

**Medway Yacht Club -2022 In- River Racing  
and Windward - Leeward Sailing Programme**  
**Notice of Race (NoR)**



## 1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by:
- 1.2. The rules as defined in the 2021 -2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.5. International and National Class Association rules.
- 1.6. The Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. [DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.9. [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.
- 1.10. 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).

## 2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the MYC website [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com) on or before 1st April 2022 and printed copies will be available from the Race Hut or MYC Office.

## 3. Communication

- 3.1. Changes to this Notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Medway Yacht Club foyer with supplementary publication on the website.
- 3.2. While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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]
- 3.3. For further information please contact MYC by telephone on 01634 718399, by email at [office@medwayyachtclub.com](mailto:office@medwayyachtclub.com) or see the MYC website at [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com).

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#### **4. Eligibility**

- 4.1. Racing in all events is open to all MYC members, their bona fide guests, and visitors subject to the provision that non MYC members may sail on no more than six occasions.
- 4.2. Racing is open to all boats of the Dragon, Squib, Sonata, and Wayfarer one designs, and to all mono-hull dinghy with an established PY no.
- 4.3. Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate and comply with the rules relevant to their class.
- 4.4. Eligible boats will only be considered as entrants after they have registered by completing an MYC website online race declaration form. [NP]
- 4.5. Exemptions to 4.1 and 4.4 above occur where;
  - 4.5.1 Wilsonian Sailing Club members who have completed the MYC - WSC visitor's race declaration form, or
  - 4.5.2 For the Windward / Leeward series only (see dates and start times below) entered as an open series by non-member competitors. Entry is subject is to an entry fee.

#### **5. Schedule**

5.1. The racing season will start on the 16 April and run through to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Races and series will be held on the dates and times in the MYC Calendar published on the MYC website.

5.2. The starting times will be.

13.40	Dragon	ICF "D"
13.50	Sonata	ICF "F"
14.00	Squib, Laser/ILCA7 and Slow Handicap (PY No. 1103-1210)	Naval Numeral 9
14.10	Wayfarer and Fast Handicap (PY No. 1102 or below)	Wayfarer flag

5.3. Windward leeward start times warning signals.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 10.30  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022 12.30  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022 12.30  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 12.30

5.4. When racing Windward Leeward events boats should be within the vicinity of the committee boat to hear announcements and to watch flag signals. In general, starting order will be as below but maybe varied by the RO as conditions dictate.

Squib, Laser/ILCA7 and Slow Handicap (PY No. 1103-1210)	Naval Numeral 9
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## **6. Venue**

6.1. Racing shall take place on the river Medway.

## **7. Courses**

7.1. Where a club line start is scheduled the courses to be sailed will be contained in the 2022 In River Courses List and the course number displayed on the race box.

7.2. Where Windward – Leeward courses are scheduled the course and number of laps will be displayed on the start boat.

## **8. Data Protection**

8.1. By entering the competitors agree to provide limited personal data to the Organising Authority. 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 other than to publish the entry list and Race Results.

## **9. Risk Statement**

9.1. 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.

## **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. Prizes**

11.1. Prizes, the number of races to be completed in a series and the handicap system to be used in any series run by a class shall be determined and published by the respective class. This amends RRS A1.

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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 so 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.
- 12.3. Racing may be cancelled or restricted by the duty Race Officer or Flag Officers without notice on scheduled dates for safety considerations.
- 12.4. All competitors are advised to carry VHF able to communicate on channel M1/37.

**MYC Sailing Committee 2022**