

# MEDWAY YACHT CLUB REGATTA

28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority for the Regatta is Medway Yacht Club (MYC)

### 2. VENUE

2.1 Medway Yacht Club

2.2 The racing area will be the reaches and creeks both of the River Medway and the Thames Estuary. Regatta start and finishing lines will be from committee boats for all classes. Friday evening trophy race start and finish line will be the MYC club line.

### 3. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

3.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

3.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

3.3 The directives of Peel Ports Medway and the London Port Authority, the MYC Minimum Equipment List, local rules for any class being sailed and the Sailing Instructions will apply.

3.4 Dragon Class: IDA Rules 13.10 (crew numbers) and 13.30 (crew weight) do not apply. Depth sounders are permitted, this changes IDA Rule 12.20.

3.5 Racing rules 29.1, 44.1 and will be changed as follows:

RRS 29.1 Individual recall

RRS 44.1 Taking a penalty

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

3.6 Under rule 87, rules 12.20, 13.10 and 13.30 of the International Dragon Association class rules are changed as follows: crew numbers and crew weight rules shall not apply; depth sounders are permitted.

3.7 The Exoneration Penalty, the advisory hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

### 4. ADVERTISING

4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority and shall not display any advertising which is in conflict with the event sponsors.

### 5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 The regatta is open to all cruiser racers, Dragon, Sonata and Squib One Design Classes.

Cruiser Class 1 IRC

Cruiser Class 2 NHC For those who race with spinnakers

Cruiser Class 3 White sail Class. NHC baseline handicap

Medway Challenge Trophy For those who don't race but want to join in on Sunday.

#### NHC Handicaps

The National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) rating system will be applied to Cruiser Class 2 and 3. If a Cruiser entrant has raced under the same ownership in the preceding 2018/19 season 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 2021 Medway Regatta in conjunction with the entrants NHC Base Handicap.

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 2018/19 seasons.

Baseline handicaps are on the RYA website [www.RYA.org.uk/racing/pages/NHC.asp](http://www.RYA.org.uk/racing/pages/NHC.asp)

- 5.2 All one design boats will hold a valid measurement certificate.  
5.3 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). The completed form shall be delivered to the regatta office at 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 the NHC baseline handicap.

5.4 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 £40 per boat for the complete event (four days). £15 for one day. Friday evenings race is FOC.  
6.3 Entries will be accepted up to 0830hrs on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (or up to 0900hrs on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> or Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 for entries for that day only).

## 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration will commence in the regatta office at 1500 on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May and continue during the Regatta Office opening hours. See the Regatta web site for details of times.  
7.2 There will be an evening race for all classes on the Friday evening. The evening race results will not count towards regatta points.  
7.3 There will not be a Briefing.  
7.4 Racing is scheduled as follows:

IRC & Cruiser Classes 1, 2 & 3	A maximum of four races – including one long and three shorter races.
Dragons	A maximum of nine races – including windward/leeward races and one medium race on Monday.
Sonata	A maximum of nine races – including windward/leeward races, possibly one long distance race and one shorter race on Monday.
Squib	A maximum of three races.
River Challenge	One race on Sunday for cruisers who are not taking part in the other races and who do not race regularly. A 'cruise with a purpose'.

- 7.5 The Regatta committee will advise on the racing format for the day via VHF radio channel 72  
7.6 For races postponed or abandoned and not re-sailed, the race fees will not be refunded.  
7.7 Times of first starts: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 1900  
Saturday to Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May No warning signal will be given before 09:55  
7.8 No warning signal will be made on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May after 1225.

7.9 **TIDES:** HW Sheerness

29 th May 1529hrs.  
30 th May 1615hrs  
31 st May. 1703hrs

7.10 **CHARTS** - Imray Y18; Imray 2100.3; BA SC1834

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the Regatta website
- 8.2 The Friday evening race will use MYC In-river Sailing Instructions. Available, on the MYC website.

## **9. RACE AREA AND COURSES**

- 9.1 Racing will take place in the reaches and creeks both of the River Medway and the Thames Estuary.
- 9.2 Courses will be announced by VHF before the warning signal for each class and may be sent via text to a registered mobile phone number on the entry form. The marks that may be used are listed in an appendix to the SI and on the Regatta web site
- 9.3 For courses for the windward/leeward races see appendix to the SI's.
- 9.4 Courses for the Friday evening race will be taken from the MYC in-river course card.

## **10. SAFETY**

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

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1 One race must be completed to constitute the series.
- 11.2 There will be no discards

## **12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 12.1 Boats shall be berthed afloat during the regatta from 1800hrs on Friday, 28th May until the conclusion of the final race of the regatta. Boats shall not be hauled out except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **13. MOBILE PHONE AND RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1 All boats shall carry an operational VHF radio capable of receiving course announcements and other information on Channel 72.
- 13.2 The following call-signs will be used: -

Medway Yacht Club	'Upnor Line'
Committee Boats(1)	'Offshore One'
Committee Boat (2)	'Offshore Two'

- 13.3 The Race Committee may text courses and other information to a mobile telephone number that has been registered to the boat. Mobile number to be included on the entry form.

## **14. PRIZES**

- 14.1 Prizes and trophies are listed on the Regatta Web Site They will be awarded at MYC as soon as possible after the finish of racing on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

## **15. RISK STATEMENT**

- 15.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "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:
  - 15.2 (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept
  - 15.3 responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - 15.4 (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- 15.5 (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 15.6 (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 15.7 (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and
- 15.8 volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; and
- 15.9 (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.
- 15.10 (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize 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.

## **16. INSPECTIONS**

- 16.1 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor as set out in this Notice of Race.

## **17. INSURANCE**

**Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured against all third-party claims.”**

## **18. Rights And Copyright**

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.

## **19. Data Protection**

- 19.1 The Organiser has a Data Privacy Policy which can be found at [Privacy Policy - Medway Yacht Club](#)
- 19.2 Your data will be stored and used in accordance with that policy.
- 19.3 The information you provide will be used to facilitate your participation in Racing at MYC and to contact you.

## **20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 20.1 For further information please contact:  
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