



**Medway Yacht Club 57th Medway Marathon
and Great British Sailing Challenge/Sailjuice Series Event
Saturday 19th June 2021**

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

The 57th Medway Marathon will be held by the Medway Yacht Club (the Organising Authority) on Saturday 19 June 2021.

1. Rules:

1.1 The event will be governed by:

1.1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).

1.1.2 The bye laws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited (General Directions for navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Bylaws 1991) and the requirements of the IRPCS.

1.1.3 The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter

1.1.4 International and National Class Association rules of competing boats.

1.1.5 The Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

1.2 Please note:

- [DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification
- [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1
- The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).



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2. Sailing Instructions

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the MYC website www.medwayyachtclub.com and at <http://selden.sailracer.org/> on or before 12th June 2021.

3. Communication

3.1 Changes to this Notice will be posted on the MYC website at www.medwayyachtclub.com and at <http://selden.sailracer.org/>

3.2 The Race Office will be the MYC library.

3.3 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats [DP]

3.4 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 or <http://selden.sailracer.org/>

4. Eligibility and Entries

4.1 This is a long distance handicap race for monohull dinghies, International Dragons, National Sonatas and National Squibs on the tidal River Medway.

4.2 All dinghies shall hold a valid measurement certificate, which must be available for inspection by the race committee, and comply with the National and International rules relevant to their class.

4.3 No entries will be accepted from kiteboards, sailboards, multihulls or foiling boats

4.4 The Half Marathon is open only to boats whose helm is under 23 years of age on 1st January 2021.

4.5 GPS TRACKING UNIT: Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit onboard as supplied by the Organising Authority. The tracker should be collected from the Race Office before going afloat and returned there after the day's racing within the protest time. Failure to collect and carry a tracker will result in no Great British Sailing Challenge/SailJuice Series result. It may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing

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of 10% calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5 [SP/NP]. Failure to return the tracker within the protest time may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5 [SP/NP].

4.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry process at <http://selden.sailracer.org/>

4.7 Entry closes at 17:00 on Friday 18th June 2021

4.8 Subject to clause 4.9 of this Notice of Race the entry fee will be £35.00 per boat for the Marathon and £20 per boat for the Half Marathon.

4.9 The fee payable for entries received and fully paid before midnight on Saturday 12th June will be £25 per boat for the Marathon and £15 per boat for the Half Marathon.

5. Starting times

5.1 The starting times will be

Class	Great Lakes/PY No:	Warning Signal	Start Time	Class Signal
Class 1 and Half Marathon	1196 - 1315	09:55	10:00	ICF 1
Class 2	1103 - 1195	10:05	10:10	ICF 2
Class 3	1102	10:15	10:20	Wayfarer Class Flag
Class 4	971-1101	10:25	10:30	ICF 3
Class 5	970 and below	10:35	10:40	ICF 4

6. Venue

6.1 Racing shall take place on the river Medway.

7. Courses

7.1 Marks will be Medway navigation buoys and two orange inflatable buoys. One of these will be positioned approximately 500 metres to the East of the entrance to

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Stangate Creek (Blackstakes Orange). The second will be positioned in Stangate Creek (Stangate Creek Orange). Please see attached chart for guidance (Appendix 2).

7.2 **(Marathon):** MYC Line, Folly Point Beacon (P), Darnett Beacon (S), 16 (S), Otterham FB (P), 13 (S), Zulu 2 (P), Blackstakes Orange (P), South Kent (S), Queenborough Spit (S), Blackstakes Orange (S), Stangate Creek Orange(S), Stangate Spit (P), 12 (P), 16 (S), Darnett Beacon (P), Folly Point Beacon (S), 30 (P), MYC Line

7.3 **(Half Marathon):** MYC Line, Folly Point Beacon (P), Darnett Beacon (S), 16 (S), Otterham FB (P), 16 (P), Darnett Beacon (P), Folly Point Beacon (S), 30 (P), MYC Line

8. Data Protection

8.1 By entering the race competitors agree to provide limited personal data to the Organising Authority and to Sailjuice/Sailracer. The Organising Authority will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the event but will not transfer any information to any third party (except Sailjuice/Sailracer) other than to publish the entry list and race results.

9. Safety and Risk Statement

9.1 Please note RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

9.2 All competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting personal clothing or buoyancy. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal buoyancy for these purposes. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4.

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9.3 Boats are required to carry the equipment listed for their Class in the MYC Minimum Equipment List 2021 which can be found [here](#) . For the purposes of dinghies determining the length of tow rope to be carried during the race, those with a Great Lakes Handicap Number greater than 1102 shall carry a 6mm tow rope of at least 4 metres in length and those with a Great Lakes Handicap Number smaller than 1103 shall carry a 6mm tow rope at least 6 metres in length. In all cases a tow rope must not be part of the dinghy's running rigging and must be available for immediate use.

9.4 Please see Appendix 1 for Safety Briefing Notes.

10. Insurance

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,500,000 or the equivalent in other currencies. [NP, DP]

11. Scoring and Prizes

11.1 With the exception of the International Dragon, National Sonata and National Squib the Great Lakes Handicap 2021 will be used to correct the elapsed finishing time of the competitor. Finishing positions will be calculated using the corrected time.

11.2 The handicap number used for the International Dragon will be 986; for the National Sonata will be 1039; and for the National Squib will be 1108.

11.3 Prizes

Medway Command Trophy	First GLH/PY rated boat overall on corrected time
Medway Bell Trophy	First male U23 Helm on corrected time
Pop Parsons Trophy	First female U23 Helm on corrected time
Sailability Trophy	First boat sailed by a crew with a disability
Molly Leonard Trophy	First Female Helm
Roger Chapman Trophy	First Squib
Sonata Trophy	First Sonata

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Wayfarer Trophy	First Wayfarer
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12. Further Information:

12.1 COVID 19: Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions [DP]. MYC Covid management guidelines will be observed on the hard.

12.2 Each boat shall maintain a crew list such that track and trace can be instituted. The helm or agent undertake to alert the MYC offices and all on his crew list should any of the boats crew become unwell.

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Appendix 1 Safety Briefing Notes

1. This is a long distance race where weather conditions can change and boats can become isolated.
2. All competitors other than those sailing the Half Marathon advised to carry a hand held VHF radio set to and able to communicate on channel M1.
3. The race officer will exercise a strict safety policy based on the weather forecast over the course of the race rather than on prevailing conditions. This will be based on three established forecasters, including the Met Office.
4. An early decision not to sail will be posted on the MYC/Sailracer/Sailjuice websites on Friday 18th June if the forecast for poor conditions is settled.
5. Boats should be self sufficient throughout the day with appropriate safety equipment and provisions aboard.
6. LNG Berths: These are located on the north side of the River Medway to the East of Stangate Creek. When a ship is fast alongside the established LNG berth exclusion zone and associated rules apply to all craft. When an LNG ship is transiting the River Medway or in the process of manoeuvring on/off the berth at Isle of Grain all vessels are required to keep well clear and maintain a safe distance. The chart shows the potential turning circle of an LNG ship and indicates the amount of sea room that needs to be kept clear for the turning manoeuvre. The area highlighted may alter depending on the size of the vessel and if the adjacent LNG berth is occupied by another ship, however, the zone marked is based on the largest LNG vessels expected (345m). Please see SI's as contravention may lead to disqualification. It is because of the safety significance of the LNG Berths that the orange inflatable buoy (Blackstakes Orange) is laid and used as a mark of the Marathon course requiring competing boats to pass to the south of it on the way out (leaving it to port) and on the way back (leaving it to starboard).

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Appendix 2 Course Chart

With grateful thanks to Wilsonian SC for the use of the Course Chart (which is for guidance only and should not be used for navigational purposes).

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