

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS IN-RIVER RACING 2020 SEASON

1.0 ORGANISING REMIT

1.1 The Organising Authority is the Medway Yacht Club

2.0 RULES

2.1 The racing will be governed by;

- a. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- b. The RYA Racing Charter.
- c. The directives of Peel Ports Medway.
- d. The 2020 MYC Notice of Race for In River Sailing.
- e. International and National Class association rules.
- f. These Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may supplement or amend the prescriptions of the documents above, setting out specific local rules. Please note;
 - Dragon class rules which amend the RRS are set out in Appendices A.
 - Supplementary and advisory light signals for starting from the MYC line are set out in Appendix B.
 - RRS Changes include RRS 29.1; RRS 32; RRS 33; RRS 35; RRS 44.1; RRS 60.2(a); RRS 60.3(a); RRS 64.1; RRS A4 & A5; and Race Signals.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Committee official notice board which is located in the foyer of the clubhouse, and on the MYC web-site at www.medwayyachtclub.com
- 3.2 Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the Sailing Committee official notice board no later than 90 minutes prior to the start of the first race to which they apply.
- 3.3 Changes to the racing schedule will be posted on the Sailing Committee official notice board and on the MYC website before 19.00hrs on the evening before the race affected.

4.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 4.1 Race declaration. The boat's owner or the owner's representative shall complete and sign the race declaration form confirming they have read and comply with insurance requirements, the minimum equipment list and the risk statement as set out in Rule 4 of the RRS.
- 4.2 Signing on and off.
 - a. The boat's owner or the owner's representative shall sign on in the entry column of the Signing on / Signing off sheet (Race Entry Sheet) before racing. Boats failing to sign on will be scored a penalty of 20% without a hearing.

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- b. If a boat has 'come to the starting area but not started', DNS, or 'retired before finishing', DNF, her owner or her owner's representative shall note this fact on the Race Entry Sheet and inform the race committee or Officer of the Day (OOD) by any means possible.
- c. The boat's owner or the owner's representative shall sign off in the declaration column of the Race Entry Sheet as soon as possible after racing. Any boat failing to declare within 30 minutes of the time limit shall be scored a penalty of 20% without a hearing.

4.3 Commercial Vessels.

- a. Competitor boats shall not obstruct the fairway where a vessel is draft restricted.
- b. At any time an official boat (see SIs 24) displaying flag Naval Numeral Zero '0', may escort vessels through the racing area. No boat shall sail between the escort boat and the vessel being escorted.

4.4 Exclusion zones.

- a. Boats shall not sail between Folly Beacon and Hoo Island, nor between Darnett Beacon and Darnett Ness.
- b. Passage through Hoo Creek, Copperhouse Marshes, Bishop Marsh or Bartlett Creek is prohibited unless expressly specified as part of a course.

4.5 Moored Vessels and moorings.

- a. Boats shall not sail over span lines on fore and aft moorings and will be subject to a 20% Scoring Penalty pursuant to RRS 44.3(c).
- b. If a boat or its crew make contact with a moored or anchored vessel she shall declare the contact when signing off at the end of the race and accept a 20% Scoring Penalty pursuant to RRS 44.3(c). If a boat caused injury or serious damage, her penalty shall be to retire.

4.6 Use of Engines and Manual propulsion

- a. Any reasonable means of propulsion including the use of an engine may be used by the boat to avoid making contact with a moored or anchored vessel, or
- b. To get clear after a collision with a moored or anchored vessel if a boat intends to continue racing, providing that the use of the engine or other means of propulsion ceases as soon as the boat is clear and she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- c. Grounded boats may use any reasonable means of propulsion including support from a safety boat to recover sailing water, provided the use of the engine or other means of propulsion ceases as soon as the boat is clear and she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

4.7 Safety Equipment

- a. Competitors will conform to the minimum equipment list.
- b. Wet or dry suits are obligatory for helms and crews under 18 years old who are sailing dinghies, except during the months from June to September.

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- c. All Wayfarer and Squib class competitors when racing shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed in the vicinity of the MYC Race Box (“Race Box”) on the mound by the clubhouse.

5.2 When flag ‘AP’ is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced by ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in race signal AP.

5.3 No warning signal will be displayed after 16.00hrs.

5.4 The class flags will be as follows:

- Dragon ICF “D”
- Sonata ICF “F”
- Squib Naval Numeral 9
- Wayfarer Wayfarer class flag (red “W” on white background)
- Dinghy Fast Handicap ICF Numeral pennant 3
- Dinghy Slow Handicap ICF Numeral pennant 4
- Sunday pm All-comers ICF Numeral pennant 3

6.0 RACING AREA

6.1 The River Medway. See Imray Chart Y18 The River Medway and Approaches.

7.0 THE COURSES

7.1 The courses to be sailed are listed by number in the 2020 MYC In-River Course Sheet.

7.2 The number of the course to be sailed by each class will be displayed alongside starting Race Signal no later than the class warning signal.

7.3 Special courses will be indicated by displaying number “0” (zero).

7.4 The race committee may display U in addition to the course number which indicates that the first mark will be upriver and passed to port, followed by the displayed course.

7.5 The race committee may broadcast course and other race management information by VHF.

7.6 Where a course requires more than one lap to be completed, the number of laps will be displayed in addition to the course number.

7.7 Courses to be sailed in Windward/Leeward racing will be described in Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

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8.0 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be:
- Navigation marks of the Peel Ports;
 - Permanent yellow/orange horizontal cylinder marks being MYA 1,MYC 4,B.Ooze;
 - Temporary marks upriver of the Club start line where U is displayed prior to the course number.
- 8.2 For the purposes of RRS 32.2 (shortening course) all marks will be considered to be rounding marks

9.0 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 9.2 For Club line starts, the start line will be a transit line running approximately north/south through the apexes of two white triangles mounted on poles positioned above and to the rear of the race box.

10.0 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 10.1 If the race committee displays IRC flags "C" over "R" with repeated sound signals at any mark of the course, all competitors in the race are to round this mark on the designated side and proceed direct to the Club line described in SIs 15.1 leaving navigation mark 30 to port, while still observing the prohibited areas provided for in these instructions. This changes RRS 33 and RRS Race Signals.

11.0 THE FINISH

- 11.1 For Club line finishes, the finish line will be as described in SIs 9.2.
- 11.2 For Dragon class series races, an alternative self-recording finish line will be available as determined by the class.

12.0 SHORTENING COURSE

- 12.1 Courses for all classes may be shortened according to RRS 32 at any mark of the course.

13.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Penalties and scoring penalties are determined by the rules RRS 44.1 to 44.3.
- 13.2 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 RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 13.3 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 handicap races involving multiple classes. This amends RRS 44.1 (but not RRS 44.1(b)).

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14.0 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for all Saturday and Sunday racing will be 17.30 hours.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit and are still racing, may be given a finish position at any point on the course at the discretion of the race committee. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.0 DECLARATIONS

- 15.1 Declarations should be made on the Signing on / Signing off sheet displayed at the entrance to the change rooms.

16.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Box. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be in writing and shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 16.3 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, or named as witnesses, will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 The RYA Exoneration Penalty, the RYA Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration provided for by the RYA Rules Disputes Process will be available.

17.0 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.2 In races or race series organised by MYC which are open to multiple classes the 2020 PY no. shall obtain.

18.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Boats wishing to use a sail that does not bear the boat's registration number, must obtain prior written approval from the race committee, and provide that it does not duplicate the number of another boat racing,

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Appendix A **Slis for Dragon Class**

A1. International Dragon Association (IDA) Rules:

- i.IDA 13.10 (crew numbers) and 13.30 (crew weight) do not apply.
- ii.Depth Sounders IDA Rule 12.20 are permitted.

A2 Alternative finishing line for Dragon class:

- i.Subject to agreement by the OOD / race committee of the day before the warning signal of any race, Dragon class boats may record their own finishing position at a line near navigation buoy 30.
- ii.Advisory confirmation of this decision shallbe given by displaying the letter 'X' underneath the. course number at the race box..
- iii.This finish line will be an approximate transit line from Mears Jetty through Buoy 30 to the communications mast with a radar scanner to the left of the dockyard entrance on the south shore, or a designated alternative.
- iv.Buoy 30 shall be left to port. There will be no limit mark at the starboard end.
- v.Boats will record their own finishing position and the sail number of the boat immediately in front of them (if any) and the boat immediately behind them (if any).
- vi.In the event of overlapped boats being unable to determine their respective places at this finish line, they will be scored as tied.
- vii.To demonstrate safe return, all boats shall sail to the club line, unless impractical due to wind/tide conditions.
- viii.Boats shall record their finishing position when they sign off in accordance with Slis 17.2. In the event of dispute a boat's final position will be determined in accordance with Medway Dragon Class Rules.

A3 Dragon Penalties

- i.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 changes RRS 44.1 (but not RRS 44.1(b)).
- ii.This change only applies where racing does not include multiple classes racing on a handicap basis.

Appendix B **MYC Advisory Light Procedure**

Signal	Time	Lights	Visual Signal	
Warning	5 min	3 fixed lights	3 fixed lights	Class flag displayed
Preparatory	4 min	2 fixed lights	2 fixed lights	Preparatory signal displayed
One Minute	1 min	1 fixed light	1 fixed light	Preparatory signal removed
Start	0 min	No lights	No lights	Class flag removed
Individual Recall			1 flashing light	X flag displayed
General Recall			2 flashing lights	1st Substitute displayed
Race abandoned				N flag displayed

Any failure or other irregularity in the display of these advisory lights will not be grounds for boats to protest.