

Medway Yacht Club



WEDNESDAY EVENING RACING 2018



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NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority

1.1 Medway Yacht Club (MYC)

2. Venue

2.1 Medway Yacht Club Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent ME2 4XB. Tel. 01634 718399.

2.2 Racing will take place on the River Medway from Chatham Reach to Buoy 12.

3. Rules

3.1 The racing will be governed by: -

3.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.

3.1.2 The Bye Laws and Directives of the Local Port Authority.

3.1.3 The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter.

3.1.4 The Notice of Race (NOR) and the Medway Yacht Club Sailing Instructions (SI's).

3.1.5 In the event of any conflict between these Rules, those of Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

3.1.7 The exoneration penalty (and the advisory and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules disputes procedures may be available.

3.2 Any changes to RRS or the Class Rules will be given in full in the SI's.

4. Advertising

4.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category 'A'

5. Eligibility and Entry

5.1 The racing is open to: Cruisers with an NHC rating and Keelboats; Dragon, Sonata and Squibs.

5.2 Eligible boats may enter by signing an MYC Declaration Form.

5.3 **Boats must sign on prior to each race by signing the form by the Changing Rooms prior to each race or if not a boat on an MYC mooring they must inform the Race Officer via VHF on Channel 37**

5.4 The entry fees are £15 for the series or £5.00 per race

6. Schedule

6.1 Dates of Series Racing: 16 May, 23 May, 30 May, 6 June, 13 June, 20 June, 27 June, 4 July.

Lady helm race: 11 July.

Cadet Race during Cadet Week 1 August.

6.2 Number of Series Races: 8 series races 5 to count for results.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the races will be 18:55hrs.

7. Measurements

7.1 Each boat shall have a valid NHC rating.

7.2 A boat wishing to use a sail showing numbers other than those registered for the boat shall inform the Race Officer in the MYC Race Hut.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 **2018 MYC In River** Sailing Instructions as published on the MYC website with the exception of the starting times see 6.3 and the time limit will be 21.30.hrs.

9. The Courses

9.1 **Courses will be taken from the MYC In-river 2018 course card unless a special course is decided upon when numeral '0' will be displayed on the Race Box.**

10 Scoring

National Handicap Cruiser system will be operated and handicaps may be adjusted after each race.

10.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series

10.2 There will be 8 races in this series with 5 races to count for results. Your worst 3 races will be discarded.

11 Radio Communication

11.1 All boats shall carry an operational VHF radio capable of receiving course announcements and other information on Channel 37 (M1) and for use in an emergency.

11.2 The following call-sign for the Race Box will be 'Upnor Line'.

12. Safety

12.1 Boats shall comply with the Medway Yacht Club Minimum Equipment list available on the Club website.

13. Prizes

13.1 The following prizes will be awarded:

Bottles of wine will be awarded to the winners of the lady Helm race and to the 1st and 2nd placed race winners each week. Barton Cruiser and Barton Keelboat Trophies will be awarded to series winners at the prize-giving supper on 4th July 2018.

14. Risk Statement

14.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states "The Responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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:

- 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 while taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
- For cruiser & smack classes they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- It is their responsibility to familiarise 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.

15. Insurance

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.