

UK WAYFARER ASSOCIATION
EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

&
MEDWAY YACHT CLUB
‘Fairway Trophy’

Saturday & Sunday 12/13th June 2010

Notice of Race

On behalf of the UK Wayfarer Association (UKWA) the Medway Yacht Club (MYC) invites Wayfarers to a six-race open event regatta for the UKWA Eastern Championships to be held on the River Medway on the 12th/13th June 2010. Scores during the event will also count towards determining the winner of the MYC Fairway Trophy 2010.

The format of the racing will be to sail two ‘Olympic’ style courses and one ‘In-river’ course on each day. Competitors wishing to sail on only one of the two days will be welcome.

1. Organising Authority

- Medway Yacht Club (MYC) on behalf of the United Kingdom Wayfarer Association (UKWA).

2. Venue

- Medway Yacht Club Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent ME2 4XB. Tel. 01634-718 399.
- Racing will take place on the River Medway from Chatham Reach to Buoy 14.

3. Rules

3.1 The regatta will be governed by: -

- The directives of the Medway Ports.
- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 -2012,
- The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter
- The Class Rules of the UKWA, except as changed by the sailing instructions.
- The Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI’s).
- In the event of any conflict between these Rules, those of Sailing Instructions shall prevail
- The exoneration penalty (and the advisory and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules disputes procedures may be available.

3.2 The following RRS Rules will be changed:

- RRS 35; RRS 40; RRS 61.3 and 62.2; RRS 63.1; RRS 64.1 (a); RRS A5; Race signals ICF “L”.
- The changes will appear in full in the SI’s. The SI’s may also change other racing rules.

4. Advertising

- Advertising will be restricted to Category ‘A’

5. Eligibility

- Boats competing for UKWA prizes must be entered by members or associate members of the UKWA or any equivalent National Class Wayfarer Association (NCWA).
- Boats may only be entered if they have a current measurement certificate and buoyancy endorsement.
- Entries will be accepted from non-members of the UKWA or other NCWA, and for boats that do not have a measurement certificate providing they have a valid buoyancy test. However they will be eligible to compete only for MYC prizes.
- Entries will be accepted from youth helms, who must be under 18 years on the 12th June 2010. They may be crewed by a senior.
- Substitution of helm or crew after registration will only be considered following written application to the Race Committee.

6. Entries and Fees

- Entries (for the full event or just one day) shall be made on the official entry form and submitted to Catherine Gore at the address on the entry form or to Medway Yacht Club, together with the appropriate fee.
- Entry fees are £25.00 per boat for the complete event (two days), or £15.00 for one day. These fees include the UKWA levy of £3 per boat for all those entering the Association’s events.
- Entry fees for youth helms are at the reduced rate of £15.00 for the complete event (two days), or £10.00 for one day.
- Entries will be accepted up to 11.00 hrs on the 12th June 2010 (or 09:00 hrs on Sunday 13th June 2010 for entries for that day only).

7. Schedule

- **Registration:** Will commence in the regatta office, in the library above the MYC offices, from 08.30 hrs on Saturday the 12th June 2010. All competitors will be required to present their valid measurement certificate, complete with a current buoyancy endorsement.
- **Number of Races:** The event comprises a 6 race series, with 3 races on Saturday, and 3 on Sunday. At its discretion, the Race Committee reserves the right to change the number of races on each day.
- **Briefing:** A briefing will take place in the Clubhouse at 10:30 hrs on the 12th June 2010.
- **Race Starting Times:**

12 th June	Race 1	Warning signal	11.55 hrs
	Race 2	Back-to-back with Race 1	
	Race 3	Back-to-back with Race 2	
13 th June	Race 4	Warning signal	09.55 hrs
	Race 5	Back-to-back with Race 4	
	Race 6	Back-to-back with Race 5	

No warning signal will be made on Sunday 13th June after 13:30 hrs.

8. Measurement

- At the discretion of the Race Committee, boats and gear may be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement during the event.
- A boat wishing to use a sail showing numbers other than those registered for the boat may make prior written request to the Race Committee to do so. Dispensation will be given provided that no other boat is using the same number.

9. Sailing Instructions

- Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted to entrants whose entry has been received before 1st June 2010 and who enclose an SAE for reply. For later entrants, they will be issued at registration.

10. Courses

- The Race Committee will set Olympic-style and in-river courses using both racing marks and the navigation buoys of the river. Details will be set out in the SI's.

11. Penalty System

- RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

12. Scoring

- The Low Points Scoring System as in RRS Appendix A.4 will apply.
- If 5 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- If 4 or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- The championship will be decided and the event trophies awarded providing one race is completed.

13. Safety

- Competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4.
- Boats shall carry following equipment at all times afloat:
 - One bucket or bailer (min. 4 litres).
 - One paddle.
 - 10 metres of tow-rope (NOT part of the rigging or sail controls).
- A tally system to account for the launching and safe return of all competitors will be in operation. Boats failing to comply correctly with the tally procedure will be protested by the Race Committee and will be subject to an exoneration penalty.

14. Prizes

- The following UKWA prizes will be awarded

Fryer Cup	Overall Winner
Peter Strauss Memorial Trophy	1 st Race
Aldeburgh YC Trophy	2 nd Race
Stone SC Trophy	3 rd Race
Dabchicks Trophy	4 th Race
Navigators & General Ladies' Race Trophy	1 st Lady overall
- The following MYC prizes will be awarded:

Fairway Trophy	1st MYC member overall
Blue Chiffon Trophy	1 st Visitor
Other prizes at its discretion	

15. Disclaimer of liability

The attention of all competitors is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, 'Decision to Race'.

- A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the notice of race or sailing instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions it finds itself. By launching or going to sea the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury; however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing.
- The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the Race Committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach-masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

16. Insurance

- A boat is required to hold insurance and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims.

Organising Authority MYC

1st January 2010