

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB

2024 CRUISER SPRING SERIES

Sundays 14, 21, 28 April and 12, 19 May

NOTICE OF RACE - NOR

The Organising Authority is Medway Yacht Club



1. RULES

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The RYA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The byelaws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited – General Directions to navigation in the Medway Ports 2013 (General Directives for Navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Byelaws 1991 (Medway-ports-river-byelaws-1991) and the requirements of the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, IRPCS.
- 1.3. The prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.4. The Post-Race Penalty and Appendix T of the RRS will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet.
- 1.5. The MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2024 will be required for both IRC and YTC rated yachts. In addition, all IRC yachts shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B.
- 1.6. [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, and [DP] denotes a discretionary penalty may be applied by the protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The online official noticeboard is located at <https://www.medwayyachtclub.com/2024/02/spring-series-2024/>
- 2.2. The MYC office email address is office@medwayyachtclub.com
- 2.3. On entry all boats should provide one or more telephone numbers that can be added to the MYC Spring Series WhatsApp group.
- 2.4. MYC Cruiser Class Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2024 stipulates that all boats carry an operational VHF radio.
- 2.5. On the water, the Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors on the WhatsApp Group and by VHF, on Channel 37. The Race Box will have call sign “Upnor Line”.
- 2.6. 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.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the online official noticeboard from 1 March 2024. See NOR 2.1.

4. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The racing is open to cruisers of MYC members and non-members as bona fide guests of the club.
- 4.2. All entrants will have to have obtained a Yacht Time Correction (YTC) handicap from the RYA. Competitors will be required to declare on entry in the series, whether they are racing throughout the series with their YTC white sail handicap, or their YTC using a spinnaker handicap and provide the appropriate YTC handicap.
- 4.3. The entries will be divided by the organising authority between classes denoted as Class 1, Class 2 etc. based on YTC handicaps and depending on the number of entries. The classes and boats in each

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class will be published on the MYC website at least twenty-four hours before the first race in the series.

- 4.4. Those boats who wish to have their results calculated also under the IRC, must provide a valid 2024 IRC certificate prior to the boat's first race.
- 4.5. Boats shall enter by completing a race entry form and delivering it to the MYC office, either a hard copy or by email to office@medwayyachtclub.com, and by paying the required entry fee, by BACS or in person. Race entry forms are available from the MYC office and the online official noticeboard. See NOR 2.1.
- 4.6. 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, channel 37, stating sail number, phone numbers for the WhatsApp group and handicap. Late entrants shall complete a race entry form at the earliest possibility and pay the appropriate fee.

5. FEES

The race entry fee for the series will be £40.00 or £10.00 per race as specified in Spring Series 2024 entry form, which can be found on the online official noticeboard. See NOR 2.1.

6. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display sponsorship advertising in the form of a pennant attached to the backstay, as detailed within the sailing instructions.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1. Dates of racing:

Sunday 14 April
Sunday 21 April
Sunday 28 April
Sunday 12 May
Sunday 19 May

- 7.2. There will be one race per day for each of the classes. Class 1 warning signal will be at 09:55 and the warning system of subsequent classes will follow at 10 minutes intervals. No warning signal will be made after 13:30 each day.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

[DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection at any time.

9. VENUE

Racing shall take place in the River Medway and the Thames Estuary.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The start will be on the Upnor Line in front of the Medway Yacht Club.

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- 10.2. The courses will be notified to competitors using the Spring Series WhatsApp group prior to the warning signal for each race.
- 10.3. The race committee may also broadcast the course and other race management information by VHF, on channel 37.
- 10.4. No course permits passage through Hoo Creek, nor via Copperhouse Marshes and Bartlett Creek, unless expressly specified.
- 10.5. All courses where passage is made beyond Stangate Creek vessels shall pass Z2 and South Kent Buoys on the southern side of the Buoy.

11. MARKS

Marks that may be used are listed in appendix A to the SI.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

The standard RRS 2021-2024 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.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A RRS 2021 - 2024 will be used, with minimum of three races to form a series. The best three results to count to accommodate boats that are unable to compete in early races.
- 13.2. Results will be calculated using RYA YTC handicap system. For yachts racing with 2024 IRC rating a parallel set of results will be calculated.

14. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS.

There are no haul out restrictions.

15. DATA PROTECTION.

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.

16. 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." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong 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

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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.

17. **INSURANCE.**

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.

18. **PRIZES.**

18.1. Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the MYC during the Spring Series lunch after the final race.

- The Winner and Runner-up of each YTC Class
- The Winner and Runner-up of IRC

18.2. An award or two may be made after each race in the bar for new boats to the fleet, notable achievements by boats during the race or to people who contribute to the Cruiser Class such as good race write-ups or other helpful activities at the discretion of the Class Captain and Race Committee.

19. **FURTHER INFORMATION.**

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