



## **HMS St. Mathew Cup**

**Royal Corinthian Yacht Club  
The Quay, Burnham on Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AX**

### **General**

#### **HMS St.Mathew Cup History**

Information about HMS St. Mathew. In 1940 the Admiralty requisitioned part of the Royal Burnham Yacht Club's premises to house administrative staff for crews sent to man the Coastal Force boats under the command of Captain Dane RN. At the same time the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club was taken over to accommodate the boys of the Training Ship EXMOUTH.

The Royal Maritime Training Centre was then transferred from Dartmouth to Burnham and commissioned as HMS ST.MATHEW. Captain Dane was still in command and he and his staff took over the Royal Burnham Yacht Club, whose members were made honorary members of the Officers Mess based in their own clubhouse. The Navy in charge of landing craft, the Coastal Forces crews and the WRNS were all billeted around the town with the Marines at the Royal Corinthian and their officers at Creeksea Place. Some were billeted at the Crouch Yacht Club and Nissen Huts were built at the Royal Burnham Yacht Club to house sick bays.

In appreciation of the co-operation between the town, yacht clubs and the personnel of HMS ST. MATHEW, Captain Dane and his officers presented the Council with a trophy to be known as the HMS ST.MATHEW Cup and it was agreed that the four yacht clubs would race for the trophy annually, originally intending the inaugural race in 1946. However it was not possible to organise enough boats or crews so soon after the end of war and it was postponed until the following year.

Each year one of the Clubs provided four one-design boats to enable all the Clubs to participate, with a draw for boats, owners not being allowed to sail in their own boat. The races were extremely competitive and club members considered it a privilege to represent their club to try and win this prestigious trophy. In 1950 the United Hospitals Sailing Club became part of the competition and continued to compete until the club moved away from Burnham.

At a recent meeting of Burnham Week it was decided to revitalise the HMS St. Mathew Cup this year 2019 the event is hosted by The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, each team will be made up of 20 members who will compete in an Elite, RBOD, RCOD, 2 Squibs and a 707. One river race starting with a mid-morning briefing. Prize giving after racing.

This new format will be used by all three clubs. Next year 2020 Burnham Sailing Club will host the event and in 2021 it will be the Royal Burnham Yacht Clubs event.

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## NOTICE OF RACE

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Crouch Harbour Authority byelaws will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the rights in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, this event.
- 1.6 Competitors should note the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found in the front of the RYA rule book.

#### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows:
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Burnham Sailing Club Team, The Royal Burnham Yacht Club Team and the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club Team. Each team will consist of 6 boats as listed in 3.2 and 20 persons as listed in 3.2. Every member of the team shall be a bona fide member of the club entering.

#### 3.2 Each Club shall arrange to borrow the following boats

- Elite. 3 persons
- RCOD. 4 persons
- RBOD. 4 persons
- Squib 1 2 persons
- Squib 2 2 persons one under 25
- 707 's 5 persons. 707's on loan from RCYC

- 3.3 Clubs are required to advise RCYC of their teams by Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

## **4 FEES**

### **4.1** Required fees are as follows:

Class	Fee
	none

## **5 SCHEDULE**

### **5.1** Briefing will take place in the East end ground floor of Royal Corinthian Yacht Club 10h30m on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### **5.3** Dates of racing:

Date	Class	Start	Warning signal
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Race 1	RCYC	11h:30m

### **5.4** Number of races: 1

## **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration, and on the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club website ([www.royalcorinthian.co.uk](http://www.royalcorinthian.co.uk)) before the event.

## **8 THE COURSES**

### **8.1** As selected from the RBYC- RCYC Dragon course card 2019.

## **9 SCORING**

### **9.1** One completed race is required to be to constitute a series. Low points system Appendix A.

## **10 SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall be marked 'RCYC'

## **11 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

All boats shall carry VHF radio. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing, with the single exception being communication with the Race Management Vessel in an emergency using VHF Ch72. This restriction on communication also applies to mobile telephones.

## **12 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – St Mathew Cup will be presented in the RCYC Club House as soon as practical after racing has been concluded.

## **13 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 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 the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk 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 , patrol boat and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**14        INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3 Million GB Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

**15        FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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The unusual spelling of the ship's name was to carry on the old tradition, as the last King's Ship so named, spelt the name of the Saint with one 't', being in commission as far back as 1596.