

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB REGATTA

13th – 16th July 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority for the Regatta is Medway Yacht Club (MYC)

2. VENUE

2.1 Medway Yacht Club

2.2 The racing area will be the reaches and creeks both of the River Medway and the Thames Estuary. Regatta start and finishing lines will be from committee boats for all classes. Thursday evening trophy race start and finish line will be the MYC club line.

3. RULES

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

3.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

3.3 The directives of Peel Ports Medway and the London Port Authority, the MYC Minimum Equipment List, local rules for any class being sailed and the Sailing Instructions will apply.

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

3.5 Any changes to the racing rules will appear in full in the sailing instructions (SI).

3.6 The Exoneration Penalty, the advisory hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

4. ADVERTISING

4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority and shall not display any advertising which is in conflict with the event sponsors.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 The regatta is open to all monohull cruiser racers, Dragon, Sonata and Squib One Design Classes.

Cruiser Class 1 IRC and NHC baseline handicap of 0.889 and above

Cruiser Class 2 IRC and NHC baseline handicap of 0.888 and below

Cruiser Class 3 White sail. Helms who have not raced regularly. NHC baseline handicap

The National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) will be applied to Cruiser Class 1, 2 and 3.

The base number will be used for the first race in the series. The NHC adjustment will be applied after each race.

Cruiser classes 1 and 2 will be dual scored.

Handicap bands are provisional. They may be adjusted depending on entries. Final rating bands should be on the website by 11th July.

Baseline handicaps are on the RYA website www.RYA.org.uk/racing/pages/NHC.aspx

5.2 All one design boats will hold a valid measurement certificate.

5.3 Boats may only enter for the regatta series on an official entry form available from MYC or the regatta website. The completed form shall be delivered to the regatta office at MYC accompanied by the entry fee and a copy of a valid rating certificate or class measurement certificate at least 24 hours before racing. Cruisers need to quote the NHC baseline handicap.

5.4 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to refuse entry.

6. FEES

6.1 Entries shall be made on the official Entry Form and submitted to MYC Office with the appropriate fee.

6.2 Entry fees are £40 per boat for the complete event (four days), or £20 for one day. Thursday evenings race is FOC.

6.3 Entries will be accepted up to 0830hrs on Friday 14th July 2017 (or up to 0900hrs on Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th July 2017 for entries for that day only).

6.4 Entries received before Monday 26th June will be eligible for free polo shirts. Please indicate sizes on the entry form. The Regatta committee cannot guarantee free shirts in correct sizes for entries received after that date.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration will commence in the regatta office at 1500 on Thursday 12th July 2017 and continue during the Regatta Office opening hours. See the Regatta brochure for details of times.

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 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Cruiser Classes 1 and 2	A maximum of four races – including one long and three shorter races. Not more than two races on any day
Cruiser Class 3	A maximum of 3 short to medium length races – one per day
Dragon, Sonata	A maximum of seven races – including four windward/leeward races and one shorter race on Sunday. Not more than four races on any day.
Squib	A maximum of three races – one per day.

7.4 The Regatta committee may alter or reschedule the programme for any reason, including preserving the Regatta status.

7.5 For races postponed or abandoned and not resailed, the race fees will not be refunded.

7.6 A full schedule of races will be published in the Sailing Instructions and in the Regatta Brochure

7.7 Times of first starts: Thursday 13th July 1900
Friday to Sunday, 14th to 16th July 1000

7.8 No warning signal will be made on Sunday 16th July after 1225.

7.9 **TIDES:** HW Chatham

Thur. 13th July				1619	5.8 m
Fri. 14th July	0449	5.8 m	and	1658	5.8 m
Sat. 15th July	0531	5.8 m	and	1741	5.8 m
Sun. 16th July	0617	5.7 m	and	1829	5.6 m

7.10 **CHARTS** - Imray Y18; Imray 2100.3; BA SC1834

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the Regatta website

8.2 The Thursday evening race will use MYC In-river Sailing Instructions. Available, on the MYC website

9. COURSES

9.1 Courses will be announced by VHF before the warning signal for each class. The marks that may be used are listed in an appendix to the SI and in the Regatta brochure.

9.2 For courses for the windward/leeward races see appendix to the SI's.

9.3 Courses for the Thursday evening race will be taken from the MYC in-river course card.

10. SAFETY

10.1 All boats shall comply with their class safety regulations or with MYC's minimum equipment list, whichever is the more stringent. See MYC website or Regatta brochure for details of MYC Minimum Equipment List.

10.2 Boats may be inspected by a representative of the race committee for safety equipment at any time before or after racing in the event.

11. SCORING

11.1 One race must be completed to constitute the series.

11.2 There will be no discards.

12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

12.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the period from 1800hrs on Thursday 13th July 2017 until the conclusion of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

13. MOBILE PHONE AND RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 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. .

13.2 The following call-signs will be used: -

Medway Yacht Club	'Upnor Line'
Committee Boats(s)	'Offshore One'

13.3 The Race Committee may text courses and other information to a mobile telephone number that has been registered to the boat. Mobile number to included on the entry form.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes and trophies are listed in the Regatta Brochure. They will be awarded at MYC as soon as possible after the finish of racing on Sunday 16th July 2017.

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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:

- (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 organiser does not relieve them from their own responsibilities;
- (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 familiarise themselves with any risks 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 for the event.

16. INSPECTIONS

16.1 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor as set out in this Notice of Race.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact:
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Tide Information

Predicted tides – Chatham lock approaches				
	High	Low	High	Low
Wednesday 12 July	03:30 – 5.8m	09:40 – 0.9m	15:40 – 5.8m	22:10 – 0.8m
Thursday 13 July	04:10 – 5.8m	09:40 – 0.9m	16:20 – 5.8m	22:00 – 0.8m
Friday 14 July	04:50 – 5.8m	10:00 – 0.9m	17:00 – 5.8m	22:20 – 0.7m
Saturday 15 July	05:30 – 5.8m	10:40 – 0.9m	17:40 – 5.8m	23:00 – 0.7m
Sunday 16 July	06:20 – 5.7m	11:30 – 1.0m	18:30 – 5.6m	23:50 – 0.8m