

# MEDWAY YACHT CLUB – REGATTA

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## NOTICE OF RACE



### 1. Organising Club

- 1.1. As organising authority, the Medway Yacht Club invites Cruisers, International Dragon, National Sonata and non-members to an open event Regatta held from 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026. There will be a Dragon race on Friday afternoon 5<sup>th</sup> June and an open to all practice race that evening.

### 2. Rules

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by:
- 2.1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including the RYA prescriptions.
  - 2.1.2. The rules of the International Dragon Class
  - 2.1.3. The rules of the National Sonata Class
  - 2.1.4. The MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2026.
- 2.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. Advisory Hearing facility will be available.
- 2.3. In all rules governing this regatta:
- [DP] indicates that a rule breach may result in a penalty less than disqualification, determined at the discretion of the protest committee.
  - [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 jury with a hearing (this changes RRS A5); and;
  - [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2(a).

### 3. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Medway Yacht Club website by 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

<https://www.medwayyachtclub.com>

### 4. Communications

- 4.1. The On-Line Notice Board is located at [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com).
- 4.2. [DP] 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.
- 4.4. [DP] 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 via the following QR-Code:



### 5. Eligibility and Entry

- 5.1. The regatta is open to all MYC Cruiser Racers, Dragon and Sonata one design classes and non-members as bona fide guests of the Club.
- 5.2. Free handicaps can be obtained from RYA/YTC website [www.swytc.org.uk](http://www.swytc.org.uk)
- 5.3. Boats shall enter for the regatta on an official entry form available from MYC or the regatta website [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com)

- 5.4. 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 7 days before racing. Cruisers need to quote their appropriate YTC/IRC handicap.
- 5.5. 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 £50 per boat for the complete event.
- 6.3. The daily entry fee is £25 (including the Dragon Medway Challenge Friday afternoon race).
- 6.4. The Friday evening practice race is free of charge.
- 6.5. Entries will be accepted up to 0900hrs on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

## 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 1000hrs on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- 8.2. Race Format:
  - 8.2.1. Cruiser classes – two committee boat races on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June and one on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June (In addition to a club line practice race on Fri evening 5<sup>th</sup> June).
  - 8.2.2. Dragon class – one club line race on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June, four windward/leeward races on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June and two on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June.
  - 8.2.3. Sonata class – four windward/leeward on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June and two on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June (In addition to a club line practice race on Fri evening 5<sup>th</sup> June).
- 8.3. There will be no briefings.
- 8.4. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Class	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Cruiser classes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18:25 Practice Race warning Signal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 09:55 1<sup>st</sup> race - warning signal</li> <li>• To follow back-to-back - 2<sup>nd</sup> race</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 09:55 1<sup>st</sup> race - warning signal</li> </ul>
<b>Dragons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14:25 1<sup>st</sup> race - warning signal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00 (from) 1<sup>st</sup> race - warning signal</li> <li>• To follow back-to-back – 3 races</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00 (from) 1<sup>st</sup> race - warning signal</li> <li>• To follow back-to-back - 2<sup>nd</sup> race</li> </ul>
<b>Sonatas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18:25 Practice Race warning signal (t/w Cruiser Classes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:05 (from) 1<sup>st</sup> race - warning signal</li> <li>• To follow back-to-back – 3 races</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00 (from) 1<sup>st</sup> race warning signal</li> <li>• To follow back-to-back – 2<sup>nd</sup> race</li> </ul>

- 8.5. For races postponed, abandoned, or not re-sailed, the race fees shall not be refunded.
- 8.6. No warning signal will be made after 14:00hrs on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## 9. Courses

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. For courses for the windward/leeward races see appendix to the Sl's.

## 10. Penalty System

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).

## 11. Scoring

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A RRS 2025 - 2028 will be used.
- 11.2. One race must be completed to constitute the series.
- 11.3. There will be no discards for the Cruiser classes.
- 11.4. The Dragon class will have one discard if four or more races are sailed for both the Medway Regatta Trophy (all 3 days) and the Kittiwake Cup (Sat and Sun).
- 11.5. The Sonata class will have one discard if four or more races are sailed.

## **12. Safety**

- 12.1. Boats may be inspected by a representative of the race committee for safety equipment at any time before or after racing in the event.

## **13. Support Vessels**

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

## **14. Haul-out Restrictions**

- 14.1. Boats shall be berthed afloat between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 14.2. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats whilst they are in the water.
- 14.3. [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.

## **15. Prizes**

- 15.1. Prizes and trophies will be listed on the Regatta website.

## **16. 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.

## **17. Risk Statement**

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.

## **18. Insurance**

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

## **19. 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.

## **20. Further Information**

For further information please contact:

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