

**RHYC Smugglers Open Meeting 2026**  
**18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**For N12s, Phantoms, ILCA (Lasers), Wanderers**  
**Organised by the Royal Harwich Yacht Club.**  
**Notice of Race**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. 2025-2028
- 1.2 [DP] The Port of Ipswich and the Harwich Haven Authority Byelaws also apply.
- 1.3 A boat may not protest another boat for a breach of class rules. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for any breach of class rules may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2. Competitors should note in particular that use of replica equipment that does not convey a competitive advantage will not normally be penalised.
- 1.4 **RRS 77 Identification on Sails does not apply. [DP] Boats shall however display a sail number or other clearly visible marking on their main sail that is distinct from that of any other boat in the same class entered in the event and shall inform the race committee of that sail number or marking when signing on for racing each day.**

**2. Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1 The event is open to all N12, Laser, Phantom and Wanderer
- 2.2 There will be separate classes N12's, Phantoms & ILCA / Laser dinghies (all sizes of sail racing together with no handicap) and Wanderers
- 2.3 Every eligible combination of helm and boat that signs on for a race in the event will automatically be entered in the event. If different people helm the same boat in different races of the event then each such combination of helm and boat will be treated (and scored) as a separate entry in the event.
- 2.4 **[DP] Competitors under the age of 16 years shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone over 16 years of age acting *in loco parentis* while at the club. The responsible adult shall remain at or near the club and be available to take responsibility for the competitor at all times while the competitor is at the club (including while they are on the water).**

**3. Sailing Instructions**

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

**4. Schedule**

- 4.1 Racing is scheduled to take place on the following dates, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July.  
Reception will be open from 10am until 11:30. You can enter on the day. If you have entered online you still need to report to reception

**Competitors briefing will be at 12:00 on the lawn (in main room if raining)**

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	Scheduled time of warning signal for first race	Number of races schedules
18th July 2026 (HW 15:41)	Not to start before 13:00	3
19th July 2026 (HW 16:25)	Not to start before 14:00	3

It will be announced in the competitors briefing the starting sequence which will either be 5,4,1 start or 3,2,1start.

On Sunday morning there will be a pursuit race, the start will be confirmed at competitors briefing and expected to be around 11:30, duration announced on the day. Please note this does not count to your series results. However, the N12 fleet will be racing for the Burton Salver within the pursuit race.

Each day there will be a signing on/off sheet for each fleet, each competitor will need to sign on before you go out and sign off as soon as you are ashore. You may forfeit a result by not doing so.

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.

## 5. Venue

5.1 Racing will be on the river Orwell.

## 6. Courses

6.1 Courses are expected to be a mixture of round-the-cans and laid courses (e.g. windward-leeward).

See SI for further information

## 7. Scoring

7.1 Two races are required to be completed by a class to constitute the series for that class.

7.2 The series score for each entry in the event will, subject to RRS 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding one worst score provided more than 4 races are completed.

7.3 RRS A5.3 applies.

## 8. Privacy Statement

8.1 **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.**

## 9. Risk Statement

9.1 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; and
- 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.**

## 10. Insurance

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

## 11. Prizes

11.1 Prizes will be awarded by the sailing committee and for N12 awarded by the class.

## 12. Further Information

12.1 In the event of extreme wind being forecast for a race day then the OOD will endeavour to make decision on early abandonment at the club 2 hours before the advertised start time. If the OOD has access, this will be posted on RHYC face book page. Class Captains can be contacted for further information.

For further information please contact the club office on 01473 780 319.