



ROYAL HARWICH
YACHT CLUB

WOOLVERSTONE

Dinghy & Ajax Summer Regatta 2026
Saturday 29th Aug & Sunday 30th Aug 2026
Organised by the Royal Harwich Yacht Club
(RHYC).
Notice of Race

Rules

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

The Port of Ipswich and the Harwich Haven Authority Byelaws also apply.

A boat may not protest another boat for a breach of class rules but may be protested by the race committee. 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 that the use of replica equipment that does not convey a competitive advantage will not normally be penalised.

RRS 77 Identification on Sails does not apply. 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.

Eligibility and Entry

The event is open to all dinghies & Ajax's. There will be separate starts for the Ajax Class, ILCA and a handicap fleet.

All ILCA's will race together on handicap.

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 always take responsibility for the competitor while the competitor is at the club (including while they are on the water).

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available on the club website, (to be found under "Afloat -> NoR SIs RO and Support boat information ") and will also be available at registration/signing-on.

Schedule

Racing is scheduled to take place as follows;

	Scheduled time of warning signal for first race	Number of races scheduled for the day
29 th August 2026	11:30 Hrs	Ajax Fleet 2, Others 3
30 th August 2026	12:00 Hrs	Ajax Fleet 2, Others 3

The order of class starts will be Ajax, ILCA, Handicap. The second start for the ILCA and Handicap Fleets may be before the second start for the Ajax Class.

Races 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.

Registration will be open from 11.00hrs on each day

There will be a Competitors' Briefing at 10:30 hrs on Saturday and 11:00 hrs on Sunday

The intention is to sail at least 3 races on each day for ILCA and Handicap fleets and 2 races each

day for the Ajax fleet, but, at the discretion of the Race Officer, there may be more, or less, races.

Venue

Racing will be on the river Orwell.

Courses

Courses will be displayed on the RHYC Race Hut or on the Committee Boat.

Scoring

The score for each entry in the event will be the total of her race scores, excluding the worst score if 3 or more races are completed.

Privacy Statement

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.

Risk Statement

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:

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

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;

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

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.

Insurance

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

Prizes

There will be prizes for leading competitors in each class and further prizes at the discretion of the organising committee and relative to entry numbers.

Further Information

For further information please contact the club office.