

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB

CRUISER CLASS RACING 2023 NOTICE OF RACE



The Organising Authority is Medway Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the Medway Yacht Club implements the RYA racing charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.3 The directives of the Peel Ports Medway (PPM) and the London Port Authority (LPA), the MYC Cruiser Class Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2023 will apply.
- 1.4 The National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) and Yacht Time Correction (YTC) will be applied to all races for Class 2 and 3. If a boat is entering a MYC Cruiser Class race for the 1st time using NHC, then the RYA NHC Base number shall be applied but may be changed at the discretion of the Race Officer, if an alternative NHC rating is available from the boat's home club regattas, or alternatively by the RYA NHC Rating Calculator. If a boat has previously entered MYC Cruiser Class Series (Spring, Regatta or Autumn) in the preceding two years, then the handicap for the opening race shall be the NHC adjusted handicap calculated after the last race of the last series raced by the same owner. An adjustment in handicap will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 1.5 Class 1 boats with current IRC Certificates will be required to offer evidence (copy) of the said certificate prior to their entry being accepted for the IRC class.
- 1.6 White sail entry must be declared upon the entry sheet with boat name and the type and model details.
- 1.7 The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures are available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 20% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display sponsorship advertising in the form of a pennant attached to the backstay, if required within the Sailing Instructions.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The racing is open to all MYC members and non-members as bona fide guests of the club.
- 3.2 The Race committee reserves the right to refuse an entry.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may only enter races after their owner or owner's representative has registered them by completing a race declaration form and delivered it to the MYC office or the Race Officer. Race declaration forms are available from the MYC office and MYC website. Fees for entry will be as shown on the attached Schedule. An entry is only valid upon receipt of full payment for the races entered accompanying the signed MYC Cruiser Class 2023 Entry Form.
- 3.4 Boats in Class 1 will be rated and scored using RORC IRC ratings. Classes 2 & 3 will be scored under NHC and YTC. Should numbers in any class warrant it there may be sub-divisions based on IRC rating or NHC/YTC base number as appropriate.
NB. Depending upon entries received for any individual race or series of races, the Organising Authority may adjust the class divisions and/or introduce a further class. Any such adjustments will be published to competing boats at least twenty-four hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the race or the first race in the series on the MYC website and may be

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displayed on the Sailing Committee official notice-board. An adjustment in the class divisions and/or an introduction of further classes will not be grounds for redress.

- 3.5 Entries shall be submitted 48 hours prior to a published race, although a late entrant after the closing deadline may announce their intention to race via VHF, stating sail number and NHC/YTC/IRC handicap, up to the warning signal of the first class start but at the sole discretion of the Race Officer and provided a Race Declaration Form has been submitted to the MYC Club Office.

4 DATA PROTECTION

- 4.1 By entering the competitors agree to provide limited personal data to the Organising Authority. The Organising Authority will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the event but will not transfer any information to any third party other than to publish the entry list and Race Results.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND FEES

- 5.1 This Notice of Race applies to all racing for the Medway Cruiser Class except the Keelboat Regatta and Wednesday Evening Racing. Races will be held at the dates and times published in the Cruiser Class NOR Schedule 2023.
- 5.2 Race Entry Fees are detailed in the Cruiser Class NOR Schedule 2023 and/or the Cruiser Class 2023 Race Entry Form.

6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Not applicable.

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Where a boat entered for NHC is not listed in the RYA online Base List, the Cruiser Class Committee shall have discretionary powers to nominate a provisional club NHC rating. A yacht owner has no redress following the race results being published.
- 7.2 A yacht owner may make an approach to the RYA (NHC Technical Representative) for further clarification of a yacht's correct NHC Base handicap. The Cruiser Class Committee shall use the RYA amended rating provided it is received in writing from the RYA NHC Technical Representative for future events.
- 7.3 Where a boat wishes to be scored under IRC or YTC, a current 2023 IRC certificate or YTC number shall be provided upon entry.
- 7.4 Boats shall race in rating trim and be available for inspection on the day of the entered race.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the MYC website and may be displayed on the Sailing Committee official notice-board located in the entrance to the Clubhouse on or before 31st March 2021.

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9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 Racing shall take place in the River Medway, Thames Estuary and entrances to Burnham and Ramsgate for passage racing and the EAORA Janes Cup.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will use navigation buoys and/or special marks. The Medway Cruiser Class Course Sheet 2023 will be available on the MYC website, at the MYC office and in the Race Hut.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The standard RRS shall apply to all races, excluding where a boat is being raced Single or Double Handed; in such cases RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This change only applies to boats being raced Single or Double Handed and is made upon safety grounds.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Where races are defined as a Series in the attached Cruiser Class NOR Schedule, the Low Point System of Appendix A RRS 2021 - 2024 will be used.
- 12.2 Refer to Cruiser Class NOR Schedule for confirmation of number of races to constitute a series and applicable discards.
- 12.3 The "Club Series" adjustment to the NHC Handicap will be applied during the series using the adjusted NHC handicap from the last race that a boat has raced within the MYC Spring Series, Regatta Series or Autumn Series, unless the boat in question has a new owner, in which case her first race will be taken from the current RYA NHC Base Number.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Not applicable.

14 BERTHING

Not applicable.

15 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 There are no haul out restrictions.

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT / PLASTIC POOLS

Not applicable.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 MYC Cruiser Class Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2023 stipulates that all boats carry an operational VHF and the Race committee may broadcast course information by VHF. Where

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racing is conducted from the Club Line, communication will be on VHF Channel M/37 with the call sign "Upnor Line". Where racing is conducted by a committee boat, communication will be on Channel 72 with call sign "Offshore One".

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes for each race or series of races will be shown in the attached Cruiser Class NOR Schedule 2023.

19 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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:

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 19.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 19.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 19.5 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.
- 19.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 19.7 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.
- 19.8 [For offshore races] 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 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.

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 For further information please contact MYC by telephone on 01634 718399, by email at office@medwayyachtclub.com or see the MYC website at www.medwayyachtclub.com