

# Medway Yacht Club Sailing Instructions Weekend Series Racing 2010 Issue 3

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## ***Sportsmanship and the Rules***

*Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitor breaks a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire*

### **1. RULES**

1.1 The series will be governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 –2012 (RRS)
- The prescriptions of the RYA
- The directives of the Medway Ports Ltd (MP)
- The Rules of the relevant Class Associations, which may include the Equipment Rules of Sailing (E.R.S)
- The Notice of Race (NOR).
- The MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) for the particular class being raced
- These Sailing Instructions (SI's).

1.2 In the event of conflict between the Rules, those of the SI's shall prevail but never over the directives of MP.

1.3 RRS changes:- • RRS 35 Time limits.

RRS 64.1 Protest committee penalties and exonerations.

RRS 44.1 & 44.2 Alternative penalty system

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Committee notice board.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the start of race to which they apply.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Race Signals made ashore will be displayed in the vicinity of the MYC Race Box.

4.2 MYC Light Procedures will be advisory only.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.**

5.1 Races will be held at the dates and times as published in the MYC Fixtures and Social Programme 2010.

### **6. CLASS FLAGS**

| <b>6.1 CLASS</b>     | <b>FLAG BOARD</b>    |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dinghy Fast Handicap | Numeral Pennant 3    |
| Dinghy Slow Handicap | Numeral Pennant 4    |
| Dragon IC            | Flag D               |
| Sonata IC            | Flag F               |
| Squib                | Naval Numeral 9      |
| Wayfarer             | Wayfarer logo flag W |

### **7. COURSES**

7.1 The courses to be sailed are listed by number in the MYC In-River course sheet.

7.2 The number of the course to be sailed by each class will be displayed not later than the class signal.

7.3 Special courses will be indicated by displaying numeral '0' (zero).

7.4 The display of U2 or U3 from the Starting Box in addition to the course number indicates that the first mark will be MYC2 or MYC3 respectively to port, followed by the marks of the designated course.

7.5 The Race Committee may broadcast course information by VHF.

7.6 Boats shall not sail between Folly Fort and Folly Beacon, Darnett Fort and Darnett Beacon.

7.7 No course may be deemed to permit passage through Hoo Creek, nor via Copperhouse Marshes and Bartlett Creek, unless specified.

### **8. MARKS**

8.1 Course marks will be:

Navigation marks of the Medway Ports;

Permanent yellow/orange horizontal cylinder marks for MYA1, MYC2, MYC4, B.OOZE, and Autumn; and an orange pillar buoy for MYC3.

8.2 For the purposes of RRS 32.2, and only RRS32.2, all marks shall be considered to be rounding marks.

### **9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

9.1 The Medway is a commercial navigable river and as such various international regulations and local bylaws apply to vessels using the marked fairway or jetties, piers, berths mooring etc.

9.2 At any time an official boat flying **Naval Numeral Zero and ICF Pennant Number Nine** may escort such vessels through the racing area. No boat may pass through a line drawn between the escort and the vessel being escorted. Any boat reported by an official boat as deemed to have caused a perceived obstruction, may be subject to protest by the race committee. The evidence of the patrol boat crew shall be final.

9.3 Boats racing shall *keep clear* of moored boats.

9.4 Racing boats shall not sail over, and shall *keep clear* of, span lines on fore and aft moorings.

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### 10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26.

10.2 For Club line starts:

The starting line will be a transit line running approximately south through the apex of the two white triangles above the Race Box.

10.3 For Committee boat starts:

The starting line will be between a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat and marker buoy as instructed by the Race Committee.

10.4 BOATS NOT UNDER STARTING PROCEDURE SHALL KEEP CLEAR OF THE START LINE and start area.

### 11. SHORTEN COURSE

11.1 Courses will be shortened as RRS 32.

11.2 For the purposes of RRS 32, all marks shall be considered 'rounding marks'.

### 12. THE FINISH

12.1 Finishes at the Club line: - The finishing line is as specified in 10.2 above.

12.2 Finishes at a Committee boat : - The finishing line will be between a mast/staff displaying an orange flag and an outer distance marker buoy, or a mark of the course, as signalled by the Race Committee.

12.3 The Race Committee may award finishing places on the water.

### 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

For the International Dragon class RRS 44.1 is changed to a One-Turn Penalty. This ONLY applies when all boats involved in the incident are within the International Dragon Class, and ONLY applies to RRS Part 2 infringements.

### 14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 Saturday the time limit for racing is 17-30.

14.2 Sunday the time limit for racing is 17-30.

a) Boats failing to finish within the time limit, will be scored did not finish. This changes RRS 35.

### 15. DECLARATIONS

15.1 The owner or the owner's representative shall sign on in the entry column of the Race Entry Sheet before racing.

15.2 The owner or the owner's representative shall sign off in the declaration column of the Race Entry Sheet as soon as possible after racing. Any boat failing to declare within 60 minutes of the last finisher in her class shall be scored DNF. In the case where the last finish of the day was a committee boat finish, the time limit for declarations will be 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.

15.3 If the boat has retired, the owner or the owner's representative shall note this fact on the Race Entry Sheet and inform the Race Officer or Officer of the Day by any means as soon as possible.

### 16. PROTESTS

16.1 Protests or requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Officer or O.O.D. within 60 minutes of the time the last boat has finished the last race of the day for that class. In the case where the last finish of the day was a Committee boat finish; the time limit will be 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.

16.2 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, or named as witnesses, will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.

16.3 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee may offer it.

16.4 The protest committee may award place penalties in place of disqualification. This changes RRS64.1 (a).

### 17. SAFETY

17.1 Wet or Dry suits are obligatory for Cadets, except during the months of June, July and August.

17.2 For all dinghy classes, competitors, while on the water, shall wear personal floatation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

17.3 Any boat, in difficulty, refusing advice from the Race Committee is deemed to be acting on its own responsibility thereafter. Cadets in charge of boats must obey the Race Committee's instruction at all times.

### 18 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked by displaying ICF Numeral Pennant Nine.

### 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 "Decision to Race". The organisers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the series.

### 20. INSURANCE.

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

**The Sailing committee MYC**  
**17<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

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### MYC Light Procedures

| Signal            | Time  | Lights     | Visual Signal                                       |
|-------------------|-------|------------|---|
| Warning           | 5 min | 3          | Class flag displayed                                |
| Preparatory       | 4 min | 2          | Class flag displayed Blue Peter displayed           |
| One Minute        | 1 min | 1          | Class flag displayed                                |
| Start             | 0 min | All Off    |   |
| Individual Recall |       | 2 flashing | X Flag displayed, until clear or for 4 min.         |
| General Recall    |       | 2 flashing | 1 <sup>ST</sup> Substitute flag displayed.          |
| Postponement      |       |            | Flag AP displayed. Races not started are postponed. |

### NOTES (these do not constitute part of the Sailing Instructions)

- 7.5 This is added to permit the designation of courses by VHF, very useful in the case of fleets which all carry VHF and in the cases of a Committee Boat start.
- 8.2 This is used by many clubs to eliminate problems with the definition of marks for shortening courses.
- 9.1 and 9.2. Beware RRS2. It wrecks your series.
- 9.3 *Keep Clear* is a defined term in the RRS, which is why it is used here.
- 12.3 This permits the Race Committee to motor a boat down the fleet in light wind and award finishing places if it was not possible to shorten course, this is preferable to an abandoned race.
- 14.1 This is a single 'drop dead' time for all Saturday and Sunday racing, it is included to make finishing times for everyone more predictable, especially those performing Race Committee duties.
- 15.2 and 15.3 It is IMPERATIVE you sign off, it is how the Race Officer knows you have safely completed your days racing. Until everyone is accounted for the duty crews cannot be stood down, and go home.
- Racing Boats which receive assistance after a grounding, ie pulled off the mud by a patrol boat, will have broken RRS 42, and 41.

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