

Medway Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



KSSA New Racers' Regatta

Saturday 11th June 2016

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1 Medway Yacht Club (MYC) and KSSA

2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 2.2 Other rules as listed in the Notice of Race (NOR)
- 2.3 The following racing rules are changed as follows:-
- 2.3.1 Wet or dry suits are obligatory for this event, however, their wearing is not considered as constituting adequate buoyancy
- 2.3.2 Personal buoyancy, whilst afloat all competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy. This changes rule 40
- 2.3.3 Competitors shall complete the entry form and pay the necessary fee in order to be eligible to race.
Boats shall sail under their own class sail number, unless prior consent has been obtained from the organising authority (Medway Yacht Club/Kent Schools Sailing Association).
- 2.3.4 Yardsticks will be allocated in the 2016 Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme. Where no number is allocated a boat will be allocated a trial number, which will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.3.5 Any vessel, in difficulty, refusing advice from the Race Committee is deemed to be acting on their own responsibility thereafter. Any participant in charge of a boat must obey the Race Committee's instruction at all times

3. Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the MYC official notice board in the entrance foyer of the clubhouse.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first race of each day.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast(s) by the race box on the mound by the clubhouse.

6. Schedule of Races and Briefing

6.1 Date of racing - 11th June 2016

6.2 Number of races

The number of races scheduled will be notified at the briefing and posted on the official notice board

6.3 The scheduled time of the briefing is 10.00am and the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11.00am

7. Class Flag

7.1 The class flag will be announced at the briefing

8. Racing Area

8.1 The River Medway from buoy 29 to Upnor Castle. The exact racing area will be shown on the Official Notice Board.

9. The Courses

9.1 The order in which marks are to be passed for each individual race and the side on which each mark is to be left will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and explained at the briefing.

10. Marks

10.1 The marks of the course will be described at the briefing and information posted on the Official Notice Board.

11. Obstructions

11.1 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.

11.2 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.

12. The Start

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

12.2 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.

12.3 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal (which is repeated here for assistance)

| Signal | Flag & Sound | Minutes before Starting Signal |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Warning | Class Flag; 1 sound | 5 |
| Preparatory | P, I, Z or black flag; 1 long sound | 4 |
| One minute | Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound | 1 |
| Starting | Class flag removed; 1 sound | 0 |

This will be explained at the briefing

13. The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and an outer distance mark.

14. Time Limits and Target Times

- 14.1 The target time for all races will be 45 minutes from the start of each race.
- 14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the first mark) within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to complete one lap within the time limit will be scored "DNF"; this changes rules 35, A4 and A5. Average lap times will be used for boats that have completed at least one lap

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat comes ashore after the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 15.3 Notices of protests 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.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 The Exoneration Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

16. Scoring

- 16.1 See NOR 9.

17. Safety Regulations

- 17.1 See NOR 10.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorised by a safety boat. The safety boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.
- 17.4 Boats shall follow the instructions of the safety boats. Infringements will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty that the protest committee may decide. This changes rule 64.1(a).
- 17.5 Outside Help: Penalties for breaches of rule 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the protest committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the protest committee on a form available from the race office or the protest desk before the protest time limit on the day concerned. Advice given by KSSA personnel in coach boats will not be considered as a breach of rule 41.
- 17.6 When a boat is capsized and the crew are trying to right the craft, assistance with this shall not be a breach of Rule 41.

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.

21. Prizes

21.1 See NOR 13.

22. 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.

25. Insurance

25.1 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.

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10th April 2016