

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB  
UK WAYFARER ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL CIRCUIT SERIES and TRAVELLERS SERIES 2015 EVENT 4

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 Other rules as listed in the Notice of Race (NOR)

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Medway Yacht Club (MYC) official notice board in the entrance foyer of the clubhouse.

**3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the official notice board no later than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first race of each day.
- 3.2 Changes to the racing schedule will be posted before 2100hrs on the evening before the race affected.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast(s) by 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 race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, boats are advised not to launch.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND BRIEFING**

5.1	Briefing	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal
Saturday	1030	1155
Sunday	N/A	1155

- 5.2 Subsequent races will be run as soon as possible after the previous race

## **6. CLASS FLAG**

6.1 The class flag will be the Wayfarer Red Logo on a white background.

## **7. RACING AREA**

7.1 The River Medway, Cockham Reach to Navigation Buoy 12. See Imray Chart Y18 The River Medway and Approaches (The chart shown on the event website is intended as a guide only and is not to be used for navigational purposes).

## **8. COURSES**

8.1 Options for the courses to be sailed are set out in Appendix 1.

8.2 The course will be displayed on the race committee boat.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 Marks of the course will be orange inflatable buoys

## **10. OBSTRUCTIONS**

10.1 This event is held on a navigable river and ships or other large vessels have right of way. If a ship/vessel is being escorted, no boat shall sail between the guard boat displaying naval numeral "zero" and the ship/vessel it is escorting. Boats shall not obstruct the fairway. Any boat reported by an Official Boat to have contravened this instruction or otherwise deemed to have caused an obstruction will be subject to protest and liable to be scored DNE.

10.2 Boats shall not sail between Folly Beacon and Hoo Island, nor between Darnet Beacon and Darnet Ness.

## **11. THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be between a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on an outer distance boat. An outer distance mark displaying an orange flag may be substituted for the outer distance boat.

11.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with a sound 5 minutes before the first warning signal is displayed.

11.3 Boats, marks or other items attached to the committee boat for the duration of the starting sequence are deemed to be part of the committee boat and are not temporary attachments.

## **12. THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a mast/staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on an outer distance boat. An outer distance mark displaying an orange flag may be substituted for the outer distance boat.

### **13. TIME LIMITS**

13.1 The target time for all races will be 45 minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes and are still racing may be given a finish position at any point on the course at the discretion of the Race Officer. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

### **14. DECLARATIONS**

14.1 Declarations are required from boats who have taken a tally but did not come to the starting area (DNC), did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF), or who have taken penalties under rule 44.1.

14.2 Declaration sheets will be posted near the tally board near the main entrance of the clubhouse

14.3 Declarations must be made before the expiry of the protest time limit (see 15.1).

### **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat comes ashore after the last race of the day.

15.2 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.

15.3 On the last day of the regatta a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting the re-opening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the re-opening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.

15.4 The Exoneration Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available

### **16. SCORING**

16.1 See NOR 11.

### **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 See NOR 12.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT.**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors after entry will not be allowed without prior written application/approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Boats wishing to use a sail that does not bear the boat's registration number, and which must not duplicate the number of another boat racing, must obtain prior written approval from the race committee.

## **19. OFFICIAL BOATS.**

- 19.1 Official support boats will display Numeral '9', but a failure to display shall not constitute grounds for redress.

## **20. PRIZES.**

- 20.1 See NOR 13.

## **21. RISK STATEMENT.**

Rule 4 of the RRS states "The Responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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:

- 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 while taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 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;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.

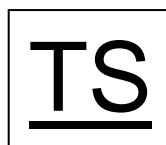
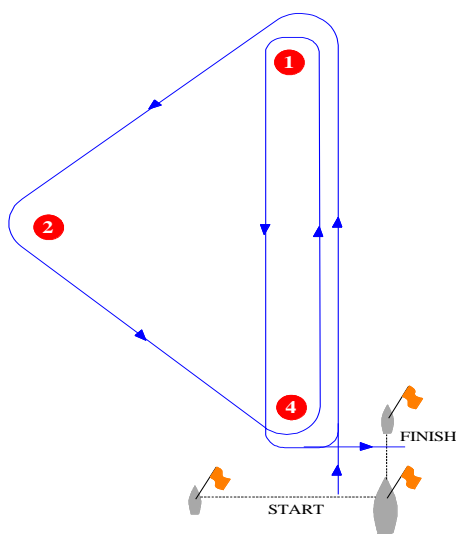
**22. INSURANCE**

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

MYC Race Committee

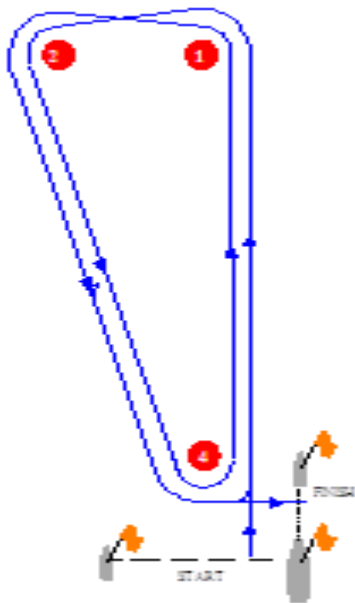
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APPENDIX 1



Triangle /Sausage	
Course Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TS2	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 - Finish
TS3	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 - 4 - Finish
TS4	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 - Finish
Etc	

Please turn over for W/L Course Plan and Course Notes



**WL**

<b>Windward / Leeward with Windward Offset Mark</b>	
Course Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WL2	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 4 – Finish
WL3	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 4 – Finish
Etc	

Course notes:

- The course signal letters refer to the course configuration and the number to the number of windward legs
- Courses WL with offset windward mark is designed to compensate for a cross tidal stream and/or to keep apart beating and running boats around the windward mark. Mark 2 may be laid parallel to the tidal stream rather than 90° to the course axis as indicated in the above plan.