

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB
IN-RIVER AND WINDWARD-LEEWARD RACING
2023 NOTICE OF RACE



1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by: The Medway Yacht Club
- 1.2. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3. The bye laws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited (General Directions for navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Bylaws 1991) and the requirements of the IRPCS will apply.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. [DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.6. The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the MYC website www.medwayyachtclub.com on or before 1st April 2023 and printed copies will be available from the Race Hut or MYC Office.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Changes to this Notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Medway Yacht Club foyer with supplementary publication on the website.
- 3.2. While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 3.3. 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Racing in all events is open to all MYC members, their bona fide guests, and visitors subject to the provision that non MYC members may sail on no more than six occasions.
- 4.2. Racing is open to all boats of the Dragon, Squib, Sonata, and Wayfarer one designs, and to all mono-hull dinghy with an established PY no.
- 4.3. Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate and comply with the rules relevant to their class.
- 4.4. Eligible boats will only be considered as entrants after they have registered by completing an MYC website online Race Declaration Form or paper form obtainable from the office. [NP]
- 4.5. Exemptions to 4.1 and 4.4 above occur where;
 - 4.5.1 Wilsonian Sailing Club members who have completed the MYC - WSC Visitor's Race Declaration Form, or
 - 4.5.2 For the Windward / Leeward series only (see dates and start times below) entered as an open series by non-member competitors. Entry is subject to an entry fee.

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5. SCHEDULE

5.1. The racing season will start on the 22nd April 2023 and run through to 28th October 2023. Races and series will be held on the dates and times in the MYC Calendar published on the MYC website.

5.2. The racing season (Saturday's) warning times will be:

Dragon	13:35	ICF "D"
Sonata	13:45	ICF "F"
Squib, Laser/ILCA7 and Slow Handicap (PY No. 1103-1210)	13:55	Naval Numeral 9
Wayfarer and Fast Handicap (PY No. 1102 or below)	14:05	Wayfarer Flag

5.3. Windward/Leeward dates and race warning times will be:

Saturday 20 th May	12:25
Saturday 22 nd July	12:25
Saturday 19 th August	12:25
Saturday 30 th September	12:25

5.4. When racing Windward Leeward events boats should be within the vicinity of the committee vessel to hear announcements and to watch flag signals. In general, starting order will be as below but may be varied by the RO as conditions dictate.

Squib, Laser/ILCA7 and Slow Handicap (PY No. 1103-1210)	Naval Numeral 9
Dragon	ICF "D"
Sonata	ICF "F"
Wayfarer and Fast Handicap (PY No. 1102 or below)	Wayfarer Flag

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. Racing shall take place on the river Medway.
6.2. When racing Windward Leeward events the Racing Area will be in Pin-up Reach OR Long Reach

7. COURSES

- 7.1. Where a club line start is scheduled the courses to be sailed will be contained in the 2023 In River Courses List and the course number displayed on the race box.
7.2. When racing Windward Leeward events the course and number of laps will be displayed on the committee vessel.

8. DATA PROTECTION

- 8.1. 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.

9. RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong

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winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the equivalent in other currencies. [NP, DP]

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes, the number of races to be completed in a series and the handicap system to be used in any series run by a class shall be determined and published by the respective class. This amends RRS A1.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1. Racing may be cancelled or restricted by the duty Race Officer or Flag Officers without notice on scheduled dates for safety considerations.
- 12.2. All competitors are advised to carry VHF able to communicate on channel M1/37.

MYC SAILING COMMITTEE 2023