



Wednesday Evening Racing 2026

Notice of Race and Sailing instructions

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1. Medway Yacht Club

2. RACING AREA

1. Racing will take place on the River Medway from Chatham Reach to Buoy 12.

3. RULES

1. The event will be governed by:
 - a. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - b. The bye laws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited (General Directions for navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Bylaws 1991) and the requirements of the IRPCS.
 - c. The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter.
 - d. The 2026 In-River Sailing Instructions.
2. Changes to this Notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Medway Yacht Club foyer with supplementary publication on the website.

4. ADVERTISING

1. Advertising will be restricted to Category 'A'.

5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

1. Wednesday racing is open to members and non-members subject to completing the entry form to be lodged with the MYC office prior to racing. By entering, the boat owner and crew are agreeing to be rostered as the race box team to set the course, start and finish the race, or carry out safety boat duty.
2. Entries should be made online via the Jotform entry form:
<https://form.jotform.com/250723972217357>.
3. Racing is open to: Cruisers, Dragon, Sonata, Dinghies with a PY no.
4. Boats must sign on prior to each race by signing the form by the front entrance of the clubhouse prior to each race or informing the Race Officer via VHF on Channel 37/M1.
5. Boats must sign off each race by signing the form by the front entrance of the clubhouse or informing the Race Officer via VHF on Channel 37/M1.

6. SCHEDULE

1. The first race will be Wednesday 27th May 2026 and run weekly until Wednesday 29th July 2026 (10 races over 10 weeks).

2. There will be two series covering the ten races. Each series will have five consecutive races with the best four races to count. If there are less than five races sailed in a series then all races sailed are to count.
3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the races will be:
Dinghies 18:45 Numeral pennant 3
Cruisers 18:55 Numeral pennant 1
4. The time limit will be 21:00.

7. MEASUREMENTS

1. Each boat shall have a valid rating or PY no.
2. A boat wishing to use a sail showing numbers other than those registered for the boat shall inform the Race Officer.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Sailing Instructions will be the 2026 MYC In-River Sailing Instructions as published on the MYC website, with the exception of the starting times and the time limit.

9. COURSES

1. Courses will be taken from the 2026 MYC In-River course card unless a special course is decided upon, when numeral '0' will be displayed on the Race Box.

10. SCORING

1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
2. There will be five races in each series with the best four races to count for overall results.
3. Cruiser YTC Handicap system and PY no. will be operated.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

1. All keel boats shall carry an operational VHF radio capable of receiving course announcements and other information on Channel 37/M1 and for use in an emergency. Dinghy sailors are advised to carry VHF so they are able to communicate on Channel 37/M1.
2. The call-sign for the race box will be 'Upnor Line'.

12. SAFETY

1. Boats shall comply with the Medway Yacht Club Minimum Equipment list available on the Club website.
2. Boats requiring towing or assistance will need to call the safety cover boat or Trot boat call sign 'Invicta'.

13. SCORING & PRIZES

1. For cruisers the YTC number will be used. For dinghies the PY number will be used.
2. The following prizes will be awarded for each series:
 - First and second cruiser
 - First and second dinghy
3. Prizes will also be awarded after each race for the first placed boat in each class.

14. RISK STATEMENT

1. 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:
 - 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;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
 - For cruiser & smack classes they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
 - It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risk specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.

15. INSURANCE

1. 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.

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