

Notice of Race

ILCA UK Grand Prix Series – East - RHYC

12th October 2025

Organised by the Royal Harwich Yacht Club.

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2025 -28 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Port of Ipswich and Harwich Haven Authority Byelaws also apply.
- 1.3 The penalty for a breach of any rule apart from RRS 2, RRS 31, or a rule of Part 2 of the RRS may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices, Basic Rule) always applies while afloat. The personal floatation device worn by each competitor to comply with RRS 40.1 shall meet or exceed standard ISO 12404/5 (CE 50 Newtons).
- 1.5 While racing, boats shall use only sails displaying their allocated sail number, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the organising authority or race committee.
- 1.6 Competitors and support persons that attend the event and are not members of RHYC will be temporary members of the club for the duration of the event and shall abide by all RHYC club rules.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The event is open to all boats of the ILCA class.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form on the Royal Harwich Yacht Club website and by paying the required entry fee.
- 2.3 The entry fee is £10.
- 2.4 Competitors under the age of 18 years shall not take part in the event unless and until a consent form completed in respect of that competitor and signed by their parent or guardian has been delivered to the organising authority.

This can be completed at registration or please request such a form from the club office and return to (office.manager@royalharwich.co.uk).
- 2.5 Competitors under the age of 16 years shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone over 18 years of age acting *in loco parentis* while at the club. The responsible adult shall remain available to always take responsibility for the competitor while the competitor is at the club or otherwise taking part in the event.

3. Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the club website before the event.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 Racing is scheduled to take place on the following dates, with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day and the number of races scheduled for that day as follows:

Date	Registration	Briefing	First race signal	High water
12 th October	10:30-11:30am	12pm	12:45pm	16:00

- 4.2 Races scheduled on the same day will normally be sailed back-to-back, with the warning signal for each subsequent race being made shortly after the last boat has finished the previous race.

- 4.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

5. Venue

- 5.1 Racing will be in the river Orwell only.

6. Courses

- 6.1 Courses will be selected to work with venue size and water depth. They will be displayed in morning briefing and on starboard side of the committee boat.

7. Scoring

- 7.1 Two races need to be completed to constitute the series.
- 7.2 The series score for each boat will, subject to RRS 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race scores as follows:
- a) When three or fewer races have been completed no race score will be excluded.
 - b) When four or more races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.

8. Tallying

- 8.1 A sign on and off system will be used at this event.
- 8.2 Penalties for not signing on and off are displayed in sailing instructions.

9. Support Persons and Vessels

- 9.1 Support persons shall not provide support to boats in the race area unless and until the relevant support vessel has been registered with the race committee.

10. Privacy Statement

- 10.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in this 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 and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

11. Risk Statement

- 11.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in this 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 whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent 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, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to

their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event, and to attend any competitor briefing held for this event.

12. Insurance

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5m per incident or the equivalent.

13. Further Information

- 13.1 For further information please contact the club office.