

# MEDWAY YACHT CLUB CADET WEEK

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

## 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 rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the relevant Class Rules and the bylaws and directives of the Medway Ports Authority
- 2.2 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows.
  - 2.2.1 It is obligatory for all competitors to wear personal buoyancy of a suitable standard whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40. 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. Advertising**

- 3.1 This is a Category A Regatta.

**4. Eligibility and Entry.**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to Cadet members of recognized RYA member clubs and other invited guests aged 12 years and over but under 23 years on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, using dinghies of their choice.
- 4.2 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
- 4.3 Entry will be by completion of a regatta entry form available through the MYC website and payment of the required fee by 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018
- 4.4 Later entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Committee
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 All competitors are required to register at the regatta office/library of the Medway Y C between 09.00 and 12.00 hours on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- 4.6 There shall be an Entry Limit of 55 competitors

**5. Race schedule.** (Provisional)

- 5.1 The provisional race schedule is as follows.

Day	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>a.m Races</b>	Registration	1 <sup>st</sup> Series 3 & 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Series 1 and 2	Marathons	3 <sup>rd</sup> Series 1 & 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Series 4 and 5
<b>p.m. Races</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Series 1 & 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Series 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Series 3		3 <sup>rd</sup> Series 3	<b>Raft Race</b> Different Rules apply

- 5.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first morning race is 10.25am and for afternoon races is 13.55

## **6. The Sailing Instructions**

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be given to competitors during registration at the regatta office/library of the MYC.

## **7. Courses**

- 7.1 Courses to be sailed will be of a windward/leeward or triangular format or as otherwise advised by the Race Officer at the pre race briefing except for the Marathons and raft race. 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.
- 7.2 Start times and other relevant matters including variations to the Sailing Instructions will be given at the twice daily pre-race briefings.

## **8. Scoring.**

- 8.1 Race results will be calculated using the Portsmouth Handicap system.
- 8.2 The scoring system will be in accordance with the Low Point System in RRS appendix A, with discards, as outlined in the SI's
- 8.3 Two races are required to constitute a series.
- 8.4 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Process will be available.

## **9. Prizes.**

Prizes will be awarded for each series and/or each fleet.

## **10. Insurance.**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party cover of at least £2 million per incident or the equivalent.

## **11. 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.

## **12. Disclaimer of Liability.**

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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 and the Medway Yacht Club minimum equipment lists for each class.
- 12.3 The Race organisers 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 except as such disclaimer is restricted by the law of England and Wales.
- 12.4 The organisers include 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.
- 12.5 **RYA Risk Statement**  
Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Rule 4 of the RRS states "The Responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 12.6 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 of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks 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 for the event.

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