

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB - REGATTA

12th – 14th July 2024

NOTICE OF RACE



1. ORGANISING CLUB

- 1.1. As organising authority, the Medway Yacht Club invites Cruisers, International Dragon, National Sonata, Squib Class Yachts and non-members to an open event Regatta held from 12th to the 14th July 2024.
- 1.2. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by:
 - 2.1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
 - 2.1.2. The rules of the International Dragon Association
 - 2.1.3. The rules of the British Dragon Association
 - 2.1.4. The rules of the National Sonata Class.
 - 2.1.5. The rules of the relevant National Cruiser Class.
 - 2.1.6. The rules of the National Squib Class.
 - 2.1.7. The rules of the MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2024. As defined on MYC website.
- 2.2. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 2.3. The directives of Peel Ports Medway and the London Port Authority.
- 2.4. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 2.5. In the event of conflict, the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 2.6. The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will apply.
- 2.7. Any changes to the Class Rules will be given in full in the SI's and the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 2.8. The RYA Post-Race Penalty, the RYA Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration provided for by the RYA Rules Disputes Process will be available.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Medway Yacht Club website by 1st June 2024.

<https://www.medwayyachtclub.com>

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1. The On-Line Notice Board is located at www.medwayyachtclub.com [DP].
- 4.2. All boats shall carry a working VHF radio.
- 4.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72 [DP].
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. In addition to the official notice board, a WhatsApp group with voluntary sign up, will be used to assist competitors to stay informed of Race Committee instructions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. Sign up details will be available to all competitors from Wednesday 1st May 2024.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. The regatta is open to all MYC Cruiser Racers, Dragon, Sonata and Squib one design classes and non-members as bona fide guests of the Club.

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- 5.2. Free handicaps can be obtained from RYC/YTC website www.swytc.org.uk
 - 5.3. All one design boats will hold a valid measurement certificate.
 - 5.4. Boats shall enter for the regatta series on an official entry form available from MYC or the regatta website www.medwayyachtclub.com
 - 5.5. The completed form shall be delivered to the regatta office at the MYC accompanied by the entry fee and a copy of a valid rating certificate or class measurement certificate at least 48 hours before racing. Cruisers need to quote their appropriate YTC/IRC handicap.
 - 5.6. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to refuse entry.
6. ENTRIES AND FEES
- 6.1. Entries shall be made either online or 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.
 - 6.3. The daily entry fee is £20. This includes the Medway Challenge race.
 - 6.4. The Friday evening racing is free of charge.
 - 6.5. Entries will be accepted up to 0830hrs on Saturday 13th July 2024.
7. ADVERTISING
- 7.1. Advertising shall be in accordance with Class Rules, World Sailing Regulation 20 and RYA prescriptions.
 - 7.2. In all cases advertising in conflict with the sponsors of the event will not be permitted.
8. SCHEDULE
- 8.1. Registration will commence in the Regatta Office from 1500hrs on Friday 12th July.
 - 8.2. There will be an open practice race on Friday 12th July with the warning signal at 1825. This race will not count towards the Regatta points.
 - 8.3. There will be no briefings.
 - 8.4. Racing is scheduled as follows:
 - 8.4.1. YTC/IRC Cruiser Classes will have a maximum of 3 races. Two races on Saturday 13th July and one race on Sunday 14th July.
 - 8.4.2. Dragons and Sonatas will have a maximum of 6 races. Four races on Saturday 13th July and two races on Sunday 14th July using windward/leeward courses.
 - 8.4.3. Squibs will have a maximum of 3 races. The Squib class will start from the MYC Club line.
 - 8.5. The Race Officer will advise the racing fleet of the racing format for the day via VHF radio channel 72 and may be sent by WhatsApp to a registered mobile phone number entered on the entry form.
 - 8.6. The first warning signal on the 13th and 14th July shall not be before 0955hrs.
 - 8.7. For races postponed, abandoned, or not re-sailed, the race fees shall not be refunded.
 - 8.8. No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Saturday 13th July and 1400hrs on Sunday 14th July.
9. EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION
- 9.1. Measurement spot checks, including checks of documentation, may be made at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race. [DP]
 - 9.2. Failure to register (or to produce any certificates required) may result in the boat entry being cancelled under RRS 76.1 with no refund of entry fee.

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10. VENUE

Racing will take place in the reaches and creeks both of the River Medway and the Thames Estuary.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. Courses will be announced by VHF radio channel 72 before the warning signal for each class and may be sent via text or WhatsApp to a registered mobile phone number entered on the entry form.
- 11.2. The marks that may be used are listed in an appendix to the SI and on the Regatta web site.
- 11.3. For courses for the windward/leeward races see appendix to the SI's.
- 11.4. Courses for the Friday evening race and Squib races may be taken from the MYC in-river course card.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty RRS 44.1 applies except a boat shall take a one turn penalty (one tack and one gybe) when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A RRS 2021 - 2024 will be used.
- 13.2. One race must be completed to constitute the series.
- 13.3. There will be no discards for the Cruiser classes or the Squib class.
- 13.4. The Dragon and Sonata class will have one discard if four or more races are sailed.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. All boats shall comply with their class safety regulations or with MYC's minimum equipment list, whichever is the more stringent.
- 14.2. See MYC website for details of MYC Minimum Equipment List.
- 14.3. Boats may be inspected by a representative of the race committee for safety equipment at any time before or after racing in the event.

15. SUPPORT VESSELS

Competitor's support vessels shall keep clear of the race course after the warning signal for a race.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall be berthed afloat during the regatta from 1800hrs on Friday 12th July until the conclusion of the final race of the regatta.
- 16.2. Boats shall not be hauled out except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes and trophies will be listed on the Regatta website.
- 17.2. The River Challenge Trophy race will take place on Sunday for all White Sail boats.
- 17.3. Prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday 14th July.

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18. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 18.1. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats whilst they are in the water.
- 18.2. [DP] Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

19. 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.

20. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the RRS 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:

- 20.1. 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 while taking part in the event;
- 20.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 20.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 20.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 20.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 20.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
- 20.7. It is their responsibility to familiarize 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 safely briefing held at the venue.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall ensure their boat has third party insurance of a minimum of £3 million.

22. RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHTS

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.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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