

Notice to Competitors



Welcome to the UKWA National Championship and European Championships

These notes are for information only and are not part of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for the event. Any changes to the NOR or SI will be made in writing and posted on the Official Notice Board.

COVID 19 Information.

This is an evolving situation and could change at any time. Competitors are advised to check the booking terms and conditions for their accommodation regarding cancellation before booking. We hope to provide a full championship event both on and off the water.

ARRIVAL – The Club will be open from 0900 on Wednesday 4th August to welcome early arrivals. If anybody needs to arrive earlier please contact Catherine Gore rearcommodore@medwayyachtclub.com.

Boats are welcome to sail on the Wednesday but there will be no rescue boat cover.

WHERE TO FIND...

The Event Office is in the Medway Yacht Club Library and will be open at the following times:

REGISTRATION – Registration will take place in the Event Office on Wednesday 4th August 0900 – 2000 and Thursday 5th August between 0830hrs and 1000hrs. Registration will include confirmation of meal booking (including special dietary requirements), packed lunch ordering, tally allocation and issue of trolley labels and completion of photo/data consents and U18 parental consent forms. Hard copies of the SI's will be available at registration. Details of Equipment Inspection will be confirmed at Registration.

The Event Office will also be open at the following times:

Thursday 0830 – 1000 and 1600 – 1800
Friday 0830 – 1000 and 1600 – 1800
Saturday 0830 – 1000 and 1600 – 1800
Sunday 0830 – 0930 and 1400 – 1500

If race finishing is delayed the Office will open for an hour after the boats return to the Club.

If the Office is not open and you require information please ask at Galley or Bar for Catherine Gore or Tim Townsend, the Wayfarer Class Captain.

The Notice of Race, Notes for Competitors, Sailing Instructions and changes thereto, recent and relevant Notices to Mariners, race results and protest notices will be displayed on the Official Notice Boards in the entrance to the clubhouse.

Protest, and request for redress or reopening forms are available from the Event Office and should be returned to the Event Office or to Catherine Gore if the Office is closed.

CAR PARKING

Please park your car on the hard-standing on the left once you have passed through the main gate. There will be no parking of cars/vans/motorhomes downstream of the MYC office building or amongst the dinghies. We intend to have "Meet & Greet" MYC members to direct you once you are through the main gate. The gate is electronic with a "Visitor Calling" facility to gain access. On first arrival boats and trailers may be dropped off in front of the club but cars are to be removed to the car park immediately.

Accommodation

Camping - Motorhomes can be accommodated in the car park (electricity is available). We have a camping field at the eastern end of the club and will be available for use. Access for vehicles is limited (please ask at registration for directions) PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO CAMP. It will be allocated on a first come/first served basis.

Hotels and guest houses – there are many options within the Medway area and can be found through your browser or see our list on the website.

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EVENING MEALS /ENTERTAINMENT:

WEDNESDAY EVENING Galley Open. Club supper - Pay as you go. Bar open in the evening

THURSDAY Breakfast from 8.00am @ £6.75 inc. tea and coffee
Packed lunches - available for purchase from galley
Tea and Sponsored Beer in Lower marquee.
Curry Supper and a fun Quiz. £10 per person

FRIDAY Breakfast from 8.00am
Packed lunches - available for purchase from galley
Tea and Sponsored Beer in lower marquee after racing
Club BBQ . 2 free tickets per boat (£12.50 for extra tickets) but will need to book for an idea of numbers. Kindly sponsored by Hartley Boats.
Steel Band as evening entertainment

SATURDAY Breakfast from 8.00am
Packed lunches - Sandwiches, chocolate bars, crisps etc to purchase from galley
Sponsored Beer in lower marquee after racing.

SATURDAY EVENING
Drinks Reception – Sponsored by Craft Insure.
2 course dinner plus cheese board. £22

SUNDAY Breakfast at 8.00am
Packed lunches are available
Tea, coffee and snacks after sailing from Galley
Prize giving at approximately 4.00pm

Medway Yacht Club is looking forward to welcoming you all.

If you have any queries please contact Catherine Gore rearcommodore@medwayyachtclub.com

SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. Please make sure that you fully understand the Risk Statement in the NOR, the latter identifies the additional equipment required at all times when afloat; namely

The event is being sailed on a tidal river. Boats shall carry the following equipment at all times afloat:

- 10 (ten) metres of minimum diameter 6 mm towing warp which is not part of the running rigging and is available for immediate use
- One paddle
- One bucket or bailer (min. 4 litres) except for Mk4 and World Wayfarers.

COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Competitors are reminded that they are sailing on a commercial river and that some vessels have right of way in the buoyed channel. Such vessels, when passing through the racing areas may be escorted by a patrol vessel displaying ICF 9 and Naval Numeral Zero.

No boat shall pass between the patrol vessel and the vessel being escorted. Any competitor who crosses a line drawn between the vessel and the escorting vessel or causes any perceived danger to the navigation of the vessel may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

This is so important that it has its own Sailing Instruction. Peel Ports are entitled to prosecute any boat infringing this rule.

MEDWAY HAZARDS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

Please be aware of the various charted hazards to be encountered in the River Medway. Other possible hazards are mentioned in the Sailing Instructions.

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SCHEDULE OF RACES

See Sailing Instructions and the section Schedule of Races in the NoR and SI. The schedule shows a potential for three races per day so take whatever provisions you need for the whole day.

It will be the Race Committee's intention to start races promptly at the advertised time if there is no good reason for a postponement. The Race Area is approximately 3 – 5 miles downstream from the yacht club. Please allow sufficient time to get to the race area. Daily briefings confirm the likely position of the race area.

The second and subsequent races each day will be started as soon as possible after the last boat has finished the previous race.

AND FINALLY - Please feel free to ask the race committee for further help at any time. We may respond if it is convenient and with information if it is available to all.

Predicted times of High Water: (All predictions are given for Chatham Lock and in BST)

Thursday 5 th August	- 1121; height 5.09
Friday 6 th August	- 1219; height 5.41
Saturday 7 th August	- 1306; height 5.67
Sunday 8 th August	- 1347; height 5.84

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What is there to do for non-sailors?

The Medway area offers various activities for the non-sailing visitors.

Explore the Historic sites:

Rochester Castle & Cathedral.

Upnor Castle – an English Heritage site, just 15 min walking distance from the Medway Yacht Club

Historic Naval Dockyard in Chatham

Retail therapy

Bluewater shopping centre and cinemas are less than 20 min drive

Docklands Outlet Centre opened in Autumn 2003 and offers a variety of stores.

Rochester for Antiques

Surroundings

Dickens Country – Charles Dickens lived in Higham. The Dickens Centre in Rochester is about 10 min away by car

More information on sites and events is available from the local tourist information or on www.medway.gov.uk or www.towncentric.co.uk