

**Medway Yacht Club
NOTICE OF RACE**



Cruiser Racing 2016

The organising authority is Medway Yacht Club

1 RULES

1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

1.3 The directives of the Peel Ports Medway (PPM) and the London Port Authority (LPA), the Minimum Equipment List for Cruisers, the rating rules and the Sailing Instructions will apply.

1.4 The National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) will be applied to all races, using the base number for events comprising one race or for the first race in a series. In a series of races the NHC “Club Series” adjustment will be applied after each race. An adjustment in handicap will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62. Boats with current IRC Certificates will be dual scored.

1.5 Racing rule 64.1 will be changed as follows:

RRS 64.1 Protest Committee penalties and exonerations

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

1.6 The exoneration penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available. decisions from RYA Arbitration may be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The racing is open to all MYC members and their bona fide guests and visitors as permitted in the MYC Rules sailing monohull cruisers

2.2 The Race committee reserves the right to refuse entry

2.3 Eligible boats may only enter races after their owner or owner's representative has registered them by completing a race declaration form and delivered it to the MYC office or the OOD. Race declaration forms are available from the MYC office and MYC website. Fees for entry will be as shown on the attached Schedule

2.4 Cruiser Division 1 is open to boats with a base line NHC>0.905. Cruiser Division 2 is open to boats with a base line NHC<0.906. **Nb** These class divisions are provisional only. Depending upon entries received for any individual race or series of races, the organising authority may adjust the class divisions and/or introduce a third class. Any such adjustments shall be made and communicated to competing boats at least twenty four hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the race or the first race in the series. Adjustments will be published on the MYC website and displayed on the Sailing Committee official noticeboard. An adjustment in the class divisions and/or an introduction of a third class will not be grounds for redress.

3 SCHEDULE

This Notice of Race applies to all racing for the Medway Cruiser Class except the Keelboat Regatta and Wednesday Evening Racing. Races will be held at the dates and times published in the attached Schedule

4 MEASUREMENTS

Boats will race in rating trim and be available for inspection.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the MYC website and displayed on the Sailing Committee official noticeboard on or before 31st March 2016

6 VENUE

Racing shall take place in the River Medway and Thames Estuary.

7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will use navigation buoys and/or special marks. The Medway Cruiser Class Course Sheet will be available on the MYC website, at the MYC office and in the Race Hut.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

Any changes to the RRS will shown in the attached Schedule

8 SCORING

8.1 The number of races to be completed in a series and the scoring and/or handicap system will be shown in the attached Schedule

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race committee may broadcast course information by VHF. Where racing is conducted from the Club Line, communication will be on VHF Channel M/37 with the call sign “Upnor Line”. Where racing is conducted by a committee boat, communication will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PRIZES

Prizes for each race or series of races will be shown in the attached Schedule.

11 RISK STATEMENT

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:

- (a) 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 whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; and
- (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.

12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact MYC by telephone on 01634 718399, by email at office@medwayyachtclub.com or see the MYC website at www.medwayyachtclub.com

MYC Sailing Committee January 2016