

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB CADET WEEK

Sunday 31st July to Friday 5th August 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority. The Cadet Class of the Medway Yacht Club

2. Rules.

2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of sailing, the RYA prescriptions, the relevant Class Rules, the bylaws and directives of the Medway Ports Authority, this Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions. In the event of conflict first the MPA bylaws and directives and then the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.2 Safety.

2.2.1 It is obligatory for all competitors to wear personal buoyancy of a suitable standard whilst afloat. Neither wet nor dry suits are deemed to constitute personal buoyancy.

2.2.2 Competitors shall be entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

2.3 Time limits. Rule 35; will be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

3. Classes to Race. Racing will be for dinghies, handicapped under the Portsmouth Handicap system which satisfy their class rules in force at the beginning of the Regatta. Minor breaches of the class rules which have no impact on the performance of the dinghy may be permitted at the discretion of the Race Committee

4. Eligibility. The regatta is open to Cadet members of recognized RYA member clubs and other invited guests aged 10 years and over but under 23 years on 1st January 2016, using dinghies of their choice.

5. Advertising. This is a Category A Regatta.

6. Limitations. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, or to transfer any entry to a class other than that for which the entry is received or to divide or combine any class or classes.

7. Entries

7.1. Should be made by application on the Official Entry Form to the Regatta Administrator (whose details are shown on the Official Entry Form), together with the entry fee of £205 before 17th July 2016.

7.2. Later entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Committee, subject to the Entry Limit.

7.3. All competitors are required to register at the regatta office/library of the Medway Y C between 1600 and 1800 hrs on Saturday 30th July or between 0815 and 0845 hours on Sunday 31st July.

7.4. There shall be an Entry Limit of 55 competitors.

8. Race schedule. (Provisional)

Day	Sun 31st	Mon 1st	Tue 2nd	Wed 3rd	Thu 4th	Fri 5th
a.m Races	Practice	1 st Series 3 & 4	1 st Series 6 & 7	Marathons	2nd Series 1 & 2	3 rd Series 1 & 2
p.m. Races	1 st Series 1 & 2	1 st Series 5	1 st Series 8		2nd Series 3	Raft Race Different Rules apply

9. The Sailing Instructions will be given to competitors during registration at the regatta office/library of the MYC (see Para. 7.3 above)

10. Courses to be sailed will be of a windward/leeward or triangular except for the Marathons. Apart from the Marathon they will be conducted within the area adjacent to the Medway Yacht Club, that is within Upnor, Gillingham, Cockham and Short Reaches. Start times and other relevant matters including variations to the Sailing Instructions will be given at the twice daily pre-race briefings.

11. Scoring.

11.1 Race results will be calculated using the Portsmouth Handicap system.

11.2 The scoring system will be in accordance with the Low Point System appendix A, with discards, as outlined in the SI's

11.3 Points for race ties will be decided under the rules of RYA Appendix A.

11.4 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Process will be available.

12. Prizes. Prizes will be awarded for each series and/or each class.

13. Insurance. Boat owners shall ensure that they have adequate and valid third-party liability insurance against loss, damage, and/or injury to persons, yachts and equipment at any time and however occurring.

14. Alcohol. The Medway YC is a licensed premises and can thus not supply alcohol to persons under the age of 18 who may neither buy, nor be supplied with, nor consume alcohol on the premises. Failure to comply with this rule will result in both confiscation and disciplinary action.

15. Provision of Equipment. Competitors, or if they are under age 18, their parents/legal guardians are entirely responsible for the provision of safety equipment, protective sailing wear, a seaworthy boat in good repair, launching trolleys, spares tools and anything else required to compete and stay at the Medway Y C.

16. Liability.

16.1. Neither this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/parent in charge of the crew, for the boat and her management.

16.2. Every Owner/Parent in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the regatta and that the boat is equipped with at least the minimum specified safety equipment specified in that boat's class rules.

16.3. The Race organizers shall not be responsible for any liability with regard to loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused sustained in conjunction with or prior to, or during, or after the regatta.

16.4. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the races and the event, and include the organising authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and Beach masters. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race.

16.5. The Medway Yacht Club, including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the safety boats and anyone helping the management team shall not be liable for any loss, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of taking part in this regatta.

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