



# UKWA National and European Championships 2021

5 – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021



*Sponsored by Hartley Boats, Craftinsure and McNamara Sails*

**Organizing Authority:**

**Medway Yacht Club (MYC) in co-operation with the UK Wayfarer Association**

## Sailing Instructions

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1. Rules

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- 1.1. The event will be governed by:
  - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
  - 1.1.1.1. The bye laws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited - General Directions for navigation in the Medway Ports 2013 ([General Directions for Navigation in the Medway Ports 2013](#)), Medway Ports River Bylaws 1991 ([medway-ports-river-byelaws-19911](#)) and the requirements of the IRPCS
  - 1.1.2. The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter
  - 1.1.3. The Post-Race Penalty and Appendix T will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet
  - 1.1.4. In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7
  - 1.1.5. [NP, DP] RRS 40.1 will apply
  - 1.1.6. [DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification
  - 1.1.7. [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1
  - 1.1.8. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

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Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in entrance lobby of the club.

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

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Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

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- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast(s) in front of the race box on the mound by the clubhouse
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP
- 4.3 [NP] [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not launch at MYC until this signal is made'. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

## 5. Schedule of Races

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- 5.1 Registration will take place in the event office, in the library above the MYC office, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 between 0900hrs and 2000hrs and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 between 0830hrs and 1000hrs

Schedule:

Date	Number of races per day	Earliest time of first Warning Signal	Briefings
Thursday, 5th August	1 practice race and 2 series races	1155	not before 1000
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August	3 series races	1055	not before 0900
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August	3 series races	1055	not before 0900
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	2 series races	1055	not before 0900

- 5.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1455 on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August

Ten races and one practice race are scheduled to be completed. Succeeding races will be sailed each day as soon as is practicable following the finish of the preceding race

One extra race per day may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee, provided that the schedule is no more than one race ahead. To indicate that an additional race will be sailed, the Race Committee Vessel will display Numeral Pennant 1 at the finish of the scheduled final race of the day

- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 6. Class Flags

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The Class flag will be Wayfarer logo on a white background.

## 7. Racing Area

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The racing area is will be located on the River Medway from Navigation Buoy 31 to Navigation Buoy 14. Appendix 2 shows the indicative location of the racing areas.

## 8. Courses and Marks

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- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the courses available  
8.2 The characteristics of the racing marks shall be as described in Appendix 1.

## 9. Obstructions

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- 9.1 This event is held on a navigable river and ships or other large vessels have right of way. International regulations and local bylaws may apply to ships or vessels using the river, jetties, piers, berths
- 9.2 [DP] No boat shall obstruct the fairway, or sail between a ship/vessel and an accompanying guard boat displaying Naval Numeral 'Zero'
- 9.3 Boats shall not sail between Folly Beacon and Hoo Island, nor between Darnett Beacon and Darnett Ness, nor cross Bishop Marsh which lies between Darnett Ness and Bishop Ness. A chart or chartlet showing these areas will be displayed on the official notice board.

## **10. The Start**

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- 10.1 The starting line will be the line being between the mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of an adjacent white buoy
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **11. Changes to the next leg of the course**

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- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark to a new position

## **12. The Finish**

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- 12.1 The finish line will be the line being between the mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the course side of an adjacent white buoy
- 12.2 When a Race Committee vessel displays Flag 'F' at a mark or gate, with repeated sound signals, boats shall:
- From the direction of the previous mark, pass between the Race Committee Vessel displaying Flag F and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the required side or pass through the gate and
  - Sail to the finish line and cross the finish line from the course side.
- 12.3 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a Race Committee Vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. This changes RRS 28.1, 28.2, 35, A4 and A5.1

## **13. Time Limits and Target Times**

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- 13.1 The target time for each race shall be 50 minutes for the first finisher and the time limit shall be 90 minutes. Failure to comply with the target time shall not be grounds for redress; this changes rule 60.1(b)
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. The changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## **14. Hearing Requests**

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- 14.1 Protest forms may be available at the race office, located in the Library adjacent to the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit
- 14.2 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 later
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Library adjacent to the clubhouse
- 14.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 66.2.

## **15. Scoring**

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The event shall be scored as described in the NoR.

## 16. Safety Regulations

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- 16.1 [SP] A mandatory Tally system will be employed.
- The tally control point to check-out and check-in by competitors will either be located at the top of the slipway (weather dependent) or at a location stated at the briefing.
  - Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration, and posted on the official notice board. Tallies shall be worn visibly by competitors, one per boat, over clothing, on the wrist, at all times while afloat.
  - [DP] Competitors shall check-out before racing by collecting their tallies.
  - [DP] Competitors shall check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, by returning the tallies to tally control.
  - The race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing for a breach of (c) or (d) of this SI. The penalty may be additional points added to the boat's series score. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 16.2 [NP] [DP] A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee or patrol boat before leaving the course
- 16.3 [NP, DP] By taking part in this event, each competitor and support person agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations and guidance in force from time to time in response to COVID-19 and for complying with the Organizing Authority COVID-19 procedures.

## 17. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

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- 17.1 [NP, DP] Substitution of competitors will not be permitted without prior written approval of the Race Committee
- 17.2 [NP, DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee as the first reasonable opportunity

## 18. Measurement

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- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and equipment requirements of the NoR and SIs.

## 19. Support Vessels

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[DP] Support vessels shall register as described in the NoR. Support vessels shall not enter the race area from the preparatory signal of a race and until the boat or boats that they are supporting have finished racing.

## 20. Berthing

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[NP, DP] All competing boats shall berth as directed at registration.

## 21. Radio Communications

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[NP, DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

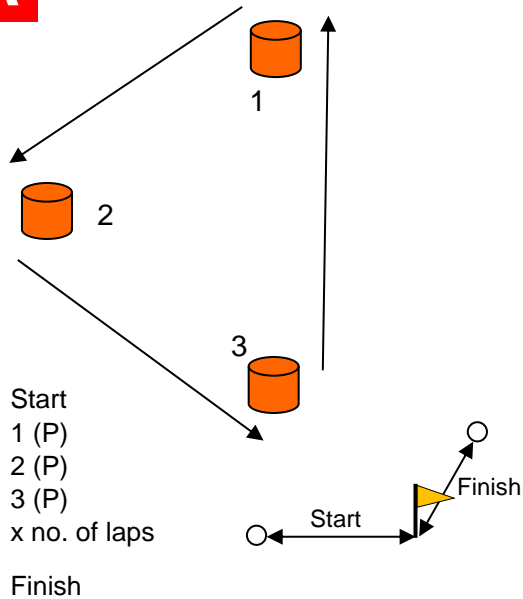
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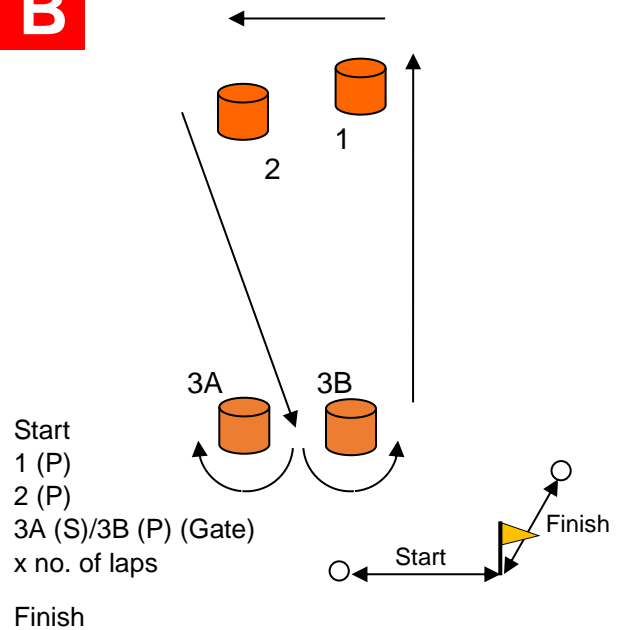
The prizes shall be awarded as described in the NoR.

## Appendix 1 – Courses and Code Letters

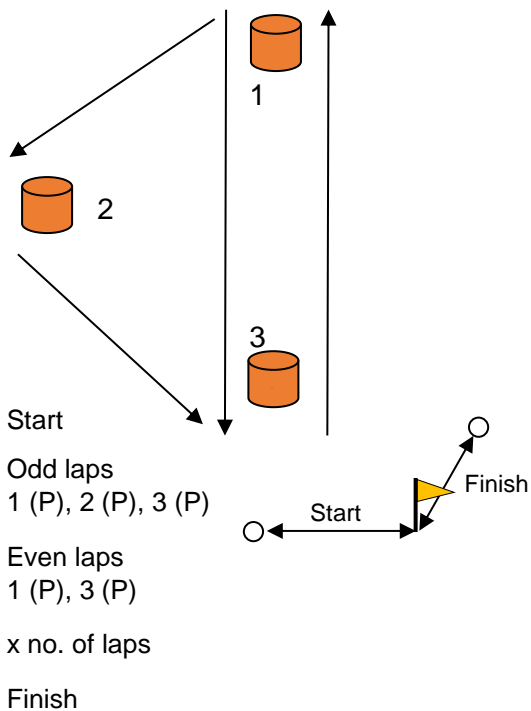
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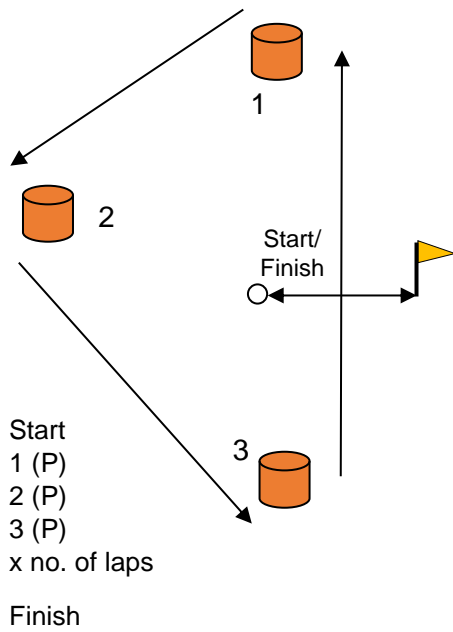


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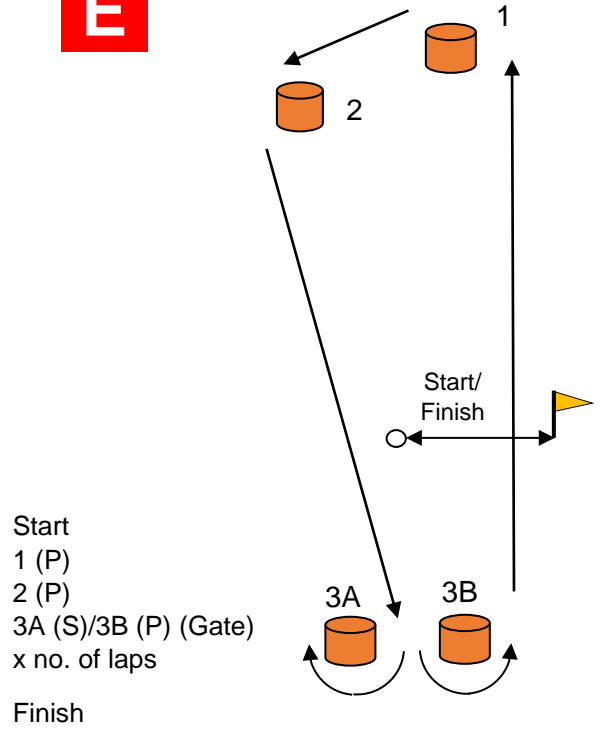
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2. The course and number of laps to be sailed for each race shall be displayed on a course board on the race committee vessel no later than the warning signal
3. The course diagrams are not drawn to scale and approximate only the angles between different legs of the course; the buoy at the end of the start and finish line shall be white.

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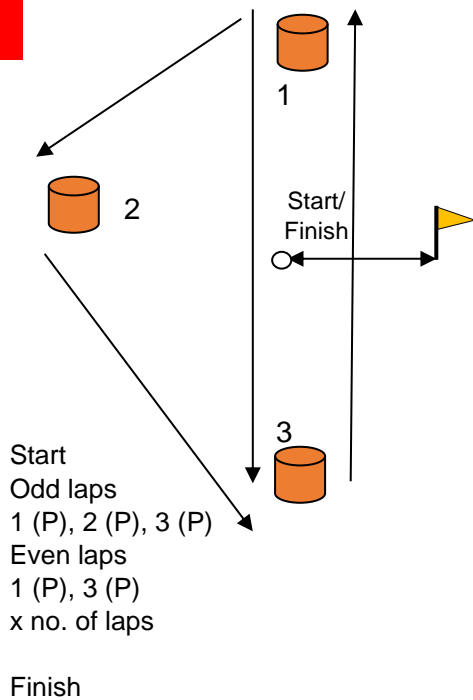
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**E**



**F**



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## Appendix 2 – Indicative Race Areas

