

Notice of Race

Medway Regatta - 24th – 27th May 2019

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority for the Regatta is Medway Yacht Club (MYC)

2. VENUE

2.1 Medway Yacht Club

2.2 The racing area will be the reaches and creeks both of the River Medway and the Thames Estuary. Regatta start and finishing lines will be from committee boats for all classes. Friday evening trophy race start and finish line will be the MYC club line.

3. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

3.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

3.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

3.3 The directives of Peel Ports Medway and the London Port Authority, the MYC Minimum Equipment List, local rules for any class being sailed and the Sailing Instructions will apply.

3.4 Dragon Class: IDA Rules 13.10 (crew numbers) and 13.30 (crew weight) do not apply. Depth sounders are permitted, this changes IDA Rule 12.20.

3.5 Any changes to the racing rules will appear in full in the sailing instructions (SI).

3.6 The Exoneration Penalty, the advisory hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

4. ADVERTISING

4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority and shall not display any advertising which is in conflict with the event sponsors.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 The regatta is open to all monohull cruiser racers, Dragon, Classic and Vintage Dragons, Sonata and Squib One Design Classes.

Cruiser Class 1 IRC and NHC baseline handicap of 0.889 and above

Cruiser Class 2 IRC and NHC baseline handicap of 0.888 and below

Cruiser Class 3 Open Class. Helms and crew who do not race regularly. NHC baseline handicap

NHC Handicaps

The National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) rating system will be applied to Cruiser Class 1, 2 and 3.

If a Cruiser entrant has raced under the same ownership in the preceding 2017/18 season and entered at least one race of the Spring Series, Medway Regatta and Autumn Series events, the finishing adjusted NHC handicap from the last race of the last series, shall be used as a starting handicap for Race 1 of the 2019 Medway Regatta in conjunction with the entrants NHC Base Handicap.

Cruiser entrants under new ownership shall sail off the applicable NHC Base Handicap *or alternatively* the adjusted NHC handicap from the visiting yachts home club, provided its last race was within the preceding 2017/18 seasons.

A boats handicap will be adjusted after every race. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62

Cruiser classes 1 and 2 shall be dual scored, each boat shall provide a valid 2019 IRC Rating Certificate with their entry.

Printed NHC Rating Bands are Provisional and are subject to change. Final rating bands will be on the website by 21st May 2019.

Baseline handicaps are on the RYA website www.RYA.org.uk/racing/pages/NHC.asp

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- 5.2 All one design boats will hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 5.3 Boats shall enter for the regatta series on an official entry form available from MYC or the regatta website www.medwayyachtclub.com. The completed form shall be delivered to the regatta office at MYC accompanied by the entry fee and a copy of a valid rating certificate or class measurement certificate at least 24 hours before racing. Cruisers need to quote the NHC baseline handicap but may sail off a different NHC handicap if they have a previous result.
- 5.4 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to refuse entry.

6. ENTRIES AND FEES

- 6.1 Entries shall be made on the official Entry Form and submitted to MYC Office with the appropriate fee.
- 6.2 Entry fees are £40 per boat for the complete event (four days), or £20 for one day. Friday evenings race is FOC.
- 6.3 Entries will be accepted up to 0830hrs on Saturday, 25th May 2019 (or up to 0900hrs on Sunday 26th or Monday 27th May 2019 for entries for that day only).
- 6.4 Entries received before Monday 29th April will be eligible for free polo shirts. Please indicate sizes on the entry form. The Regatta committee cannot guarantee free shirts in correct sizes for entries received after that date.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration will commence in the regatta office at 1500 on Friday, 24th May and continue during the Regatta Office opening hours. See the Regatta brochure for details of times.
- 7.2 There will be an evening race for all classes on the Friday evening. The evening race results will not count towards regatta points.
- 7.3 There will not be a Briefing.
- 7.4 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Cruiser Classes 1 & 2	A maximum of four races – including one long and three shorter races.
Cruiser Class 3	A maximum of 3 short to medium length races.
Dragons and Classic Dragons	A maximum of nine races – including windward/leeward races and one medium race on Monday.
Sonata	A maximum of eight races – including windward/leeward races, possibly one long distance race and one shorter race on Monday.
Squib	A maximum of three races.
River Challenge	One race on Sunday for Cruiser Class Three and visiting boats who only want to sail one race.

- 7.5 The Regatta committee will advise on the racing format for the day via VHF radio.
- 7.6 For races postponed or abandoned and not re-sailed, the race fees will not be refunded.
- 7.7 Times of first starts: Friday, 24th May 1900
Saturday to Monday, 25th to 27th May No warning signal will be given before 09:55
- 7.8 No warning signal will be made on Monday 27th May after 1225.

7.9 TIDES: HW Chatham

Fri	24 th May				1658	5.5m
Sat	25 th May	0532	5.3m	and	1739	5.3m
Sun	26 th May	0620	5.0m	and	1829	5.0m
Mon	27 th May	0720	4.8m	and	1934	4.8m

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7.10 **CHARTS** - Imray Y18; Imray 2100.3; BA SC1834

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the Regatta website

8.2 The Friday evening race will use MYC In-river Sailing Instructions. Available, on the MYC website.

9. RACE AREA AND COURSES

9.1 Racing will take place in the adjacent waters to the host Organising Authority.

9.2 Courses will be announced by VHF before the warning signal for each class. The marks that may be used are listed in an appendix to the SI and in the Regatta brochure.

9.3 For courses for the windward/leeward races see appendix to the SI's.

9.4 Courses for the Friday evening race will be taken from the MYC in-river course card.

10. SAFETY

10.1 All boats shall comply with their class safety regulations or with MYC's minimum equipment list, whichever is the more stringent. See MYC website or Regatta brochure for details of MYC Minimum Equipment List.

10.2 Boats may be inspected by a representative of the race committee for safety equipment at any time before or after racing in the event.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes

11.2 One race must be completed to constitute the series.

11.3 There will be no discards for the Cruiser Classes

11.4 Discards will only apply to some of the dragon trophies. See trophy list for details.

12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

12.1 Boats shall be berthed afloat during the regatta from 1800hrs on Friday, 24th May until the conclusion of the final race of the regatta. Boats shall not be hauled out except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

13. MOBILE PHONE AND RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 All boats shall carry an operational VHF radio capable of receiving course announcements and other information on Channel 72.

13.2 The following call-signs will be used: -

Medway Yacht Club

'Upnor Line'

Committee Boats(s)

'Offshore One'

13.3 The Race Committee may text courses and other information to a mobile telephone number that has been registered to the boat. Mobile number to be included on the entry form.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes and trophies are listed in the Regatta Brochure. They will be awarded at MYC as soon as possible after the finish of racing on Monday, 27th May 2019.

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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:

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- (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;
- (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.
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

16. INSPECTIONS

- 16.1 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor as set out in this Notice of Race.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured against all third-party claims.
- 17.2 It is a condition of enter for each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil liability to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the Event.

18. Rights and Copyright

- 18.1 By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

19. Data Protection

- 19.1 In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as in NoR 18) will comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations that came into effect in May 2018.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For further information please contact:
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