

Medway Yacht Club 55th Medway Marathon
Sunday 5th August 2018
Notice of Race.



The 55th Medway Marathon will be held at the Medway Yacht Club under its burgee on Sunday 5th August 2018. This is a long distance race for monohull dinghies and keelboats on the tidal River Medway.

1. Organising Authority

The Medway Yacht Club (MYC), Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4XB Tel: 01634 718399 Office@medwayyachtclub.com

2. Rules

The event will be governed by:-

- The Racing Rules of sailing 2017-2020 (RRS)
- The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter
- The Directives and Byelaws of Peel Ports Medway (PPM)
- The rules of the relevant class associations except as changed by the Sailing Instructions (SI's)
- The Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing instructions
- In the event of conflict between rules, those of the SI's shall prevail but never over the directives of PPM. This changes rule 63.7
- Any changes to the RRS or Class rules will be given in full in the SI's
- MYC Minimum Equipment List. (available on the MYC website)
- The exoneration penalty (and the advisory and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules disputes procedures may be available.

- 2.1 RRS Changes:**
- a) RRS 35 will be changed – A time limit will be in force
 - b) RRS 40 will be changed – Competitors in dinghies will wear personal flotation devices
 - c) The changes will appear in full in clause 9.12 on this Notice of Race and in the SI's. The SI's may also change other racing rules.

3. Advertising

Advertising will be restricted to category A

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1** The Marathon is open to all monohull dinghies and keelboats (not exceeding 30ft in length) with a Portsmouth yardstick number under 1315 and with a valid measurement certificate, which must be available for inspection by the race committee. The race committee regrets that no entries will be accepted from sailboards.
- 4.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry form and sending it, together with the required fee to Medway Yacht Club by 14:00 on Saturday, 4th August 2018 or made in person at the Race Office (MYC Library) from 08:30 hours on the day of the Marathon.

Entries will close at 09:45 on the 5th August 2018

5. Fees

£ 10-00p per boat

6. Sailing instructions

The sailing instructions will be posted on the MYC website no later than 1st Aug 2018 and will be available on the day from the Race Office.

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7. Starting Times

The start will be from UPNOR LINE. The starting box is beside the MYC Clubhouse on a raised mound. The Starting sequence will be as RRS 26.

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Class	PY Number	Start Time	Class Signal
One	1315 -1196	10.00	ICF 1
Two	1103 – 1195	10.10	ICF 2
Three	1102	10.20	Wayfarer Flag
Four	971– 1101	10.30	ICF 3
Five	970 and below	10.40	ICF 4

TIDES:

Sun 5 th Aug- High Water	07.06 BST	5.4 m
Sun 5 th Aug - Low Water	12.11 BST	1.2 m

8. Courses

8.1 The courses use the navigation buoys and an orange or white inflatable pillar buoy, which will be in Stangate Creek

8.2 Marathon Courses

Course 01 Folly Point Beacon (P), Darnett Beacon (S), 16 (S), Otterham FB (P), 13 (S), Zulu 2 (P), Blackstakes (P), South Kent (S), Queenborough Spit (S), Blackstakes (S), Stangate Creek Orange (S), Stangate Spit (P), 12 (P), 16 (S), Darnett Beacon (P), Folly Point Beacon (S), 30(P),

9. Safety

This is a long distance race where weather conditions can change and boats become relatively isolated. See Risk Statement. Boats should be self sufficient throughout the day with appropriate safety equipment and provisions on-board – see MYC Minimum Equipment List.

9.2 Personal Flotation Devices – competitors in dinghies will wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst racing except briefly whilst changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40

10 Support Boats

Official boats will be marked by displaying ICF Numeral Pennant Nine.

11. Prizes

Medway Command Trophy	First overall on corrected time
Medway Bell Trophy	First Cadet/Student on corrected time completing the full marathon
Pop Parsons Trophy	First MYC Cadet/Student on corrected time completing the full marathon
Sailability Trophy	First boat sailed by a crew with a disability
Molly Leonard Trophy	First MYC Female Helm
Roger Chapman Trophy	First Squib

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Sonata Trophy	First Sonata
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12. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states; 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to 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:

- (a) 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 whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them from their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risk specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.

13. Insurance

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.