

**Medway Yacht Club  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



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

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

**22nd-23rd July 2017**

**1. Organising Authority**

1.1 Medway Yacht Club (MYC).

**2. Rules**

2.1 The regatta will be governed by:

2.1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS);

2.1.2 The RYA Racing Charter;

2.1.3 The Bye laws and Directives of the Local Port Authority;

2.1.4 Other rules as listed in the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI's). In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SI's the latter shall prevail;

2.1.5 The Wayfarer International Class Rules and UKWA Dispensations (if any).

2.2 The following RRS are changed:

2.2.1 RRS A3;

2.2.2 Rule 35, A4 and A5;

2.2.3 Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4;

2.2.4 Rule 60.1(b);

2.2.5 Rule 64.1;

2.2.6 Signal AP.

**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 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first race of each day.

4.2 Changes to the racing schedule will be posted before 2100hrs on the evening before the race or races affected.

## **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.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes Signal AP.

5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, boats are requested not to launch.

## **6. Schedule of Races and Briefing**

6.1 Dates and scheduled times of briefings and races are set out in clauses 7.2 to 7.7 of the NOR.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## **7. Class Flag**

7.1 The class flag will be a white flag with a red W logo.

## **8. Racing Area**

8.1 The River Medway, Cockham Reach to Navigation Buoy 12. See Imray Chart Y18 The River Medway and Approaches.

## **9. The Courses**

9.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show alternate courses A and B, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The letter of the course and the number of laps to be sailed (the "Course Designation") will be displayed on boards located on the starboard side of the race committee boat no later than the warning signal of the race to which it applies.

## **10. Marks**

10.1 For course A, Marks 1 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys and Mark 2 will be a white inflatable buoy.

10.2 For course B, Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys.

10.3 The Outer Distance Mark (ODM) for the start and finish lines will be either a white inflatable buoy or an orange pillar buoy or a mark with a staff displaying an orange flag.

## **11. Obstructions**

11.1 This event is held on a navigable river and ships or other large vessels have right of way. International regulations and local bylaws may apply to ships or vessels using jetties, piers, berths, moorings etc.

11.2 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 liable to be scored Disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

- 11.3 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. A chart or chartlet showing these areas will be displayed on the official notice board.

## **12. The Start**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and a mark with a staff displaying an orange flag on the course side of a white inflatable buoy or the course side of an orange pillar buoy.
- 12.2 At the race committee vessel end of the start line the starting mark will be the race committee vessel together with any dinghy, RIB, buoy or other inflatable object attached to it.
- 12.3 When a buoy is laid near the race committee vessel approximately on the start line, it is a starting limit mark and shall be left on the same side as the nearby race committee vessel.

## **13. The Finish**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be as described in SI 12.1 and 12.2.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, allocate a finishing position to any boat that appears unlikely to finish within the time limit after the first boat has sailed the course and finished. This changes RRS A3.

## **14. Time Limits and Target Times**

- 14.1 The target time for each race shall be 50 minutes and the time limit shall be 90 minutes. Failure to comply with the target time shall not be grounds for redress; this changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. The changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## **15. Declarations**

- 15.1 A tally system to account for the launching and safe return of all competitors will be in operation; details will be provided at the competitor briefing on Saturday 22nd July. A boat that fails to comply correctly with the tally system will be required to pay £20 to the RNLI before the prize giving.
- 15.2 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 (RET), or who have taken penalties under rule 44.1.
- 15.3 Declaration sheets will be posted near the tally board near the main entrance of the clubhouse.
- 15.4 Declarations must be made before the expiry of the protest time limit (see 16.2).

## **16. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the race office located at the MYC library. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 The Exoneration Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 16.6 The protest committee may award place penalties in place of disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

## **17. Scoring**

- 17.1 See NOR 11.

## **18. Safety Regulations**

- 18.1 See NOR 3.1.7 (this changes RRS rule 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4).

## **19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 19.1 See NOR 5.5 with respect to replacement helm or crew.
- 19.2 See NOR 8.3 with respect to using a sail displaying sail numbers other than those registered for the boat.

## **20 Equipment and Measurement Checks**

- 20.1 See NOR 8.2.

## **21. Event Advertising**

- 21.1 Boats may be required by the organising authority to display event advertising.

## **22. Official Vessels**

- 22.1 Official vessels will display Numeral '9', but a failure to display shall not constitute grounds for redress.

## **23. Prizes**

- 23.1 See NOR 14.

## **24. Risk Statement**

- See NOR 16.

## **25. Insurance**

- 25.1 See NOR 17.