

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB



2020 NOTICE OF RACE FOR IN-RIVER AND WINDWARD/LEEWARD RACING

1.0 ORGANISING REMIT

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Medway Yacht Club.
- 1.2 These Sailing Instructions apply to the In River racing sailing program including Windward and Leeward events.
- 1.3 Races will be held at the dates and times published in the MYC Calendar on the MYC website no later than 31 March 2020.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Medway Yacht Club foyer.
- 1.6 Racing may be cancelled or restricted by the duty Race Officer or Flag Officers without notice on scheduled dates for safety considerations.
- 1.7 When the race committee official considers that a boat, its equipment or crew are not adequate for the existing or anticipated conditions, or that a boat or crew member is in difficulty, it may instruct the boat or crew not to launch, or to retire, or to sail ashore, or to accept outside help. The boat and crew shall comply with such instructions without delay.

2.0 RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

- 2.1 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. International and National Class association rules.
 - e. This Notice of Race.
 - f. The Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may vary the prescriptions contained in the documents above.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The racing is open to all MYC members and their bona fide guests and visitors subject to the provision that non MYC members may sail on no more than six occasions.
- 3.2 The racing is open to all boats of the Dragon, Squib, Sonata and Wayfarer one designs and to any mono-hull dinghy or dayboat with an established PY handicap (Handicap Fleet).

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3.3 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate and comply with the rules relevant to their class.

3.4 Eligible boats may only enter races after their owner or owner's representative has registered them by completing a race declaration form and delivered it to the MYC office or the OOD. Race declaration forms are available from the MYC office and MYC website.

4.0 VENUE AND COURSES

4.1 Racing shall take place on the river Medway.

4.2 The courses to be sailed will be contained in the 2020 In River Courses and will be available on the MYC website and displayed on the Sailing Committee official notice board on or before 31st March 2020.

5.0 SCORING AND PRIZES

5.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* will be used.

5.2 The number of races to be completed and the handicap system to be used in any series run by a class shall be determined and published by the respective class.

5.3 Prizes for each series run by a class shall be determined by the respective class.

6.0 RISK DISCLAIMER

6.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to 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 them-selves, 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 of their own responsibilities; and
- 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.

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- g. 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.

7.0 INSURANCE

- 7.1 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.

8.0 DATA PROTECTION

- 8.1 By entering the competitors agree to provide limited personal data to the Organising Authority.
- 8.2 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.

MYC Sailing Committee 2020