



Medway Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions



UK Wayfarer Class Eastern Area Championships and Craftinsure National Circuit and Travellers' Series Event

Sponsored by Craftinsure, Pirates Cave, Chesley Storage, Hartley Boats and Shepherd Neame
18/19 May 2019

Organising Authority - Medway Yacht Club (MYC) in association with the UK Wayfarer Association.

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- the Bye laws and Directives of the Peel Ports Medway
- the Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter
- the Wayfarer International Class Rules and UKWA Dispensations (if any)
- rules as listed in the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI's) and any amendments.

1.2 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SI's the latter shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the MYC official notice board in the entrance foyer of the MYC Clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast(s) by the race box on the mound by the clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

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

5. Schedule of Races and Briefing

5.1 Dates of Racing: Saturday 18th May to Sunday 19th May 2019 inclusive.

5.2 Number of Races: The event comprises a 6 (six) race series, on the basis of 3 races on Saturday and 3 on Sunday

5.3 At its discretion the race committee may change the number of races each day, but may not start more than 4 races on either day

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

- 18th May - not before 1000 hrs.
- 19th May - not before 0900 hrs.

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

- Saturday 18th May - not before 1155hrs.
- Sunday 19th May - not before 1055hrs.

5.6 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on Sunday 19th May.

5.7 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 two minutes before a warning signal is made. This is the Attention Signal.

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6. Class Flag

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

7. Racing Area

7.1 All races will be started from a committee vessel in The River Medway, Navigation Buoy 30 to Navigation Buoy 12. See Imray Chart Y18 The River Medway and Approaches.

8. The Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show 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. All courses require boats to sail through the start/finish line on every lap.

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

9. Marks

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

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

9.3 The starting marks will be a committee vessel, a white inflatable buoy or an orange inflatable buoy.

9.4 The finish marks will be a committee vessel, a white inflatable buoy or an orange inflatable buoy.

10. Obstructions

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

10.2 When 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. Any boat reported by an official vessel to have contravened this instruction or otherwise deemed to have caused an obstruction will be subject to protest and liable to be scored DNE.

10.3 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.

11. The Start

11.1 The starting line will be between a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the starting mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12.2 The position of a laid inflated mark(s) may be adjusted without a signal with the following criteria: -

- by up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous laid mark(s) position and/or
- up to approximately 100 metres to windward or leeward. This changes RRS 33.

13. Abandoning a Race

Under RRS 32.1, the race committee may abandon the race because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots (2.5 m/s) as measured by the race committee. Any action or no action by the race committee under this instruction will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

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14. The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at one end and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may award a score to any boat as follows:
 - a) When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the race course, at a nearby mark or not. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

15. Penalty System

- 15.1 One-Turn & Two-Turn Penalties will apply. (RRS 44.1 & 44.2).
- 15.2 Penalties for a breach of Class Rules, Peel Ports Bye laws and Directives or RRS 55 are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

16. Time Limits and Target Times

- 16.1 The target time for each race shall be 45-50 minutes and the time limit shall be 90 minutes after the start. Failure to comply with the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 16.2 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 (DNF). The changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 The regatta office is located in the Library at MYC. The protest room will be in the Library at MYC.
- 17.2 Protest, request for redress or reopening forms will be available at the regatta office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the regatta office within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 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.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 Breaches of sailing instructions marked [NP] and RRS 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes the RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches, breaches of sailing instructions marked [DP] or breaches of Class Rules may be less than disqualification (DSQ) if the protest committee so decides. This changes RRS 64.1.

18. Scoring

- 18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 (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.
- 18.3 When the "W Flag procedure" described in 14.2 is used boats that are finished on the race course will be awarded a score matching their race position plus 1 point. This changes RRS A5.

19. Safety Regulations [NP]

- 19.1 A mandatory Tally system will be employed.
 - a) The tally control point to check-out and check-in by competitors will either be located at the top of the slipway (weather dependent) or at a location stated at the briefing.
 - b) Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration, and posted on the official notice board. Tallies shall be worn visibly by competitors, one per boat, over clothing, on the wrist, at all times while afloat.
 - c) [DP] Competitors shall check-out before racing by collecting their tallies.
 - d) [DP] Competitors shall check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, by returning the tallies to tally control.

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- e) The race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing for a breach of (c) or (d) of this SI. The penalty may be additional points added to the boat's series score. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

19.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40.

19.3 See NOR 7.4. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4.

20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment [DP] [NP]

20.1 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.

20.2 See NOR 7.3 with respect to using a sail displaying sail numbers other than those registered for the boat.

20.3 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity

21. Equipment and Measurement Checks [DP] [NP]

21.1 See NOR 7.

22. Event Advertising [DP] [NP]

22.1 Boats may be required by the Organising Authority to display event advertising.

23. Official Vessels

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

24. Trash Disposal

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

25. Radio Communication [DP]

25.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26. Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearings & Arbitration Hearings.

Exoneration penalties, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure will be available. The Post Race Penalty will be 30%.

27. Prizes

See NOR 15. Awards, in accordance with the notice of race, will be presented at the Prize giving at MYC as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 19th May 2019.

28. Disclaimer of Liability

28.1 Risk Statement

Competitors and support team participate in the series entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 while 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;

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- 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

29. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Third Party/Public Liability Cover per incident or the equivalent.

30. Further information

- 30.1 Additional information may be available at <http://www.medwayyachtclub.com> and from Mike Pimm on 07803 506661.

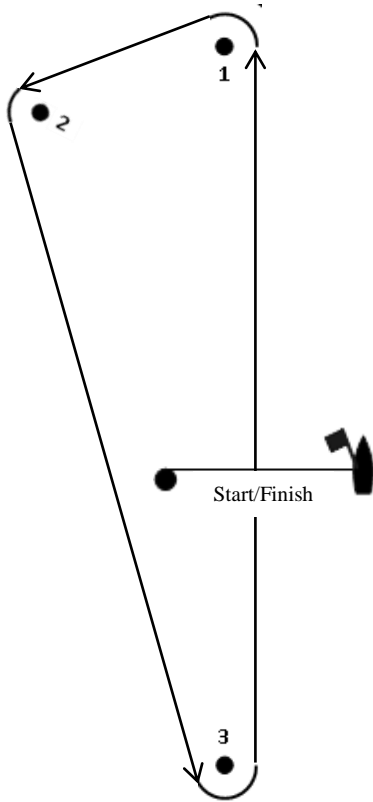
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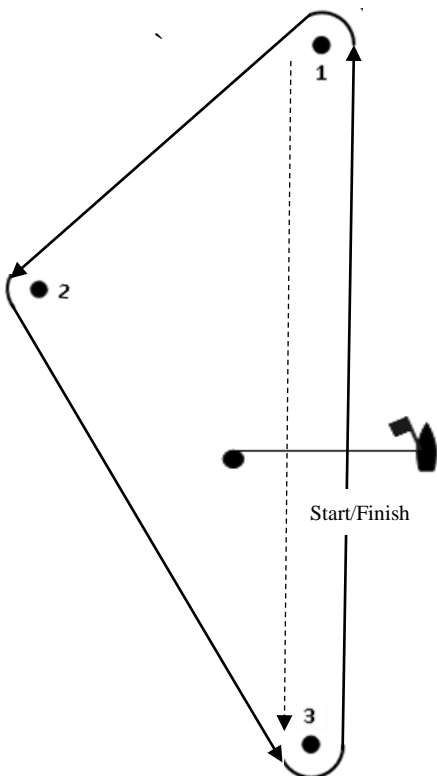
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APPENDIX 1 Courses

Note: The Marks will be as described in Section 9 of the SI's and not necessarily as they appear in the course diagrams below where all Marks are for illustrative purposes only.



Course A Course Designation	
A1	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish
A2	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish
A3	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish
A4	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish
A5	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish



Course B Course Designation	
B1	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish
B2	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 3p, start/finish
B3	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish
B4	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 3p, start/finish
B5	1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 3p, start/finish, 1p, 2p, 3p, start/finish