

**MEDWAY YACHT CLUB**  
**2026 IN-RIVER (SATURDAY) RACING**



**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).
- 1.2. No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. The bye laws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited (General Directions for navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Byelaws 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 2025–2028 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/).
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. Advisory Hearing facility will also be available.
- 1.6. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.7. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the international jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5 (b) and RRS A5.1.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the MYC website [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com) on or before 31st March 2026 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 MYC website.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 37.
- 3.3. [DP] 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, radio or data transmissions and shall not receive voice, radio or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.4. For further information please contact MYC by telephone on 01634 718399, by email at [office@medwayyachtclub.com](mailto:office@medwayyachtclub.com) or see the MYC website at [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com).

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. Racing in all events is open to all MYC members, their 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. [NP] 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.
  - 4.4.1 Exemptions to 4.1 and 4.4 above occur where Wilsonian Sailing Club members have completed the MYC - WSC visitor's race declaration form

**5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1. The racing season will start on the 25th April 2026 and run through to 24th October 2026. Races will be held on the dates and times in the MYC Calendar published on the MYC website.
- 5.2. The racing season (Saturdays) warning times for races starting from the club line will be:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Warning Signal</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
Dragon	13:35	ICF "D"
Sonata	13:45	ICF "F"
Wayfarer and Fast Handicap (PY No. 1109 or below)	13:55	Wayfarer Flag
Squib, Laser/ILCA7 and Slow Handicap (PY No. 1110-1210)	14:05	Naval Numeral 9

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The Dragon class may choose to self-start earlier but no warning signal will be given before 12:25.

5.3. The dates and first warning times for Downriver starts will be:

<b>Race Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>First Class, First Warning Signal</b>
Windward/Leeward	16 <sup>th</sup> May	12:25
Round the cans	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	13:35
Round the cans	8 <sup>th</sup> August	13:35
Windward/Leeward	29 <sup>th</sup> August	12:25
Windward/Leeward	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	12:25

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
Dragon	ICF "D"
Sonata	ICF "F"
Wayfarer and Fast Handicap (PY No. 1109 or below)	Wayfarer Flag
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**6. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

6.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

**7. RACING AREA**

7.1. The River Medway - See Imray Chart Y18 the River Medway and Approaches.

7.2. When Windward/Leeward races are scheduled the Racing Area will be in Pinup Reach or Long Reach.

7.3. When Downriver Round the Cans races are scheduled the racing area will be in Gillingham Reach, Pinup Reach and Long Reach.

**8. DATA PROTECTION**

8.1. By entering 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 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 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.

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**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.

**MYC SAILING COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 2026**