



# **MEDWAY YACHT CLUB REGATTA**



## **Incorporating the Sonata Class Eastern Championships**

**26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1. ORGANISING CLUB**

- 1.1. As organising authority, the Medway Yacht Club invites Cruisers in Classes 1-3, International Dragon, National Sonata and Squib Class Yachts to an open event Regatta held from 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 1.2. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### **2. RULES**

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by:
  - 2.1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
  - 2.1.2. The rules of the International Dragon Association
  - 2.1.3. The rules of the British Dragon Association
  - 2.1.4. The rules of the National Sonata Class.
  - 2.1.5. The rules of the relevant National Cruiser Class.
  - 2.1.6. The rules of the National Squib Class.
- 2.2. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 2.3. The directives of Peel Ports Medway and the London Port Authority, the MYC Minimum Equipment List and local rules for any class being sailed will apply.
- 2.4. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 2.5. In the event of conflict, the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 2.6. The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will apply.
- 2.7. Any changes to the Class Rules will be given in full in the SIs and the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 2.8. The Exoneration Penalty, the advisory hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

#### **3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Medway Yacht Club website by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 <https://www.medwayyachtclub.com>**

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 4.1. The On-Line Notice Board is located at [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com) [DP]
- 4.2. All boats shall carry a VHF FM transceiver.

- 4.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. [DP]
  - 4.4. 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.
5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:
- 5.1. The regatta is open to all cruiser racers, Dragon, Sonata and Squib One Design Classes.
  - 5.2. Cruiser Class 1 IRC
  - 5.3. Cruiser Class 2 NHC and YTC for those who race with spinnaker.
  - 5.4. Cruiser Class 3 White sail Class. NHC and YTC baseline handicap
  - 5.5. Medway Challenge Trophy for those who don't race but want to join in on Sunday.
  - 5.6. NHC Handicaps: For this season, the MYC Cruiser Class is trialling the RYA YTC. All vessels are encouraged to obtain a free rating via the link on the MYC website.
  - 5.7. If a Cruiser entrant has raced under the same ownership in the preceding 2021/22 seasons and entered at least one race from any of the following series: Spring Series, Medway Regatta and Autumn Series events, the finishing adjusted NHC handicap from the last race of the last series, shall be used as a starting handicap for Race 1 of the 2023 Medway Regatta in conjunction with the entrants NHC Base Handicap. The YTC rating will also be applied alongside the NHC.
  - 5.8. Cruiser entrants under new ownership shall sail off the applicable NHC Base Handicap or alternatively, the adjusted NHC handicap from the visiting yachts home club, provided its last race was within the preceding 2021/22 seasons. The YTC rating shall also be applied alongside the NHC.
  - 5.9. NHC Base handicaps are on the RYA website <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/technical/handicap-systems/nhc>. Free handicaps can be obtained from the RYA website; <https://www.swytc.org.uk/index.asp>
  - 5.10. All one design boats will hold a valid measurement certificate.
  - 5.11. Boats shall enter for the regatta series on an official entry form available from MYC or the regatta website [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com)
  - 5.12. The completed form shall be delivered to the regatta office at the 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 their appropriate handicap.
  - 5.13. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to refuse entry.
6. ENTRIES AND FEES
- 6.1. Entries shall be made either online or on the official Entry Form and submitted to MYC Office with the appropriate fee.
  - 6.2. Entry fees are £60 per boat for the complete event.
  - 6.3. There is an early bird entrance fee for the complete event of £50 for entries received up to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
  - 6.4. The daily entry fee is £30. This includes the Medway Challenge race.
  - 6.5. The Friday evening racing is free of charge.
  - 6.6. Entries will be accepted up to 0830hrs on Saturday 27th May 2023.
7. ADVERTISING:
- 7.1. Advertising shall be in accordance with Class Rules, World Sailing Regulation 20 and RYA prescriptions.

- 7.2. In all cases advertising in conflict with the sponsors of the event will not be permitted.
8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES: N/A
9. SCHEDULE:
    - 9.1. Registration will commence in the Regatta Office from 1500 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.
    - 9.2. There will be an Open Practice Race on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May with the warning signal at 1855. This race will not count towards the Regatta points.
    - 9.3. There will be no briefing.
    - 9.4. Racing is scheduled as follows:
      - 9.4.1. IRC and Cruiser Classes 1,2,3: A maximum of 4 races including one long and three shorter races.
      - 9.4.2. Dragons and Sonatas: A maximum of 9 races using windward/leeward courses except if conditions allow, one long distance race.
      - 9.4.3. Squibs: A maximum of 3 races. The Squib class will start from the MYC Club line.
    - 9.5. The Race Officer will advise the racing fleet of the racing format for the day via VHF radio channel 72.
    - 9.6. The warning signal on the 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May shall not be before 0955.
    - 9.7. For races postponed, abandoned, or not re-sailed, the race fees shall not be refunded.
10. EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION:
    - 10.1. By entering the regatta, each boat verifies the existence of a valid measurement or rating certificate. This may be requested as part of the registration process.
    - 10.2. Measurement spot checks, including checks of documentation, may be made at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.
    - 10.3. Failure to register (or to produce any certificates required) may result in the boat entry being cancelled under RRS 76.1 with no refund of entry fee.
11. VENUES:
    - 11.1. Racing will take place in the reaches and creeks both of the River Medway and the Thames Estuary.
12. COURSES:
    - 12.1. Courses will be announced by VHF before the warning signal for each class and may be sent via text or WhatsApp to a registered mobile phone number entered on the entry form.
    - 12.2. The marks that may be used are listed in an appendix to the SI and on the Regatta web site.
    - 12.3. For courses for the windward/leeward races see appendix to the SI's.
    - 12.4. Courses for the Friday evening race and Squib races may be taken from the MYC in-river course card.
13. PENALTY SYSTEM:
    - 13.1. The Scoring Penalty RRS 44.1 applies except a boat shall take a one turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.

14. SCORING:

- 14.1. One race must be completed to constitute the series.
- 14.2. There will be no discards.

15. SAFETY:

- 15.1. All boats shall comply with their class safety regulations or with MYC's minimum equipment list, whichever is the more stringent.
- 15.2. See MYC website for details of MYC Minimum Equipment List.
- 15.3. Boats may be inspected by a representative of the race committee for safety equipment at any time before or after racing in the event.

16. SUPPORT VESSELS:

- 16.1. Competitor's support vessels shall keep clear of the race course after the warning signal for a race.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS: Not Applicable

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:

- 18.1. Boats shall be berthed afloat during the regatta from 1800hrs on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May until the conclusion of the final race of the regatta.
- 18.2. Boats shall not be hauled out except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

19. PRIZES:

- 19.1. Prizes and trophies will be listed on the Regatta website.
- 19.2. They will be awarded at the MYC as soon as possible after the finish of racing on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS:

- 20.1. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats whilst they are in the water.
- 20.2. [DP] Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

21. DATA PROTECTION:

- 21.1. In order to manage the event, information provided by competitors will be held on a general database. The management of personal information and images will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

22. RISK STATEMENT: Rule 3 of the RRS 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:

- 22.1. 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 while taking part in the event;
- 22.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- 22.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - 22.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - 22.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - 22.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
  - 22.7. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.
23. **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall ensure their boat has third party insurance of a minimum of £3 million.
24. **RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHTS:**
- 24.1. By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.
25. **DATA PROTECTION:**
- 25.1. The Organiser has a Data Privacy Policy which can be found at Privacy Policy – Medway Yacht Club.
  - 25.2. Your data will be stored and used in accordance with that policy.
  - 25.3. The information you provide will be used to facilitate your participation in racing at MYC and to contact you.
26. **FURTHER INFORMATION:**
- 26.1. For further information please contact:

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