



Medway Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE



UK Wayfarer Class Eastern Area Championships 2017 and CraftInsure National Circuit and Travellers Series Event

22nd-23rd July 2017

Sponsored by CraftInsure, Pirates Cave, Chesley Storage and Shepherd Neame

1. Organising Authority

1.1 Medway Yacht Club (MYC) on behalf of the UK Wayfarer Association.

2. Venue

2.1 Medway Yacht Club Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent ME2 4XB. Tel. 01634 718399.

2.2 Racing will take place on the River Medway from Chatham Reach to Buoy 12.

3. Rules

3.1 The regatta will be governed by: -

3.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020;

3.1.2 The bye laws and directives of the Peel Ports Medway;

3.1.3 The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter;

3.1.4 The Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI's).

3.1.5 In the event of any conflict between the NOR and the SI's, the SI's shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7;

3.1.6 The Wayfarer International Class Rules and UKWA Dispensations (if any);

3.1.7 Competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting personal clothing or buoyancy. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4;

3.1.8 The exoneration penalty (and the advisory and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules disputes procedures may be available;

3.2 Any changes to RRS or the Class Rules will be given in full in the SI's.

4. Advertising

4.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category 'A'.

5. Eligibility

5.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Wayfarer Class which have a current measurement certificate.

5.2 Boats competing for UKWA prizes must be entered by members or associate members of the UKWA or any equivalent National Class Wayfarer Association affiliated to the Wayfarer International Committee (NCWA).

5.3 Entries will be accepted from non-members of the UKWA or other NCWA, provided they are members of Medway Yacht Club but they will not be eligible for UKWA prizes.

5.4 Entries will be accepted from youth helms, who must be under 21 years of age on 22nd July 2017. They may be crewed by a person aged 21 years or over.

5.5 A boat wishing to substitute a helm or crew after registration shall make prior written request to the race committee to do so. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the race committee.

6 Entries and Fees

6.1 Entries shall be made on the official Entry Form and submitted to Stewart Coltart at the address shown on the Entry Form or to Medway Yacht Club with the appropriate fee.

6.2 Entry fees are £30 per boat for the complete event (two days), or £20 for one day. These fees include the UKWA levy of £3 per boat for all those entering UKWA events.

6.3 Entry fees for youth helms shall be £15 for the complete event (two days), and £10 for one day.

6.4 Entries will be accepted up to 1100hrs on Saturday 22nd July 2017 (or up to 0930hrs on Sunday 23rd July 2017 for entries for that day only).

7 Schedule

7.1 Registration: Registration will take place in the regatta office, in the library above the MYC office on Saturday 22nd July 2017 between 0830hrs and 1100hrs, and on Sunday 23rd July 2017 between 0830hrs and 0930hrs.

7.2 Dates of Racing: Saturday 22nd July to Sunday 23rd July 2017 inclusive.

7.3 Number of Races: The event comprises a 6 race series.

7.4 The scheduled time for race briefings will be as follows:

22nd July - not before 1000 hrs;

23rd July - not before 0930 hrs.

7.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the races will be as follows:

Saturday 22nd July - not before 1155hrs;

Sunday 23rd July - not before 1055hrs.

7.6 There will be no more than 4 races per day.

7.7 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on Sunday 23rd July.

7.8 Predicted times of High Water: (All predictions are given for Chatham Lock and in BST)

Saturday 22nd July at 1229hrs;

Sunday 23rd July at 1322hrs.

8 Measurements

8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate on registration.

8.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee, boats and gear may be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement prior to the event.

8.3 A boat wishing to use a sail displaying numbers other than those registered for the boat shall make prior written request to the Race Committee to do so. Dispensation will be given provided that no other boat is using the same number.

9 Sailing Instructions

9.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the event website on or before 15th July 2017 and printed copies will be available at registration.

10 The Courses

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

11 Scoring

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 Radio Communication

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

13 Safety

13.1 Boats shall carry the following equipment at all times when afloat:

13.1.1 10 metres of tow-rope (NOT part of the rigging or sail controls);

13.1.2 One paddle;

13.1.3 One bucket or bailer (min. 4 litres) except for Mk4 and World Wayfarers.

13.2 A tally system to account for the launching and safe return of all competitors will be in operation. Boats failing to comply correctly with the tally procedure will be liable to a fine payable to the RNLI. Failure to pay the fine will result in a DSQ without a hearing.

14 Prizes

14.1 The following prizes will be awarded by the UKWA:

- Fryer Cup - awarded to the first placed boat overall
- Peter Strauss Memorial Cup - awarded to the winner of the first completed race
- Aldeburgh YC Trophy - awarded to the winner of the second completed race
- Stone SC Trophy - awarded to the winner of the third completed race
- Dabchicks SC Trophy - awarded to the winner of the fourth completed race
- N&G Trophy - awarded to the first placed lady helm overall
- Fairway Trophy - awarded to the best placed MYC boat overall.

14.2 Memento prizes will be awarded.

15 Rights to use Names and Likeness

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

16 Risk Statement

16.1 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;
- It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.

17 Insurance

17.1 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.

Organising Authority MYC 19th March 2017