

Medway Yacht Club 57th Medway Marathon and Great British Challenge/Sailjuice Series Event

Saturday 19th June 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by.
- 1.2. The rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3. The RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.4. The bye laws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited (General Directions for navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Bylaws 1991) and the requirements of the IRPCS.
- 1.5. International and National Class Association rules.
- 1.6. The Notice of Race.
- 1.7. These Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may supplement or amend the prescriptions of the documents above, setting out specific local rules.
- 1.8. Changes to RRS include RRS 33; RRS 33; RRS 35; RRS40.1, RRS 44.1; RRS 44.3; RRS 60.1(a); RRS63.1; RRS63.7, A1& A5; and Race Signals.
- 1.9. 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).
- 1.10. The Post-Race Penalty and Appendix T will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 20% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the race.
- 1.11. [DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.12. [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.
- 1.13. GPS TRACKING UNIT: Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit onboard as supplied by the Organising Authority. The tracker should be collected from the Race Office (which is the MYC Library) before going afloat and returned there after the day's racing within the protest time. Failure to collect and carry a tracker will result in no Great British Sailing Challenge/SailJuice Series result. It may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5 [SP/NP]. Failure to return the tracker within the protest time may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5 [SP/NP].

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the foyer of the Clubhouse no later than 0900 on 19th June 2021. [NP]

3. Communications to Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, on the MYC website at www.medwayyachtclub.com and at <http://selden.sailracer.org/>

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 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. No warning signal will be displayed after 13.55hrs.

5. Starting Times and Class Flags

5.1. The starting times will be:

Class	Great Lakes/PY No:	Warning Signal	Start Time	Class Signal
Class 1 and Half Marathon	1196 - 1315	09:55	10:00	ICF 1
Class 2	1103 - 1195	10:05	10:10	ICF 2
Class 3	1102	10:15	10:20	Wayfarer Class Flag
Class 4	971-1101	10:25	10:30	ICF 3
Class 5	970 and below	10:35	10:40	ICF 4

6. Racing Area

6.1. The River Medway - See Imray Chart Y18 The River Medway and Approaches.

7. The Courses

7.1. **The Marathon** course to be sailed will be designated by the display of the numbers **01** or **02** from the Race Box not later than the warning signal for that class.

7.2. **The Half Marathon** course to be sailed will be designated by the display of the numbers **25** or **35** from the Race Box not later than the warning signal for that class.

7.3. Marathon Course 01 - MYC Line, Folly Point Beacon (P), Darnett Beacon (S), 16 (S), Otterham FB (P), 13 (S), Zulu 2 (P), Blackstakes Orange (P), South Kent (S), Queenborough Spit (S), Blackstakes Orange (S), Stangate Creek Orange(S), Stangate Spit (P), 12 (P), 16 (S), Darnett Beacon (P), Folly Point Beacon (S), 30 (P), MYC Line (approximately 26 miles)

7.4. Marathon Course 02 - MYC Line, Folly Point Beacon (P), Darnett Beacon (S), 16 (S), Otterham FB (P), 16 (P), Darnett Beacon (P), Folly Point Beacon (S), 30 (P), MYC Line (approximately 13 miles)

7.5. Half Marathon Course 25 - MYC Line, Folly Point Beacon (P), Darnett Beacon (S), 16 (S), Otterham FB (P), 16 (P), Darnett Beacon (P), Folly Point Beacon (S), 30 (P), MYC Line (approximately 13 miles)

7.6. Half Marathon Course 35 - Special Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 0900 on 19th June 2021.

8. Marks:

8.1. Marks will be Medway navigation buoys and two orange inflatable buoys. One of these will be positioned approximately 500 metres to the East of the entrance to Stangate Creek (Blackstakes Orange). The second will be positioned in Stangate Creek (Stangate Creek Orange). Please see the chart attached to the Notice of Race as Appendix 2 for guidance.

9. Obstructions

9.1. Racing 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, or berths.

9.2. No boat shall obstruct the fairway, or sail between a ship/vessel and an accompanying guard boat displaying Naval Numeral 'Zero'. [DP, NP]

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.

9.4. Passage through Hoo Creek, Copperhouse Marshes, Bishop Marsh or Bartlett Creek is prohibited.

9.5. Boats shall not sail over span lines on fore and aft moorings.

9.6. The variable exclusion zones relating to the LNG Terminal and LNG Vessels referred to in clauses 13 and 14 of the General Directions for Navigation in the Medway Ports 2013 are deemed to be obstructions.

10. The Start

10.1. The start line will be a transit line running approximately north/south through the apexes of two white triangles mounted on poles positioned above and to the rear of the Race Box.

10.2. Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.3. The MYC advisory light procedures will be available (see Appendix).

11. Change and Shortening of Course and Race Abandonment

11.1. If a race committee vessel displays IRC flags "C" over "R" with repeated sound signals at any mark of the course, all competitors in the race are to round this mark on the designated side and proceed direct to the Club line described in SIs 12.1 leaving navigation mark 30 to port, while still observing the prohibited areas provided for in these instructions. This changes RRS 33 and RRS Race Signals.

11.2. The course may be shortened according to RRS 32 at any mark of the course.

11.3. If the race is abandoned, in addition to official boats displaying ICF "N", Guard Boats will display a Pink Flag.

12. The Finish

12.1. The finish line will be a transit line running approximately north/south through the apexes of two white triangles mounted on poles positioned above and to the rear of the Race Box.

13. Penalty System

13.1. Penalties and scoring penalties are determined by the rules RRS 44.1 to 44.3.

14. Time Limits

14.1. No warning signal will be displayed after 13:55hrs

14.2. The time limit for finishing will be 17.00hrs.

15. Declarations

15.1. The GPS Tracker must be returned by the competitor to the Race Office within the protest time and in doing so the competitor is declaring that the boat has finished as defined in the RRS and complied with the Rules of the race as referred to in these SI's.

15.2. If a boat has retired before finishing or is required to make a declaration under clause 19.1 of these SI's the competitor shall note this fact on the declaration sheet in the Race Office.

15.3. Any boat failing to declare within 30 minutes of the time limit shall be scored a penalty of 10% without a hearing. [SP]

15.4. If a boat has retired and the competitor is unlikely to return to the shore before the time limit she shall make every effort to advise the race committee of the situation. In these cases the GPS Tracker must be returned to the Race Office at the same time as the declaration is signed.

16. Hearing Requests

16.1. Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office. Hearing requests must be in writing and shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.

16.2. The protest time limit will be

(a) when the boats finish as required by clause 12.1 of the SI's, 60 minutes after the last boat has finished; or

(b) if the course is shortened at a mark downstream, 120 minutes after the last boat finishes at that mark.

16.3. 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 protest room; the location, times and date will be described in the notice.

16.4. The RYA Exoneration Penalty, the RYA Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration provided for by the RYA Rules Disputes Process will be available.

17. Scoring

17.1. Boats will be scored according to their elapsed time corrected by the Great Lakes Handicap 2021 or the handicap numbers referred to in clause 11.2 of the Notice of Race.

18. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

18.1. Boats wishing to use a sail that does not bear the boat's registration number, must obtain prior written approval from the race officer. The alternative number must not duplicate the number of another boat racing in the same class.

19. Safety Regulations

19.1. Moored Vessels and moorings.

19.1.1. If a boat or its crew make contact with a moored or anchored vessel, she shall declare the contact when signing off at the end of the race and accept a 20% Scoring Penalty pursuant to RRS 44.3(c). If a boat caused injury or serious damage, her penalty shall be to retire.

19.2. Use of Engines and Manual propulsion

19.2.1. Any reasonable means of propulsion including the use of an engine may be used by the boat to avoid making contact with a moored or anchored vessel, or to get clear after a collision with a moored or anchored vessel if a boat intends to continue racing, providing that the use of the engine or other means of propulsion ceases as soon as the boat is clear, and she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

19.2.2. Grounded boats may use any reasonable means of propulsion including support from a safety boat to recover sailing water, provided the use of the engine or other means of propulsion ceases as soon as the boat is clear, and she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

19.3. Safety Equipment

19.3.1. RRS 40.1 will apply to the National Squib and all dinghy class competitors at all times when racing and not contingent on RRS 40.2. [DP]

19.3.2. In addition, RRS 40.2 will apply to all classes when Flag Y is displayed ashore or afloat [DP]

19.3.3. Competitors will conform to the MYC Minimum Equipment List 2021 as referred to in clause 9.3 of the Notice of Race.

20. Official Boats

20.1 Official race committee boats will display ICF Numeral Pennant "9".

21. Guard Boats

21.1 Guard boats will display a yellow day-glo flag.

Medway Yacht Club
11th June 2021

MYC Advisory Light Procedure

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lights</u>	<u>Visual Signal</u>
Warning	5 min	3 fixed lights	Class flags displayed.
Preparatory	4 min	2 fixed lights	Preparatory signal displayed.
One Minute	1 min	1 fixed light	Preparatory signal removed.
Start	0 min		Class flags removed.
Individual Recall		1 flashing light	X flag displayed.
General Recall		2 flashing lights	1st Substitute displayed.
Race abandoned			N flag displayed.

(Any failure or other irregularity in the display of these advisory lights will not be grounds for boats to protest)