



MEDWAY YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

Friday Night Sonata Match Racing Series 2026

29 May – 31 July 2026 • Medway Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS), including Appendix C (Match Racing Rules), except as changed below.
- 1.2 Matches will NOT be umpired. This changes the Appendix C preamble which states that matches shall be umpired.
- 1.3 Where Appendix C is silent, the relevant rules of the RRS shall apply.
- 1.4 The Medway Yacht Club Safety Regulations shall apply.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Medway Yacht Club (MYC).

3. KEY INFORMATION

- This is an open series for members and visitors.
- Registration and payment on the night, with late joiners always welcome – Members £5, Visitors £10.
- Competitors can elect to participate as a helm, crew or both.
- As directed by the Race Committee all competitors will be rotated/rested as evenly as possible.
- There will be sufficient time between races to allow for this to take place with a RIB on hand to assist.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The series is open to full members of Medway Yacht Club and to visitors.
- 4.2 Competitors wishing to take part should enter by adding their name to the entry list posted on the club noticeboard, or by contacting the Race Officer before 1800 on the first evening of the series.
- 4.3 Entry fees are payable to the Race Officer before racing each evening:
 - MYC members: £5.00 per session
 - Visitors: £10.00 per session
- 4.4 Fees must be paid in full before a competitor's first race of each evening. Competitors who have not paid will not be permitted to race.
- 4.5 By entering, competitors agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event.



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5. PROGRAMME

5.1 The series will be sailed on the following Friday evenings:

<i>May</i> 29 May	<i>June</i> 5 Jun	<i>June</i> 12 Jun	<i>June</i> 19 Jun	<i>June</i> 26 Jun	<i>July</i> 3 Jul
<i>July</i> 10 Jul	<i>July</i> 17 Jul	<i>July</i> 24 Jul	<i>July</i> 31 Jul		

5.2 The warning signal for the first race each evening will be made at 1830 hrs.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 2000 hrs on any evening.

5.4 If a race is abandoned or postponed on any evening, it may be rescheduled at the Race Officer's discretion within the same evening.

6. THE BOATS

- 6.1 All racing will be sailed in Sonata keelboats provided by Medway Yacht Club. No other boats may be used.
- 6.2 Boat allocation will be determined by the Race Officer before each race. Boats will be rotated between races to ensure competitors have equal opportunity in each vessel.
- 6.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats, sails, rigging or any equipment supplied, and shall return the boats in the same condition as received. Any damage must be reported to the Race Officer immediately.
- 6.4 Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boat they are allocated is properly prepared and rigged before the start of their race.

7. RACING FORMAT

- 7.1 The format of racing will be stated in the Sailing Instructions, which will be posted on the club noticeboard before the first race of the series.
- 7.2 Each race is a match between two boats. A flight (two or more matches started in the same starting sequence) may be used when conditions allow.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 Results will be recorded by individual helm and crew, not by boat. Each competitor's series score is the total of their race results across all evenings.
- 8.2 The winner of each match scores 1 point; the loser scores 0 points.
- 8.3 The scoring system for the series, including any tie-breaking procedures and the minimum number of races that must be completed for the series to be valid, will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.4 The Race Officer may take into account boat allocation and adjust for any inequalities at their discretion, as provided in the Sailing Instructions.



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9. PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded at the end of each Friday evening's racing in the bar at Medway Yacht Club.
- 9.2 Overall series prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the final evening on 31 July 2026.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the club noticeboard and from the Race Officer no later than 1800 hrs on 29 May 2026. Any amendments will be posted on the noticeboard before the evening to which they apply.

11. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes Rule 40.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1 A boat that retires from a race must notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.
- 12.2 Competitors must comply with all safety requirements set out in the MYC Safety Regulations and the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.3 The Race Officer may cancel racing at any time if, in their opinion, conditions have become unsafe.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 As matches will not be umpired, the standard protest procedure under Part 5 of the RRS applies, as modified by Appendix C.
- 13.2 Competitors intending to protest shall notify the Race Officer immediately after finishing.
- 13.3 Further details, including the time limit for lodging protests, will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and Medway Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during or after this event.

15. DATA PROTECTION

Personal data collected in connection with this event will be used for the purposes of administering the series and publishing results, in accordance with MYC's data protection policy. By entering, competitors consent to their name and results being included in published results.



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16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Race Officer via the club office or the MYC website.

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