Corinthian Otters
Optimist Open Meeting
Royal Corinthian Yacht Club
Sunday, September 13th
2026 Burnham on Crouch,
Essex

Notice of Race (NoR)

Parents and guardians are reminded that they always retain full responsibility for the conduct and safety of their children and wards. The Corinthian Otters' Flag Officers and members are not able to provide supervision, exercise control, or assume any duties in loco parentis.

In addition, the Corinthian Otters accept no responsibility for individuals who are not participating in racing activities.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

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

1.2 Crouch Harbour Authority Byelaws available at the CHA website applies.

1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.

1.4 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable instructions from an event official.

1.5 Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices shall always apply whilst afloat and on the pontoon.

1.6 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.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on or before 7th September at the RCYC website.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is in the Otter Room.

3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all Corinthian Otters and visitors, 15 or under, on 31.12.2026

4.2 The event is open to Optimist Class:

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fee: £**25.00**

6.1 Registration: Club bar

Date	From	To
13.09.2026	*09.00*	*09.30*

6.2 Dates of racing: September 13th 2026

6.3 The number of races: 4 for main fleet & up to 8 for regatta

6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on 13.09.2026 is 10:55.

6.5 Briefing will be held outside at the East End of the Clubhouse near the crane. At 10.00

6.6 No warning signal will be made after 16:00h

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT n/a

12 VENUE

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

12.2 Rivers Crouch and Roach

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be advised at the briefing.

13.2 The marks that will be used will be orange inflatable buoys.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 applies

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to constitute a series.

15.2 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with Support

17 RISK STATEMENT

17.1 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 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 boats 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.
(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 safety briefing held for the event.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3 million UK pounds per incident or the equivalent.

19. Prizes will be given at the prizegiving

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information, please contact:

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