

NOTICE OF RACE

FOR WEEKEND SERIES IN-RIVER RACING 2008 SEASON

1. Organizing Authority

The Medway Yacht Club (MYC).

2. Rules

The series will be governed by:-

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005 -2008,
- The prescriptions of the RYA.
- The directives of the Medway Ports Ltd (MP)
- The Rules of the relevant Class Associations, except as changed by the sailing instructions.
- The Notice of Race
- The MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) for the particular class being raced.
- The Sailing Instructions (SI's).

In the event of conflict between the Rules, those of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

Dragon Class: IDA Rule 13.10 (crew numbers) and 13.30 (crew weight) do not apply; depth sounders are permitted, this changes IDA Rule 12.20.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The series is open to all MYC members and their *bona fide* guests and visitors as permitted in the MYC Rules (ref:- 4.6.3 and 4.7 respectively) sailing mono-hull dinghies and cruisers.
- 3.2 The following are sponsored classes:- Dragons, Squibs, Sonatas and Wayfarers. All other boats shall be the Dinghy and Cruiser handicap classes.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may only enter for races in the series by completing a club declaration form and signing it under the following statement:

"I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other Rules which govern these events. In particular I have read paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Notice of Race and confirm that I agree to their provisions and that my boat will conform to their requirements throughout the events."

4. Registration

- 4.1 Race declaration forms must be completed before racing in any series.
- 4.2 All competitors must sign on and sign off, before and after every race.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 Races will be held at the dates and times as published in the MYC Fixtures and Social Programme 2008.

6. Measurement

- 6.1 All participating boats must have a valid measurement certificate, and, when relevant to their class, current buoyancy endorsement.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available upon application to the Hon. Sailing Secretary after completion of the declaration form. They will also be posted on the official notice board.

8. Courses

- 8.1 Courses will be sailed on the river Medway using navigation buoys and/or special marks. Details of the courses to be sailed will be found in the sailing instructions.

9. Penalty System

- 9.1 For the International Dragon class rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, (including one tack and one gybe), is required. ONLY within the International Class racing.
- 9.2 In the event of the International Dragon competitor breaking rules in Part 2 of the RRS, involving another class, then rules 44.1 and 44.2 are unchanged (her penalty will be two turns including two tacks and two gybes)

9. Scoring and Prizes

- 9.1 The number of races to be completed for each series, and the prizes for them will be governed by the respective classes.

10. Disclaimer of liability

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

- A boat is entirely responsible for her 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 she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- The boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.
- Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organizers (MYC) 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.
- The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

11. Insurance

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

**The Sailing Committee MYC
16th April 2008**