Stability and Safety Indices (Base Minimum of 15 offshore, 10 inshore) or STIX rating (Minimum of 23 offshore, 14 inshore) for each race.

6.6.2. All Boats entering YTC races who do not have an IRC certificate must satisfy the race committee that they have equivalent stability to that required for IRC entries.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY – COMPETITORS

7.1. **SHORESIDE CONTACT** For all EAORA races the entrant shall nominate a Shoreside Contact. This person must be available on the phone number(s) supplied to EAORA throughout the race and shall not be a Competitor. In an emergency EAORA will phone the Shoreside Contact who shall act as the link on behalf of the crew. The Shoreside Contact shall hold the Emergency Contact details for all of the crew.

7.1.1. For all races where EAORA is not the Organising Authority entrants must comply with any Crew List requirements detailed in the race's Notice of Race (e.g. RORC crew lists for the North Sea Race).

- 7.2. **FIRST AID REQUIREMENT** There are requirements for First Aid training in all Categories of Race. See OSR 6.04 and 6.05.

## 8. RACE ENTRY

- 8.1. **Entries are open** to yachts who, at the time of the race:
- 8.1.1. belong to, or are under charter to, a member of an EAORA Member Club.
  - 8.1.2. carry a valid, current IRC, YTC or MOCRA certificate.
- 8.2. **RACE ENTRY** shall be made by completing the entry form on the EAORA web site.
- 8.2.1. For some races an entry form on the Organising Authority's system will **also** need completing (e.g. RORC for the North Sea Race, Royal Temple Yacht Club for the Round The Goodwins, Haven Combined Clubs for the HMS Halcyon trophy and Burnham Week for the Houghton Cup).
- 8.3. The **ENTRY FEE** will be given in the NoR Part2 for each race. Payment should be made by electronic bank transfer to the sort code/account details given in the NoR Part 2. Exceptionally, payment may also be made by cheque, made payable to the Organising Authority.
- 8.3.1. Full payment for each race shall be made before the closing date for entries.
- 8.4. **LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority for individual races.
- 8.5. **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS**
- 8.5.1. If entrants decide at a later time not to participate in the race, they should notify the Organising Authority as soon as possible. Cancellations before the Closing Date will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations after the Closing Date will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the standard race entry fee.
  - 8.5.2. If the Person in Charge fails to notify the Organising Authority of cancellation as described above, he/she shall pay the full fee without refund unless good reason can be shown. Refunds will be sent to the account used for payment.
  - 8.5.3. For payments made by other means, refunds will be made against a written claim that must be received no later than 30th September following the last race of the Season.
- 8.6. **REGISTER PARTICIPATION** - Prior to the first warning signal at the start of each race, yachts shall register their participation by passing close to the Principal Committee vessel and make themselves known to the Race Committee, giving details of the number of crew, and receive an acknowledgement before starting.
- 8.6.1. Failure to correctly register with the committee vessel or the failure to provide a shoreside contact are potential grounds for disqualification at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 8.7. **LATE STARTING** - A yacht starting late shall inform the race committee of the intention to race but any yacht coming to the start area later than 60 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 8.7.1. When a yacht is late starting, she may use her engine or be towed after her preparatory signal to reach the starting area provided that she:
    - 8.7.2. stops her engine or drops her tow as appropriate, and then makes a one turn penalty before crossing the start line;
    - 8.7.3. does not start until at least 5 minutes after her starting signal;
    - 8.7.4. reports this on her declaration. (This changes rules 41, Outside Help and 42, Propulsion).
- 8.8. **RETIREMENT** - a yacht that does not start after reporting to the Race Committee at the start, or which retires before finishing, shall inform the Race Committee by whatever available means, including VHF radio, as soon as possible, and receive an acknowledgement, failing which she shall inform the coastguard.

## 9. COURSES & FINISHS

- 9.1. **COURSE OPTIONS** – Courses to be sailed for each race will be outlined in the notice of race part 2 and published in detail in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be accurate at the time of going to press.
- 9.2. **TIME LIMITS** -There is no Time Limit for any race, but the Race Committee may shorten the course at any mark when it sees fit. When a race is not shortened, this is not grounds for redress under RRS 61, Redress.



- 9.3. **CHANGE OF COURSE** - RRS 33 is changed as follows. The race committee, during a race may change the course at any rounding mark by either of the following methods:
- 9.3.1. A committee vessel stationed near the mark will fly flag "C", make repetitive sound signals, and announce on the specified VHF radio channel the course to be sailed thereafter.
- 9.3.2. The Race Officer will announce a course change using the specified VHF channel and will confirm acknowledgement of that change with each yacht taking part in the race. The Race Officer may ask competitors to relay changes & confirmations to other yachts when VHF range is limited.
- 9.3.2.1. The Race Officer may also use electronic messaging such as SMS and WhatsApp where available to communicate changes.
- 9.4. **MARK NOT SEEN** - When a mark is not seen when passed, a yacht shall make and retain the most accurate record possible of her course and position.
- 9.5. **USE OF ENGINE** – In accordance with RRS rule 42.3.i, an engine may be used for propulsion to recover a man overboard, to render assistance, or in any other grave emergency only, but may be subject to protest. Full details must be reported on the race declaration. Any time penalty or disqualification will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 9.6. **TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE OF RACING:**
- 9.6.1. After a yacht starts she may, without penalty, moor or berth alongside any fixed, anchored or made fast object for the purpose of taking shelter, disembarking crew who shall take no further part in the race, or attempting repairs entirely from her own resources. Mechanical propulsion may be employed for no longer than five minutes each for the purpose of berthing and departure from any temporary berth, upon departure she shall return to the spot where she began to use her engine. However, crew intending to continue racing shall not go ashore other than solely for the purpose of mooring.
- 9.6.2. A yacht availing herself of this privilege shall not seek or accept outside assistance.
- 9.6.3. It is prohibited for any work to be done off the boat including that by any person on a pontoon, dock or tender etc., other than a tender carried by the yacht when racing.
- 9.6.4. A log or account of all relevant activities during a yacht's discontinuance of racing shall be submitted to the Race Committee within the time limit for lodgement of protests as a part of the race declaration.
- 9.6.5. This changes RRS 45 and 48.2.
- 9.7. **NIGHTTIME FINISHES** - When a yacht finishes at a time when she is required to display navigation lights, she shall identify herself by radio to the Race Committee as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions, prior to finishing or as soon as possible afterwards. A Committee Vessel on station may show an all-round white light.
- 9.8. **COMMITTEE BOAT NOT ON STATION** - If a Committee Vessel is not on station at the finish line, Competitors shall record their own finish time and the position of yachts ahead and astern of them if known. The recorded time and timepiece must be presented to the race committee as soon as possible after finishing.
- 9.9. **COURSES** - The race committee may set a course that does not permit boats to sail a rhumb line course between marks. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions and boats shall not enter them:

- 10.1. All Traffic Separation Schemes are Obstructions, except where a course is set that requires a TSS to be crossed.
- 10.1.1. Where a course is set that requires a TSS to be crossed RRS 56.2 applies to that TSS. (The full provisions of IRPCAS rule 10 apply).
- 10.1.2. For all other TSS, Appendix TS, Version 2 Section B applies. This modifies RRS 56.2.
- 10.2. Areas defined in Appendix 1.
- 10.3. Any area prohibited for navigation, such as nature reserves, bird or sea life sanctuaries, is an obstruction.

- 10.4. Oil and Gas fields, production platforms and associated structures, including tanker moorings, storage tankers and platforms on pipelines. Technical installations generally exhibit Morse code "U" lights (2 FL & 1 LFL), Aircraft Obstruction lights, and audible fog signals.
  - 10.4.1. Navigation is prohibited within 500 metres of all such structures, including storage tankers which can swing about their moorings. Vessels manoeuvring in the vicinity of platforms and moorings should be given a wide berth.
- 10.5. Wind farms under construction are generally prohibited for navigation, whereas completed farms may be navigable if a distance of 500 m to any individual installation can be maintained safely. Care should be taken to ensure that AIS is operable and a constant radio watch on VHF Ch 16 is maintained.
- 10.6. Any area reported as prohibited for navigation in Notices to Mariners is an obstruction. Boats shall comply when instructed to avoid areas by local authorities such as naval, law enforcement or technical installation guard units.

## 11. PROTESTS & PENALTIES

- 11.1. **TAKING A PENALTY (RRS 44)** Unless changed by the Sailing Instructions, the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.1 & RRS 44.2.  
When the right-of way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of local sunset and local sunrise), the penalty for a breach shall be a time penalty in accordance with paragraph 11.3. Penalties shall be 10 minutes added to a boat's corrected time. A time penalty shall be declared on the boats Declaration Form and the Race Committee notified at the finish. This amends RRS 44.1.
- 11.2. **SCORING PENALTIES** – the number of places for a scoring penalty is calculated as 20% of the number of starters + 1 rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upwards) with a minimum penalty of 1 place and a maximum such that no boat's score shall be worse than DNF. This amends RRS 44.3.
- 11.3. **TIME PENALTIES** – a time penalty shall be defined as an adjustment to the boat's corrected time. This adds to RRS 44.
- 11.4. **PENALTIES FOR INFRINGEMENTS OF OTHER RULES** Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and maybe less than disqualification.
- 11.5. **TIME LIMIT FOR LODGING A PROTEST** or a Request for Redress is 3 hours after the protesting/requesting yacht finishes. The protesting/redress seeking yacht shall notify the race committee by whatever means possible and receive an acknowledgement.
- 11.6. The time limit for lodging a Protest by the Race Committee is 3 hours after the last Yacht taking part in the race finishes or 3 hours after the Committee Vessel berths whichever is the longer. The Race Committee shall notify the Principal Race Office by whatever means possible and receive an acknowledgement.
- 11.7. **Rule 60.4(a)(2)** is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was neither involved in the incident nor saw it, or

## 12.COMMUNICATION

- 12.1. **THE ONLINE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD** is located on the EAORA Website. <https://www.eaora.org.uk>
- 12.2. **VHF RADIO** - All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on marine Channels: 16, 67, 72, 77, 37a/M1
  - 12.2.1. The Race Committee (call sign "Offshore One") may use VHF radio for all communications with competitors on the water to give instructions or to provide information. VHF Channel 72 will be used unless otherwise stated in Sailing Instructions. The service is not guaranteed except when giving course details. Yachts shall not transmit except as required by Sailing Instructions or in an emergency.
  - 12.2.2. VHF radio monitoring - All competitors should monitor the relevant VHF radio channels, in the racing area, always during the race and as appropriate before and after each race.
  - 12.2.3. RRS 41 – outside help Rule 41(c) is replaced by: "A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c ) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all

boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.”

12.2.4. By way of example and interpretation: downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

12.2.5. All competitors should monitor the relevant VTS channels when navigating in areas with commercial shipping controlled by VTS.

12.3. **IN SEVERE OR VERY LIGHT WEATHER**, a yacht shall endeavour to:

12.3.1. report the position and status of herself and other yachts of which she is aware, at regular intervals to the Race Committee or the Coast Guard as appropriate.

12.3.2. keep a continuous dual watch on channel 16 and the specified race channel if possible.

12.3.3. repeat messages from other yachts when equipped to do so.

## 13. RACE ENTRY DECLARATIONS

13.1. **THE PERSON IN CHARGE** for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using the online entry system.

13.1.1. To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that Yacht Racing can be dangerous. I agree that the EAORA, organising clubs, sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by World Sailing Special Regulation 1.02 and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by EAORA NoR Part 1 section 4, Responsibility. Before racing I will affect adequate and suitable insurance. Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of:

13.1.1.1. the undertaking in this Declaration

13.1.1.2. the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance

13.1.1.3. their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal floatation devices adequate for the conditions).

13.2. I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions and this Notice of Race including RORC Prescriptions, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, a National Authority or the RORC.

13.3. I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation.

## 14. INSURANCE

14.1. Each participating boat shall be adequately and suitably insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent before racing.

## 15. FINISH DECLARATIONS

15.1. Finishing declarations shall be made online via the EAORA Website not later than 72 hours, after finishing. Except where the yacht is required to take its own finish time, then the declaration must be made within 1 hour of finishing.

- 15.2. The declaration must include the following information: Race name, Yacht Name, Sail Number, Race finish date and time, Yacht finishing ahead (where known), Yacht finishing astern (where known). Finish times shall be expressed in GMT/BST as appropriate.
- 15.3. Failure to submit a declaration may at the Organising Authority's discretion result in future entries not being accepted.

## 16. SCORING

- 16.1. Points for class & overall results will be based on a yacht's finishing position and calculated using the World Sailing Bonus Scoring System as follows:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	0	2	3	3	5.7	4	8	5	10	6	11.7	7	13

- 16.2. 8th place and onward will receive 1 additional point.
- 16.3. Rule RRS A5.3 applies.
- 16.3.1. Did Not Compete - yachts classified as DNC or DSQ (disqualified) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of yachts entered in the series. This modifies RRS A5.3.
- 16.3.2. Did Not Finish - yachts classified as DNF, DNS or retired after finishing (RTD) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of yachts that started the race. To be recorded as Did Not Start (DNS) the yacht shall have complied with section 8 (including section 8.6). Otherwise the yacht will be recorded as Did Not Compete (DNC).
- 16.4. Recasting Results – in races run and scored by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties – the results shall be recast (re-scored) to include only those yachts which have also entered on the EAORA system for that race.
- 16.4.1. Races in the 2026 season where the results will be recast are the RORC North Sea Race, the Round The Goodwins race, the HCC Britannia Trophy / HMS Halcyon trophy and the Burnham Week Town Cup / Houghton Cup. EAORA Competitors are required to enter on both the organisers entry system and that of EAORA.
- 16.5. Scoring for the **Interclub Championship** will be on an individual event basis where the points awarded for the overall recast results (see 16.4) will be used. Each Club's scores will be the aggregate of the scores from their two highest overall placed yachts in each recast race.
- 16.6. EAORA Week running from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June will be run as a standalone series of 5 races with trophies awarded at the end of the week. The aggregate results (including discards and other variations) will be scored to count as a single race in the EAORA Season.
- 16.7. **Tie Break** - if there is a tie of total points between two or more yachts, the tie shall be broken using RRS A8
- 16.8. **Races to Count/Discards** - a Yacht may count her best scores as follows:

SERIES	RACES	TO COUNT	DISCARDS
OVERALL EAORA (IRC)	10	6	4
OVERALL EAORA (MOCRA)	6	4	2
YOUTH PROGRAMME	10	6	4
2 HANDED IRC	10	4	6
Spring Coastal Regatta	3	3	0
EAORA Week	5	4	1

Should any race not be scored then the number of discards shall be reduced by the number of races not scored. For example, should there only be 9 IRC races scored there shall be 3 discards, should there be 8 races scored then there shall be 2 discards etc.

This modifies RRS A2.1

The minimum number of races to constitute a series shall be 5 for the overall EAORA and Youth series, otherwise the minimum number is 2.

- 16.9. **RESULTS** will be given and displayed by the Organising Authority as soon as possible after the finish of each race. Individual race and overall results will be published on the EAORA web site as soon as possible following the race(s).

## 17. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 17.1. The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the EAORA Committee, whose decision is final. Trophies will only be awarded to boats which have completed the relevant races. When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy the Race Committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.
- 17.2. The Club holds the winners of trophies and their cases (where appropriate), responsible for all damage or loss and strongly recommends that winners take out adequate insurance. Winners are responsible for having the trophy suitably engraved and are also liable for all return carriage costs. If a trophy is returned without engraving or without its case (where appropriate), EAORA reserves the right to charge the cost of the engraving and/or replacing the case (where appropriate) to the winner. Trophies shall be returned to the Club when requested by the Race Office.
- 17.3. The **INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** will be awarded annually to the Member Club with the lowest Interclub Championship points scored during the Season in the IRC classes. A yacht shall race for only one club during the season for the purpose of this competition. Should a yacht change hands during the season this rule may be waived provided that the new owner notifies the EAORA Committee of the date of the change. Where a yacht is jointly owned by two or more members of different Member Yacht Clubs, they shall nominate in writing to the Committee of EAORA the club for which the yacht shall race in each event, before the start of the first race of the season. No changes shall be made thereafter.
- 17.4. The **CLASS & OVERALL TROPHIES** for the EAORA Series:
- 17.4.1. Overall Champion (IRC) – Blackwater Cup
  - 17.4.2. Class 1 Champion – Carmen Cup
  - 17.4.3. Class 2 Champion – Barnard Cup
  - 17.4.4. Class 3 Champion – Gunfleet Cup
  - 17.4.5. MOCRA Class Champion - Neptunus Cup
  - 17.4.6. The Star Trophy will be awarded at the Committee's discretion for the most meritorious unrewarded performance or service by a yacht or individual during the season.
  - 17.4.7. Red Dragon Trophy will be awarded to the winning team in the RORC East Coast Race. The lowest scoring two yachts from each Club to finish count as a team.
  - 17.4.8. The Libya Cup will be awarded to the yacht scoring the lowest points with no discards, all races must be started.
  - 17.4.9. The MYC David Cole Memorial Trophy will be awarded by MYC to the yacht scoring the lowest combined points with no discard in the Graham Wallis Trophy race and the Cannon Ball race.
  - 17.4.10. The RBYC David Geaves Trophy will be awarded by the RBYC to the yacht who has completed the most race miles, in finished races, in RORC, EAORA and the RBYC Williwaw Trophy.
  - 17.4.11. The WMYC Colonel's Trophy will be awarded by the WMYC to the Yacht who has scored the lowest combined points in the Pattinson Cup Race and the Buckley Goblets Race.
  - 17.4.12. The Nore Command Trophy will be awarded by MYC to the Yacht Club team scoring the lowest combined points in:
    - 17.4.12.1. EAORA Week, 5 races and no discards.
    - 17.4.12.2. EAORA Offshore Regatta, 3 races and no discards (East Coast Race, Cannonball Trophy & Walker Challenge).

The lowest scoring two yachts from each Club to finish count as a team

- 17.4.13. The Navigators Cup will be awarded to the most meritorious navigator as nominated by Yacht skippers and chosen by the EAORA Committee.
- 17.4.14. The Two-Handed Cup will be awarded for the yacht scoring the lowest points sailing with two persons onboard in compliance with the IRC rule 8.2.1.
- 17.4.15. The Payne-James Youth Cup will be presented to the EAORA top Cadet of the Year.
- 17.4.16. The Charlie Mills Memorial Trophy will be presented to the best overall EAORA yacht finishing the annual RORC North Sea Race.
- 17.4.17. The County Standard Salver will be presented to the overall winner of EAORA Week IRC.
- 17.4.18. The Millennium Trophy will be presented to the winner of Class 1 of EAORA Week IRC.
- 17.4.19. The Ailish Trophy will be presented to the winner of Class 2 of EAORA Week IRC.
- 17.4.20. The Secretary's Plate will be presented to the winner of Class 3 of EAORA Week IRC.
- 17.4.21. The Graham & Mike Wallis Trophy will be presented to the overall winner of EAORA Week YTC
- 17.4.22. EAORA Race Week Salver (I O R division) will be presented to the winner of EAORA Week 2 Handed

- 17.5. The **INDIVIDUAL CLUB TROPHIES** given for each race are the responsibility of the individual member club and will typically be retained within the club if appropriate. This may be for reasons of value or history of the trophy and each club will decide its own policy.

## Appendix 1 – Areas designated an obstruction

Note – All positions are approximate and “not for navigation”.

### Harwich Deep Water Channel Obstruction

No:	Name:	Lat:	Lon:
1	Grisle	51° 56' 53.4" N	001° 18' 16.3" E
2	North Shelf	51° 56' 28.2" N	001° 18' 29.5" E
3	South Shelf	51° 56' 09.6" N	001° 18' 30.8" E
4	Cliff Foot	51° 55' 42.9" N	001° 18' 32.3" E
5	Landguard	51° 55' 27.0" N	001° 18' 50.3" E
6	Deane	51° 55' 22.4" N	001° 19' 16.5" E
7	Inner Ridge	51° 55' 23.2" N	001° 20' 12.2" E
8	Pitching Ground	51° 55' 26.0" N	001° 21' 02.9" E
9	Harwich Channel No 8	51° 55' 39.9" N	001° 22' 51.8" E
10	Harwich Channel No 6	51° 55' 44.7" N	001° 24' 21.1" E
11	Harwich Channel No 4	51° 55' 49.7" N	001° 25' 50.4" E
12	Harwich Channel No 2	51° 55' 54.7" N	001° 27' 19.5" E
13	Cross	51° 56' 14.1" N	001° 30' 28.9" E
14	HA	51° 56' 45.4" N	001° 30' 40.0" E
15	Harwich Channel No 1	51° 56' 07.7" N	001° 27' 03.7" E
16	Harwich Channel No 3	51° 56' 02.8" N	001° 25' 32.2" E
17	Harwich Channel No 5	51° 55' 57.6" N	001° 24' 01.0" E
18	Harwich Channel No 7	51° 55' 52.5" N	001° 22' 29.5" E
19	Platters	51° 55' 38.6" N	001° 20' 58.0" E
20	Rolling Ground	51° 55' 32.9" N	001° 19' 45.1" E
21	Beach End	51° 55' 37.1" N	001° 19' 12.6" E
22	North West Beach	51° 55' 53.2" N	001° 18' 52.1" E
23	Fort	51° 56' 12.5" N	001° 18' 52.1" E
24	Felixstowe Dock West	51° 56' 33.1" N	001° 19' 01.8" E
25	Felixstowe Dock East	51° 57' 02.9" N	001° 18' 44.9" E
26	Grisle	51° 56' 53.4" N	001° 18' 16.3" E

## Princess Elizabeth Island Obstruction

No:	Name:	Lat:	Lon:
1	ELI-N	51° 32' 30.5" N	002° 29' 42.5" E
2	ELI-W	51° 31' 34.1" N	002° 28' 34.5" E
3	ELI-S	51° 30' 50.6" N	002° 30' 05.1" E
4	ELI-E	51° 31' 48.0" N	002° 31' 14.1" E
5	ELI-N	51° 32' 30.5" N	002° 29' 42.5" E

## Appendix 2 – VTS Stations

Competitors are reminded of their obligation not to impeded commercial vessels and to be aware of shipping movements including the transfer of pilots at sea.

Competitors are advised to monitor the relevant VTS channels throughout the race. This is non exhaustive list of Traffic Management Centres in the EAORA racing area:

- London VTS - Channel 69
- Sunk VTS - Channel 14
- Dover VTS - Channel 74
- Harwich VTS - Channel 71
- Channel VTS - Channel 11
- Zeebrugge – Traffic Centre - Channel 69
- Wandelaar Approach - Traffic Centre - Channel 60
- Gris-Nez Traffic - Channel 13
- Traffic Centre Vlissingen - Channel 14

**END OF NOTICE OF RACE PART 1**

# EAORA SEASON 2026 - NOTICE OF RACE - PART 2

Part 2 of this Notice of Race gives details of the rules which apply to specific races and may change the rules of Part 1. The rules of Parts 1 and 2 may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

## EAORA Spring Coastal Regatta

New for the 2026 - the EAORA Spring Coastal Regatta is a 3 Race series with classes for IRC, IRC 2 Handed, YTC & MOCRA yachts. Raced over the 3 day bank holiday weekend it promises to be action packed afloat and friendly fun ashore.

The EAORA Spring Coastal Regatta brings together 3 of the traditional EAORA season races into one weekend. We are welcoming YTC rated yachts for the first time and hope this provides encouragement for people wanting to try out Offshore Racing without the full commitment of an IRC rating, or indeed for those who have raced offshore before but now have cruising boats without IRC certificates.



*This Notice of Race encompasses the overall regatta.  
There are separate Notices of Race for the 3 individual races.*

### Organising Authority for the regatta:

East Anglian Offshore Racing Association,

### Individual Races Organised in association with:

Haven Ports Yacht Club, Medway Yacht Club, Royal Burnham Yacht Club & West Mersea Yacht Club.

**Date of the Regatta: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 To Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### General Conditions for Entry:

Entrants must comply with all the requirements of the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1, from the EAORA Website – Handbook.

### Entry Fee:

Entry fees are:

All 3 races	£120 For entry into all 3 races, payable to EAORA - Sort Code: 20-54-30 - Account: 90347035 ( <i>Reference – Race &amp; Boat Name</i> ) Otherwise individual race entry fees are:
Jane's Cup	£45
Ralph Herring	£45
Pattinson Cup	£45

Please see the individual NoRs for each race for further details.

### Entries Close:

EAORA must receive all entries by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026, using the on-line entry system.

Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### Safety:

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 plus Category 3 Life Jackets & Teathers.

### The Regatta:

The EAORA Spring Coastal Regatta will consist of three offshore races.

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Jane's Cup approximately 50 NM
- Harwich to Medway
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Ralph Herring Trophy approximately 45 NM
- Medway to Burnham-On-Crouch
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May Pattinson Cup approximately 50 NM
- Burnham-On-Crouch to West Mersea

Competitors can choose to enter the full three race regatta or individual races.

3 Races to count from the series for the Overall Spring Coastal Regatta results.



**EAORA Spring Coastal Regatta Trophies:**

To be announced, will include trophies for IRC, YTC, MOCRA and 2 Handed classes.

**Prize giving:**

Regatta prize giving at the EAORA Prizegiving dinner.

**Regatta HQ (General):**

EAORA, Haven Ports Yacht Club, LV87, Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Ipswich, IP10 0LN

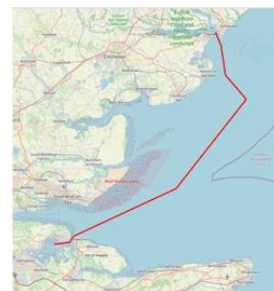
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# JANE'S CUP

Presented in 1956 in memory of Jane Chichester-Cooke aged 10 years a Cadet Member MYC who loved offshore sailing. The Jane's Cup has been raced for near continuously since then.

For many years the Jane's Cup has run from Burnham-on-Crouch to the Medway, for this season its being incorporated into the Spring Coastal Regatta and runs from Harwich to the Medway.

The Medway Yacht Club always provide a great welcome to competitors.



## Harwich to Medway

EAORA Season Points IRC	2 Handed IRC	Spring Regatta IRC
EAORA Youth Programme	MOCRA	Spring Regatta YTC

## Organising Authority:

East Anglian Offshore Racing Association, in association with Medway Yacht Club and Haven Ports Yacht Club.

## Date of the Race: SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

## General Conditions for Entry:

All Entrants must comply with the requirements of the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 available from the EAORA Website.

## Entry Fee:

£45, Electronic Payment to EAORA – Sort Code: 20-54-30 - Account: 90347035 (*Reference – Race & Boat Name*).  
Late entries accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

## Entries Close:

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026.

## Warning Signals:

The first warning signal will be at 0755.

## High Water:

Harwich 00:50 BST 3.9m      Sheerness 14:00 BST 5.6m

## Safety:

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 plus Category 3 Safety Harnesses & Tethers.

## Start Line:

The Start Line will be in the vicinity of the Harwich Harbour entrance.

## Course:

The course of approximately 50 miles will start in Harwich, passing N.E. Gunfleet to follow the Kings Channel and Barrow Deep into the Thames Estuary, finishing in the River Medway at Chatham.

## Course Notes:

Entrants should make themselves familiar with the river Medway navigation systems and be aware of the conditions at all states of the tide.

## Finish Line:

A line between the main mast of a committee vessel and a navigation buoy in the River Medway.

## Trophies:

Janes Cup (1st Overall)  
Vendatta Cup (1st EAORA Class 1)  
Garrison Trophy (1st EAORA Class 2)  
Dutch Cup (1st EAORA Class 3)

**Prize giving:**

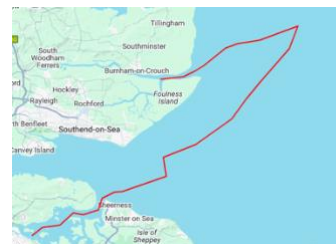
Medway Yacht Club during prize giving supper after the race.

**Race HQ:**

Medway Yacht Club, Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4XW, TEL: 01634 718399 Email: [office@medwayyachtclub.com](mailto:office@medwayyachtclub.com)

# Ralph Herring

First presented for the Harwich to Burnham race 1951 and raced for every year since then except 2010. More recently the Ralph Herring Trophy has been raced between Burnham and West Mersea however for 2026 it will form part of the Spring Coastal Regatta running from the Medway to Burnham-On-Crouch.



## Medway to Burnham-on-Crouch

EAORA Season Points IRC	2 Handed IRC	Spring Regatta IRC
EAORA Youth Programme	MOCRA	Spring Regatta YTC

### Organising Authority:

East Anglian Offshore Racing Association, in association with Royal Burnham Yacht Club and Medway Yacht Club.

## Date of the Race: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2026

### General Conditions for entry:

All Entrants must comply with the requirements of the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 available from the EAORA Website.

### Entry Fee:

£45 - Electronic Payment to EAORA – Sort Code: 20-54-30 - Account: 90347035 (*Reference – Race & Boat Name*)

Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### Entries Close:

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026.

### Warning Signals:

The first warning signal will be at 0755.

### High Water:

Sheerness 02:10 BST 5.6m, Burnham-on-Crouch 14:30 BST 4.7m

### Safety:

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 plus Category 3 Safety Harnesses & Tethers.

### Start Line:

A Line between a Medway river buoy and the main mast of the Committee Vessel.

### Course:

The course of approximately 45 miles will start in the river Medway, crossing the Thames Estuary and sailing north into the Swin sea area and then into the River Crouch

### Finish Line:

A line in a suitable place in the river Crouch as agreed with the Royal Burnham Yacht Club.

### Trophies:

RALPH HERRING TROPHY (1ST OVERALL)

CECIL GATTI TROPHY (1<sup>ST</sup> RBYC YACHT ON CORRECTED TIME)

RBYC TROPHY (1ST EAORA CLASS 1),

RBYC ROSE BOWL (1ST EAORA CLASS 2)

RBYC TROPHY (1ST EAORA CLASS 3)

and RBYC Prizeware

### Prize Giving:

Royal Burnham Yacht Club as soon as possible after the race.

### Race HQ:

Royal Burnham Yacht Club, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AU - TEL: 01621 782044 Email: [info@rbyc.org.uk](mailto:info@rbyc.org.uk)

# PATTINSON CUP

Raced for nearly continuously since 1949, the Pattinson Cup runs between Burnham-On-Crouch and West Mersea. In 2026 it will form part of the Spring Coastal Regatta, alongside its traditional partner the Ralph Herring Trophy and another EAORA regular the Jane's Cup.



## Burnham-on-Crouch to West Mersea

EAORA Season Points IRC	2 Handed IRC	Spring Regatta IRC
EAORA Youth Programme	MOCRA	Spring Regatta YTC

### Organising Authority:

East Anglian Offshore Racing Association, in association with West Mersea Yacht Club and Royal Burnham Yacht Club.

## Date of the Race: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### General Conditions for Entry:

All Entrants must comply with the requirements of the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 available from the EAORA Website.

### Entry Fee:

£45 - Electronic payment to EAORA, Sort Code: 20-54-30 - Account: 90347035 (*Reference – Race & Boat Name*).

Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority

### Entries Close:

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026.

### Warning Signals:

The first warning signal will be at 0755.

### High Water:

Burnham-on-Crouch 02:40 BST 4.6m West Mersea 14:40 BST 4.8m

### Safety:

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 plus Category 3 Safety Harnesses & Tethers.

### Start Line:

A Line between a Crouch river buoy and the main mast of the Committee Vessel.

### Course:

The course of approximately 50 miles will start in the River Crouch at Burnham-on-Crouch and include the sea areas of the Swin and the Wallet, finishing in the Blackwater Estuary at West Mersea.

### Finish Line:

The Finish Line will be the WMYC club line in the vicinity of the Nass Beacon.

### Trophies:

PATTINSON CUP (1st Overall);  
DAVID BROOK TROPHY (1<sup>st</sup> EAORA Class 1);  
JACK ELLISON TROPHY (1<sup>st</sup> EAORA Class 2)  
PERKINS CUP (1<sup>st</sup> EAORA Class 3);  
and WMYC Prizeware.

### Prize Giving:

At West Mersea Yacht Club after the race.

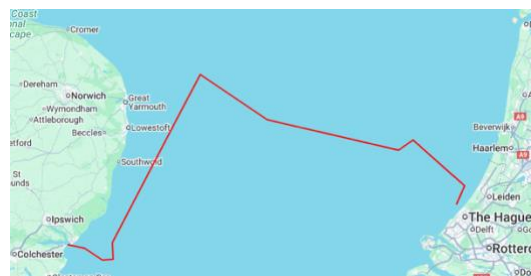
### Race HQ:

West Mersea Yacht Club; 116 Coast Road; West Mersea; CO5 8PB, TEL: 01206 382947 Email: [info@wmyc.org.uk](mailto:info@wmyc.org.uk)

# RORC NORTH SEA RACE

Now over 80 years old, the North Sea Race is a classic, originating from the Royal Maas Yacht Club's Maas Race. Today it is jointly organised between the RORC, Royal Harwich and EAORA.

The Yacht Club Scheveningen team provide a lively welcome and prize-giving where competitors can win a number of prestigious trophies, topped off by the Goeree Challenge Cup for IRC Overall.



The race always attracts a strong contingent from the Netherlands, as it also forms part of the Dutch-run North Sea Regatta and, as such, is sandwiched between a feeder race to Harwich (the Vuurshepen race) and an inshore regatta held off Scheveningen after the finish

## Harwich to Scheveningen

RORC Overall Series (Bonus Points 10. See RORC NoR 12.6)		
EAORA Season Points IRC	2 Handed IRC	
EAORA Youth Programme	MOCRA	

## Organising Authority:

Royal Ocean Racing Club in association with Royal Harwich Yacht Club; East Anglian Offshore Racing Association, Yacht Club Scheveningen and Foundation North Sea Regatta.

## Date of the Race: FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

## General Conditions for entry:

All entrants must comply with the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 and RORC Notice of Race 2026, available from the RORC and EAORA Websites. Should conflicting interpretations arise the RORC NoR takes precedence over the EAORA NoR.

The Sailing Instructions will be published by RORC, EAORA will not publish separate Sailing Instructions.

EAORA entrants must be entrants in the RORC race. EAORA entrants must also enter on the EAORA web site to be included in the recast EAORA results (EAORA NoR Part 1 paragraph 16.4).

## Entry Fee:

See RORC NoR, Entry via RORC entry system - see RORC web site [www.RORC.org](http://www.RORC.org)  
There is no separate EAORA entry fee.

## Entries:

See RORC Notice of Race.

## Warning Signals:

See RORC Notice of Race.

## High Water:

Harwich 11:20 BST 3.8m

## Safety:

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 plus Category 2 Life Raft with RORC prescriptions (See RORC Nor 1.5.7).  
STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES: See the RORC notice of race 1.6

## Start Line:

A line near the entrance of Harwich Harbour

## Course:

Harwich to Scheveningen. The full course including all marks will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.  
(180 miles approximately)

## Finish Line:

See the RORC Sailing Instructions.

**Trophies:**

Goeree Challenge Cup – BCT IRC;  
Wylie Trophy – IRC Zero;  
Lutine Trophy - IRC 1;  
Joannes Pompejus Memorial Cup - IRC 2;  
Carter-Ruck Trophy – IRC3;  
Jan Moreton Salver - IRC 4;  
Golden Dragon Trophy – for the Two-Handed class;  
Smith's Knoll Trophy – for the first long course yacht at Smith's Knoll Buoy;  
City of Hague Trophy – for the best yacht from Yacht Club Scheveningen;  
C70 Trophy – Netherlands v Great Britain;  
Charlie Mills Memorial Trophy – Best overall EAORA East Coast Club yacht

**Prize giving:**

See RORC Sailing Instructions.

EAORA results will be extracted and recast from the RORC results (EAORA NoR Part 1 paragraph 16.4).

**Classes:**

IRC; IRC Two-Handed; ORC, ORC Two-Handed; Class40; MOCRA Multihull.

EAORA Classes 1, 2 & 3 and MOCRA will be extracted from the overall results and recast.

**Race HQ (Start):**

Royal Harwich Yacht Club; Woolverstone; Ipswich; IP9 1AT, TEL: +44 1473 780 319/+44 7825 007 035

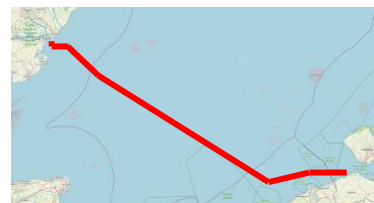
Email: [manager@royalharwich.co.uk](mailto:manager@royalharwich.co.uk)

**Race HQ (Finish):**

RORC Representative; c/o YC Scheveningen; Hellingweg136; 2583 DX; Scheveningen; Netherlands, TEL: +31 6 53 24 44 95/+44 7825 007 035

# RORC EAST COAST RACE

The RORC East Coast Race is the second of the RORC races on the East Coast, following on from the North Sea Race. The East Coast Race traditionally a bit shorter than the North Sea Race, usually over 120 miles in a Fastnet year and about 90 miles in 2026 as a non-Fastnet year.



The prize-giving will take place at the Breskens Yacht Club. The trophies being raced for include the Bob Stewart Memorial Trophy for IRC Overall; the Blackwater Trophy for IRC Zero/One; WSV Breskens Trophy for IRC Two; Hugh Ellis Cup for IRC Three; North Sea Yacht Club Trophy for IRC Two-Handed and the Ailish Salver for First Yacht Home.

## Harwich to Breskens, Netherlands

RORC Overall Series (Bonus Points 0. See RORC NoR 12.6)	
EAORA Season Points IRC	2 Handed IRC
EAORA Youth Programme	MOCRA

### Organising Authority:

East Anglian Offshore Racing Association, in association with Royal Ocean Racing Club & Haven Ports Yacht Club

**Date of the Race: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

### General Conditions for entry:

All entrants must comply with the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 and the RORC Notice of Race 2026, all available from either the RORC or EAORA Websites.

### Entry Fee:

£150 - Electronic payment to EAORA

Electronic Payment to EAORA - Sort Code: 20-54-30 - Account: 90347035 (*Reference – Race & Boat Name*)

Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

PLEASE NOTE ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS TO EAORA (NOT RORC).

### Entries Close:

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Warning Signal:

First Warning Signal is at 06:55 BST

### High Water:

Harwich; 04:20 BST 4.0m Vlissingen (Flushing); 18:00 BST 4.8m (add 1 hour for Dutch Summer Time)

### Safety:

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 plus Category 2 Life Raft with RORC prescriptions.

### Yellow Brick Trackers

Yellow Brick will be used for tracking during the race, all entrants shall carry either a tracker they have purchased or one provided by EAORA. AIS and Yellow Brick trackers must be switched on and operational throughout the race.

### Start Line:

The Start Line will be in the vicinity of the Harwich Harbour entrance.

### Course:

The course of approximately 90 miles will start from Harwich, cross the North Sea and finish outside Breskens, the Netherlands.

### Finish Line:

The Finish line will be in the vicinity of the entrance to the Westerschelde.



**Trophies (based on RORC class divisions):**

Bob Stewart Memorial Trophy – BCT IRC;  
Blackwater Trophy – IRC 0/1;  
WSV Breskens Trophy – IRC 2;  
Hugh Ellis Cup – IRC3;  
Spangle Salver – IRC 4;  
North Sea Yacht Club Trophy – Two Handed Division;  
Ailish Salver – First yacht home.  
RORC Medallions;  
EAORA Red Dragon Trophy – Yacht Club with best two yachts

**Prizegiving:**

At the Breskens Yacht Club at a time to be advised. Alternatively, prizes will be presented at the EAORA Prizegiving diner at the end of the season.

**Classes:**

RORC Classes IRC; IRC 2-handed; Class40; MOCRA.  
EAORA Classes 1, 2, 3 & Multihull will be extracted from the overall results and recast.

**Race HQ:**

Haven Ports Yacht Club, LV87, Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Ipswich, IP10 0LN  
TEL: lightship - during bar hours 01473 659658; Office - Tuesday & Thursday 01473 659651  
Email: [sailing@hpyc.com](mailto:sailing@hpyc.com)

**Race HQ (finish):** EAORA Representative at Breskens; details will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

# EAORA WEEK

This year EAORA week returns to the inshore waters of southern Holland for a fun packed week of competition for all comers. Alongside the normal IRC classes we are encouraging YTC rated cruisers to join the fun, we hope both family or short-handed teams will join the fully crewed racers for short day races between delightful Dutch towns like Vere, Wemeldinge, Zierikzee, Sint Annaland and Tholen.



## 5 Inshore Races in the Veerse Meer & Oosterschelde

EAORA Week IRC Series – 5 races	EAORA Week YTC Series – 5 races	EAORA Week IRC 2 Handed – 5 races
EAORA Season Points IRC	EAORA Youth Programme	2 Handed IRC

## Organising Authority for the week

East Anglian Offshore Racing Association

**Date of the Regatta: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

## General Conditions for Entry

Entrants must comply with the requirements of the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1, from the EAORA Website.

## Entry Fee

Entry fees will be advised in an update to this NoR. Entry fees will include marina fees for the week.

Electronic Payment to EAORA - Sort Code: 20-54-30 - Account: 90347035 (*Reference – Race & Boat Name*)

Late entrants will be notified of their entry fee based on boat length.

## Entries Close:

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

## Safety:

World Sailing Special Regulations for inshore racing – Appendix B with VHF radio.

## The Regatta:

The EAORA Week will consist of 5 inshore races as follows:

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inshore Regatta 1	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Inshore Regatta 2	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Inshore Regatta 3	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Inshore Regatta 4	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Inshore Regatta 5	

The Inshore Regatta comprises a 5 race series, the results of which will score for the equivalent of 1 race in the EAORA Overall Series (IRC, Youth Programme & 2 Handed).

There will also be a YTC Cruising Division for the regatta. There will be prize ware for the YTC Cruising Division but no points will be awarded towards the EAORA Overall Series.

## Rating Deadline:

The rating deadline for the series is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, a yachts rating for the series may not be changed after this date.

## Trophies:

County Standard Salver (Overall Winner IRC);

Millennium Trophy (Class 1 IRC);

Ailish Trophy (Class 2 IRC);

Secretary's Plate (Class 3 IRC);

The Mike & Graham Wallis Trophy (Overall Winner YTC);

EAORA Race Week Salver (Winner 2 Handed);

EAORA Glassware.

MYC Nore Command Cup (1st Club Team) for club with the highest aggregate points in all the races with no discards.

Best two yachts from the same Club in each race to count.

**Prize giving:**

Regatta prize giving after the final race finishes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Race HQ (General):**

Prior to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - The Chairman, EAORA, Haven Ports Yacht Club, LV87, Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Ipswich, IP10 0LN

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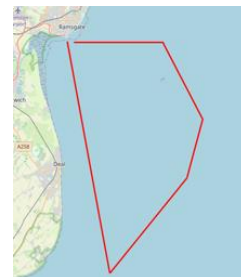
**Race HQ (During the Regatta):**

Principal Committee Vessel to be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions. VHF Channel 72 – Call sign Offshore One.

# ROUND THE GOODWINS

The Goodwin Sands off the coast of Kent have long provided a challenge to yachtsmen, with submerged sandbanks and strong tides creating a complex navigational scenario.

The annual race "Round the Goodwins" is run by the Royal Temple Yacht Club as part of Ramsgate Week, EAORA competitors are invited to join in the fun afloat and ashore.



## Ramsgate to Ramsgate

EAORA Season Points IRC	2 Handed IRC	
EAORA Youth Programme		

## Organising Authority:

Royal Temple Yacht Club / Ramsgate Week in association with the East Anglian Offshore Racing Association.

## Date of the Race: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026

## General conditions for entry:

All entrants must comply with the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 and the Ramsgate Week Notice of Race, available from the Ramsgate Week and EAORA Websites. Should conflicting interpretations arise the Ramsgate Week NoR shall take precedence over the EAORA NoR.

The Sailing Instructions will be published by Ramsgate Week, EAORA will not publish separate Sailing Instructions.

EAORA entrants must be entrants in the Ramsgate Week Round The Goodwins race. EAORA entrants must also enter on the EAORA web site as well as the Ramsgate Week web site.

## Classes to Race:

IRC 1, 2 and 3. IRC 2 Handed.

Results will be re-cast to EAORA class divisions.

## Entry Fee:

See Ramsgate week website (there is no additional fee for EAORA entry)

## Entries Close:

See Ramsgate week website

Competitors entering the Ramsgate Week Round The Goodwins race may also enter the EAORA Round The Goodwins race.

There is no additional entry fee for the EAORA Round The Goodwins race.

Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authorities.

## Warning Signals:

See Ramsgate week website

## High Water:

Ramsgate: 03:50 BST 4.9m 16:00 BST 5.1m.

## Start Line:

See Ramsgate week website, Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions.

## Course:

The Course will be from committee boat start line adjacent to Ramsgate and around the Goodwin Sands. The course will be posted on the web site [www.ramsgateweek.com](http://www.ramsgateweek.com) and RTeYC notice board.

## Finish Line:

See Ramsgate week website, Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions.

## Trophies:

Brave Bowl First Overall IRC.

**Prize giving:**

At Royal Temple Yacht Club immediately after the race.

**Race HQ:**

Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9HY

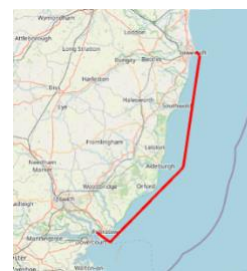
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**Berthing:**

Channel 80 or 01843 572100

# HMS Halcyon trophy

The Haven Combined Clubs annual Britannia Race runs from Harwich to Lowestoft. Historically EAORA has raced to and from Lowestoft many times and in 2026 we are pleased to join the HCC for this race. The Royal Norfolk & Suffolk Yacht Club will present the HMS Halcyon trophy for the best EAORA entrant.



## Harwich to Lowestoft

EAORA Season Points IRC	2 Handed IRC	
EAORA Youth Programme		

## Organising Authority:

Haven Combined Clubs / Haven Ports Yacht Club in association with Royal Norfolk & Suffolk Yacht Club, EAORA.

## Date of the Race: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026

### Note:

The HMS Halcyon trophy is run in parallel with HCC Britannia Trophy and as such the Haven Combined Clubs Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions take precedence. EAORA will not publish separate Sailing Instructions.

### General conditions for entry:

All entrants must comply with the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 and the Haven Combined Clubs Britannia Trophy Notice of Race, available from the Haven Combined Clubs and EAORA Websites. Should conflicting interpretations arise the Haven Combined Clubs NoR shall take precedence over the EAORA NoR.

The Sailing Instructions will be published by Haven Combined Clubs, EAORA will not publish separate Sailing Instructions.

EAORA entrants must be entrants in the Haven Combined Clubs Britannia Trophy. EAORA entrants must also enter the HMS Halcyon trophy on the EAORA web site as well.

### Classes to Race:

IRC 1, 2 and 3. IRC 2 Handed.

Results will be re-cast to EAORA class divisions.

### Entry Fee:

See HCC Notice of Race, There is no additional entry fee for the EAORA HMS Halcyon trophy.

Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authorities.

### Entries Close:

See HCC NoR

### Warning signals:

See HCC NoR

### High water:

Harwich: 02:10 BST 4.3m    Lowestoft: 11:50 BST 2.8m

### Start Line:

See HCC NoR

### Course:

The race will start at Harwich and finish at Lowestoft.

### Finish Line:

A line in the vicinity of Lowestoft.

### Trophies:

HMS Halcyon trophy (1<sup>st</sup> Overall);

**Prize giving:**

At Royal Norfolk & Suffolk Yacht Club, immediately after the race.

**Race HQ:**

Haven Ports Yacht Club, LV87, Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Ipswich, IP10 0LN

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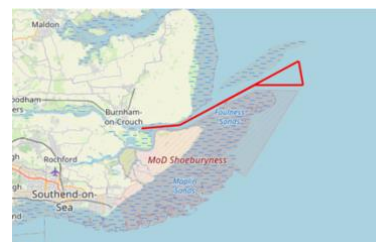
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# HOUGHTON CUP

Presented by Sidney Houghton in 1911, the Houghton Trophy is the oldest established offshore race sailed in British waters.

In its early years it used to be a night race round the Cork and Sunk Light vessels off Harwich and back to the Crouch.

More recently the Houghton Cup ran on the first day of Burnham Week and was organised by the Crouch Yacht Club, and since 2021 has been combined with the Town Cup on the last day of Burnham Week. The Houghton Cup is now organised by the Royal Burnham Yacht Club and Burnham Week Ltd.



## Burnham-on-Crouch to Burnham-on-Crouch

EAORA Season Points IRC	2 Handed IRC	
EAORA Youth Programme		

### Organising Authority:

Burnham Week Ltd in association with Royal Burnham Yacht Club and EAORA

### Date of the Race: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026

### General Conditions for entry:

All entrants must comply with the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 and the Burnham Week Notice of Race, available from the Burnham Week and EAORA Websites. Should conflicting interpretations arise the Burnham Week NoR shall take precedence over the EAORA NoR.

The Sailing Instructions will be published by Burnham Week, EAORA will not publish separate Sailing Instructions.

EAORA entrants must be entrants in the Town Cup. EAORA entrants must also enter on the EAORA web site as well as the Burnham Week web site.

### Classes to Race:

IRC 1, 2 and 3. IRC 2 Handed.

Results will be re-cast to EAORA class divisions.

### Entry Fee:

See the Burnham Week website.

Competitors entering the Town Cup may also enter the Houghton Cup. There is no additional entry fee for the Houghton Cup. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authorities.

### Entries Close:

See the Burnham Week website.

### Warning Signals:

See the Burnham Week website.

### High Water:

Burnham-on-Crouch: 06:40 BST 4.1m 19:00 BST 4.2m

### Start Line:

See the Burnham Week website.

### Course:

See the Burnham Week website.

### Finish Line:

See the Burnham Week website.



**Trophies:**

HOUGHTON CUP (1<sup>st</sup> OVERALL);  
BREWIN DOLPHIN (1<sup>st</sup> CLASS 1);  
SUMMER STAR (1<sup>st</sup> CLASS 2);  
SEPTEMBER STORM (1<sup>st</sup> CLASS 3)

**Prizegiving:**

Trophies will be awarded at the Burnham Week prizegiving, see the Burnham Week website.

Results for the Houghton Cup will be extracted from the results of the Town Cup, EAORA Class divisions remain as standard for EAORA independent of any class structure that may be operated for the Town Cup.

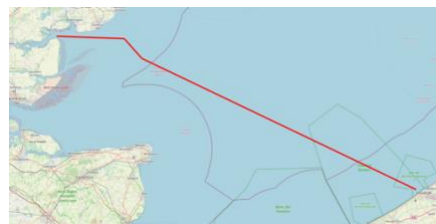
**Race HQ:**

Royal Burnham Yacht Club, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AU - TEL: 01621 782044 Email: [info@rbyc.org.uk](mailto:info@rbyc.org.uk)

# BUCKLEY GOBLETS

The Buckley Goblets is EAORA's traditional season closer, often a high speed blast across the North Sea to Oostende the current record is held by Oystercatcher XXXV at 6 hours 2 minutes and 34 seconds!

Enjoy the bars and restaurants of Oostende and the hospitality of the Royal North Sea Yacht Club to round off the year's racing.



## West Mersea to Oostende

EAORA Season Points IRC	2 Handed IRC	
EAORA Youth Programme	MOCRA	

## Organising Authority:

EAORA in association with West Mersea Yacht Club and Royal North Sea Yacht Club

**Date of the Race: FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**

## General Conditions for Entry:

All Entrants must comply with the requirements of the EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 available from the EAORA Website.

## Entry Fee:

£65.00. Electronic payment to WMYC, Sort Code: 20-22-67, Account: 70947296 (*Reference: Race & Yacht Name*). Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## Entries Close:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

## Warning Signals:

First Warning Signal – 06:55 BST

## High Water:

West Mersea 04:50 BST 4.3m Oostende 17:20 BST 4.4m (add 1 hour for Belgium Summer Time)

## Safety:

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 plus Category 2 Life Raft.

## Start Line:

The start line will be the West Mersea Yacht Club Line.

## Course:

The course of approximately 90 miles will cross the North Sea and finish outside Ostend, Belgium.

## Finish Line:

The finish line will be outside the Harbour entrance at Ostend.

## Trophies:

BUCKLEY GOBLETS (1st OVERALL); 43RD LIGHT INFANTRY TROPHY (1st CLASS 1); ROYAL NORTH SEA YACHT CLUB CHALLENGE CUP (DRAGON CUP) (1st CLASS 2); LAWSON TROPHY (1st CLASS 3); WMYC MEDALLIONS FOR OVERALL FIRST THREE PLACES WMYC GLASSWARE FOR CLASS WINNERS

## Prize giving:

At the Royal North Sea Yacht Club, Ostend on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at a time to be announced.

## Race HQ (Start):

West Mersea Yacht Club; 116 Coast Road; West Mersea; CO5 8PB; Tel: 01206 382947 fax: 01206 386261  
email: [info@wmyc.org.uk](mailto:info@wmyc.org.uk)

## Race HQ (Finish):

EAORA Representative; c/o Royal North Sea Yacht Club; Montgomery Kaai 1; B-8400; Oostende. Tel: 0032 59 702 754;  
email: [info@rnsyc.be](mailto:info@rnsyc.be)

## EAORA Members

Club	Location	Telephone
<a href="#"><u>Blackwater Sailing Club</u></a>	Heybridge Basin	01621 853923
<a href="#"><u>Breskens Yacht Club</u></a>	Breskens	+31 117386455
<a href="#"><u>Burnham Sailing Club</u></a>	Burnham-on-Crouch	01621 782624
<a href="#"><u>Colne Yacht Club</u></a>	Brightlingsea	01206 302594
<a href="#"><u>North Fambridge Yacht Club</u></a>	North Fambridge	07973 723189
<a href="#"><u>Harwich Town Sailing Club</u></a>	Harwich	01255 503200
<a href="#"><u>Haven Ports Yacht Club</u></a>	Levington	01473 659658
<a href="#"><u>Leigh-on-Sea Sailing Club</u></a>	Leigh on sea	01702 476788
<a href="#"><u>Maldon Little Ship Club</u></a>	Maldon	01621 854139
<a href="#"><u>Marconi Sailing Club</u></a>	Blackwater	01621 772164
<a href="#"><u>Medway Yacht Club</u></a>	Upnor	01634 718399
<a href="#"><u>Orwell Yacht Club</u></a>	Ipswich	01473 780319
<a href="#"><u>Pin Mill Sailing Club</u></a>	Pin Mill, Ipswich	01473 780271
<a href="#"><u>Royal Burnham Yacht Club</u></a>	Burnham-on-Crouch	01621 782044
<a href="#"><u>Royal Corinthian Yacht Club</u></a>	Burnham	01621 782105
<a href="#"><u>Royal Harwich Yacht Club</u></a>	Woolverstone, Ipswich	01473 780319
<a href="#"><u>Royal Norfolk &amp; Suffolk Yacht Club</u></a>	Lowestoft	01502 566726
<a href="#"><u>Royal North Sea Yacht Club</u></a>	Ostend	+32 59505912
<a href="#"><u>Royal Ocean Racing Club</u></a>	London	0207 493 2248
<a href="#"><u>Royal Temple Yacht Club</u></a>	Ramsgate	01843 591766
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