

Medway Yacht Club NOTICE OF RACE



In-River and Windward/Leeward Racing 2018

The organizing authority is Medway Yacht Club

1 RULES

1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* and the RYA Racing Charter.

1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.

1.3 The directives of the Peel Ports Medway (PPM), the MEL 2018 (MYC Minimum Equipment List, available on the MYC website), local rules for any class being sailed and the Sailing Instructions will apply.

1.4 Racing rules 28.1, 29.1, 32, 33, 44.1 and 64.1 will be changed as follows:

RRS 28.1 Sailing the course for Dragon Class only

RRS 29.1 Individual recall for Sonata and Dragon Classes only

RRS 32 Shortening after the start

RRS 33 Changing the next leg of the course

RRS 44.1 Taking a penalty for Dragon Class only

RRS 64.1 Penalties and Exoneration

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.5 Under rule 87, rules 12.20, 13.10 and 13.30 of the International Dragon Association class rules are changed as follows: crew numbers and crew weight rules shall not apply; depth sounders are permitted

1.6 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The racing is open to all MYC members and their bona fide guests and visitors as permitted in the MYC Rules sailing mono hull dinghies and cruisers

2.2 The racing is open to all boats of the Dragon, Squib, Sonata and Wayfarer one designs and to dinghy, cadet and cruiser handicap classes

2.3 The Race committee reserves the right to refuse entry

2.4 Eligible boats may only enter races after their owner or ownerbl representative has registered them by completing a race declaration form and delivered it to the MYC office or the OOD. Race declaration forms are available from the MYC office and MYC website

3 SCHEDULE

This Notice of Race applies to all In River and Windward/Leeward racing except open meetings and National and Regional Championships hosted by MYC, Cadet Week, the Medway Marathon, Wednesday Evening Racing and racing which forms part of the Cruis-

er Class Race Program. Races will be held at the dates and times published in the MYC Calendar on the MYC website

4 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate and comply with the requirements of the MEL 2018. When relevant to their class, each boat shall hold a current buoyancy endorsement

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the MYC website and displayed on the Sailing Committee official noticeboard on or before 31st March 2018

6 VENUE

Racing shall take place on the river Medway

7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will use navigation buoys and/or special marks. Course cards will be available on the MYC website, at the MYC office and in the Race Hut

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

Where a boat of the Dragon Class may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident involving only a boat or boats of the same class while racing, she may take a One-Turn Penalty. This applies only to class racing and not to races involving multiple classes. This amends RRS 44.1 (but not RRS 44.1(b))

9 SCORING

9.1 The number of races to be completed and the scoring and/or handicap system to be used in any series run by a class shall be determined and published by the respective class.

9.2 In races or race series organized by MYC which are open to multiple classes

9.2.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used.

9.2.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2.3 (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boaties.andicap system to be used in any series run by

(b) When three or more races have been completed, a boatoaties.andicap system to be used in any seriescores excluding her worst score

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

MYC encourages the carrying of a VHF radio and the Race committee may broadcast course information by VHF

11 PRIZES

Prizes for each series run by a class shall be determined by the respective class. Prizes for each race or series of races organized by MYC for multiple classes shall be determined by the Sailing Committee

12 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; and
- (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 familiarize themselves with any risk 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 at the venue.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £10 million. Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £10 million.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact MYC by telephone on 01634 718399, by email at office@medwayyachtclub.com or see the MYC website at www.medwayyachtclub.com

MYC Sailing Committee January 2018