

**MEDWAY YACHT CLUB REGATTA
INCORPORATING UPNOR SAILING CLUB
15th – 18th July 2010**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority for the regatta is Medway Yacht Club (MYC) and Upnor Sailing Club (USC) is the Organising Authority for the Thursday evening race.

2. RACE AREA

2.1 Races will be sailed in the reaches and creeks of the River Medway and of the Thames estuary. Regatta start and finishing lines will be from committee boats for all classes except Squibs who will use the MYC Upnor Line for their first start of each day. Squibs may also use Upnor Line for some of their finishes. Thursday evening trophy race start and finish line will be the USC club line.

3. RULES

- 3.1 The Regatta will be governed by:
The Bylaws of Medway Ports (available from Medway Ports, Sheerness Docks, Sheerness, Kent ME12 1RS)
The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012 and RYA Prescriptions
This Notice of Race (NOR) and
The Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.
- 3.2 Changes to the RRS will be notified in the SI.
- 3.3 Competitors in IRC and MYA PN classes shall:
Comply with their respective class rules and
Not exceed a maximum of two more than the boat's certified crew number.
- 3.4 Competitors in One Design Classes shall comply with their respective class rules, except where they conflict with this NOR or the SI and:
Dragon Class crew weight limits (IDA Rule 13.30) shall not apply.
Depth sounders are permitted in both Squib and Dragon classes (this changes IDA Rule 12.20).

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with Category A of ISAF Regulation 20 (Advertising Code) except in respect of spinnakers that carry advertising, which shall comply with Category C of the Code.
- 4.2 Competitors may be required to display sponsors' logos.
- 4.3 Competitors shall not display any advertising which, in the opinion of the race committee, is in conflict with the event sponsors.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The Regatta is open to all mono-hull cruiser racers, and Dragon, Sonata and Squib One Design classes (OD).
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| Class 1 | IRC |
| Cruiser Class 2 | MYA PN <998* |
| Cruiser Class 3 | MYA PN >997* |
| Cruiser Class 4 (White Sail) | MYA PN |
| Hanse Classes | MYA PN |
- (*the PN bands for classes 2 & 3 are provisional and may be changed by the SI)
- 5.2 Competitors in OD Classes must hold a valid class measurement certificate.
- 5.3 Competitors in IRC Class must hold a valid 2010 IRC Certificate.
- 5.4 Competitors in MYA PN Classes must hold a valid certificate issued in 2010.
- 5.5 Boats wishing to use a sail showing numbers other than those allocated to the boat may make prior written request to the race committee to do so. Permission will be given provided that no other boat is using the same sail numbers.

6. ENTRY

- 6.1 Entries for the series, will only be accepted on an official entry form available from MYC or the regatta websites and shall be delivered to the regatta office at Medway Yacht Club accompanied by the entry fee, and a copy of a valid IRC or MYA PN certificate, or class measurement certificate for one designs.
- 6.2 Entries must be submitted at least 24 hours before racing.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration will commence in the regatta office at 1500hrs on Thursday 15th July. The office will also be open at subsequent times as set out in the notes for competitors.
- 7.2 There will be an evening race for all classes on the Thursday evening. The evening race results will not count towards Regatta points.
- 7.3 Classes are scheduled Regatta races as follows:
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| IRC | Long races on Friday and Saturday, one shorter race on Sunday. |
| MYA PN | Longer races on Friday and Saturday, one shorter race on Sunday |
| Dragon | A maximum of five races, two on Friday and Saturday, one on Sunday. Either the Friday or Saturday races may be one long race depending on the weather. |
| Sonata | One long and three short races during the regatta, depending on weather. |
| Squib | Four races, one on Friday, two on Saturday and one on Sunday |
- 7.4 A full schedule of races will be published in the SI
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| 7.5 Times of first starts: Thursday 15 th July | 1900hrs |
| Friday to Sunday 16 th to 18 th July | 1000hrs |
| Squib class | 1030hrs |
- 7.6 Classes may be combined or separated for starting purposes.
- 7.7 No warning signal will be made on Sunday, 18th July after 1225 hrs

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Boats will not be subject to measurement before racing. But, see NOR 12. SAFETY below.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the office at MYC from 15th July 2010.
9.2 A provisional copy of the SI will be published on the event website. See NOR 18.
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9.3 The Thursday evening race will use USC Sailing Instructions 2010.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be set within the River Medway and Thames Estuary. See SI 8.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 All boats shall carry an operational VHF radio capable of receiving course announcements and other information on Channel 72 and for use in an emergency. .
11.2 The following call-signs will be used: -
Upnor Sailing Club 'U Base'
Medway Yacht Club 'Upnor Line'
Committee Boats(s) 'Offshore One' (Two, etc)
11.3 A boat may, without infringing RRS 41 (Outside Help), request and receive repetition of information previously broadcast on VHF by the race committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made on a particular subject.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1 All boats shall comply with their class safety regulations or with MYC's minimum equipment list, whichever is the greater.
12.2 Competitors in IRC must be equipped to ISAF Cat.4 and MYA PN classes to Cat.5.
12.3 Boats may be inspected by a representative of the race committee for safety equipment at any time before or after racing in the event.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The low point system of RRS A4 will be used.
13.2 2 Races must be completed to constitute the series.
13.3 There will be no discards except that if Dragons sail five races, one race may be discarded.
13.4 The race on Sunday 18th July may not be discarded.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the period from 1800hrs on Wednesday 14th July 2010 until the conclusion of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 15.1 Results will be published as soon as possible after the finish of each race.
15.2 Prizes and trophies are listed in the Regatta Brochure, they will be awarded at MYC each evening and as soon as possible after the finish of racing on Sunday 18th July

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 The attention of all competitors is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, 'Decision to Race'
16.2 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.
16.3 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.
16.4 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.
16.5 Nothing done by the Organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the Organisers (MYC and USC) 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.
16.6 The Organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach-masters.
16.7 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
16.8 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat is required to hold insurance cover and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims.

18. CONTACTS FOR THE REGATTA

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