

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB



62nd MEDWAY MARATHON SUNDAY 6th September 2026 NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Medway Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by:
 - 1.1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1.1.2 The bye laws and directives of Peel Ports Group Limited (General Directions for navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Bylaws 1991) and the requirements of the IRPCS.
 - 1.1.3 The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter.
 - 1.1.4 International and National Class Association rules.
 - 1.1.5 Changes to RRS include RRS 33; RRS 35; RRS40.1, RRS 44.1; RRS 44.3; RRS 60.1(a); RRS63.1; RRS63.7, A1& A5; and Race Signals.
 - 1.1.6 The Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Please note:
 - 1.2.1 [DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification
 - 1.2.2 [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1
 - 1.2.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the MYC website www.medwayyachtclub.com on or before 1st August 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Changes to this Notice will be posted on the MYC website at www.medwayyachtclub.com.
- 3.2 The Race Office will be the MYC library.
- 3.3 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats [DP].
- 3.4 For further information please contact MYC by telephone on 01634 718399, by email at office@medwayyachtclub.com or see the MYC website at www.medwayyachtclub.com.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This is a long distance handicap race for monohull dinghies and monohull keelboats, on the tidal River Medway, with a 2026 RYA PY number.
- 4.2 All dinghies shall hold a valid measurement certificate, which must be available for inspection by the race committee, and comply with the National and International rules relevant to their class.
- 4.3 No entries will be accepted from kiteboards, sailboards, multihulls or foiling boats.
- 4.4 The Half Marathon is open only to boats whose helm is under 23 years of age on 1st January 2026.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing a Race Declaration Form available on the MYC website at www.medwayyachtclub.com. [NP]

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4.6 Subject to clause 4.7 of this Notice of Race the entry fee will be £20 per boat for the Marathon and £10 per boat for the Half Marathon.

4.7 The fee payable for entries received and fully paid before midnight on Saturday 29th August 2026 will be £10 per boat for the Marathon and £5 per boat for the Half Marathon.

5 STARTING TIMES

5.1 The starting times will be

Class	RYA PY No:	Warning Signal	Start Time	Class Signal
Class 1 and Half Marathon	1196 – 1315	09:55	10:00	ICF 1
Class 2	1111 – 1195	10:05	10:10	ICF 2
Class 3	971-1110	10:25	10:30	ICF 3
Class 4	970 and below	10:35	10:40	ICF 4

6 RACING AREA AND TIDE TIMES

6.1 Racing shall take place on the river Medway.

6.2 Tide times

	Time (BST)	Height above datum
LW Chatham	14:04	1.40 metres
HW Chatham	20:48	5.00 metres

7 COURSES AND MARKS OF THE COURSE

7.1 See the Sailing Instructions.

8 DATA PROTECTION

8.1 By entering the race 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 SAFETY AND RISK STATEMENT

9.1 Please note RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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

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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.

- 9.2 All competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting personal clothing or buoyancy. Wetsuits and dry suits are not personal buoyancy for these purposes. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4.
- 9.3 Boats are required to carry the equipment listed for their Class in the MYC Minimum Equipment List 2026 which can be found on www.medwayyachtclub.com. For the purposes of dinghies determining the length of tow rope to be carried during the race, those with a RYA PY number 1105 or greater shall carry a 6mm tow rope of at least 4 metres in length and those with a RYA PY number smaller than 1105 shall carry a 6mm tow rope at least 6 metres in length. In all cases a tow rope must not be part of the dinghy's running rigging and must be available for immediate use.
- 9.4 Please see Appendix 1 for Safety Briefing Notes.

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 SCORING AND PRIZES

- 11.1 The RYA PY numbers 2026 will be used to correct the elapsed finishing time of the competitor. Finishing positions will be calculated using the corrected time.
- 11.2 The handicap number used for the International Dragon will be 986 and the National Sonata will be 1039.
- 11.3 Prizes

Medway Command Trophy	First RYA PY rated boat overall in the Marathon on corrected time
Medway Bell Trophy	First U23 Helm in the Marathon on corrected time
Pop Parsons Trophy	First U23 Helm in the Marathon on corrected time who is a member of Medway YC
Sailability Trophy	First boat on corrected time sailed by a crew with a disability
Molly Leonard Trophy	First Helmswoman in the Marathon on corrected time
Dragon Trophy	First Dragon
Sonata Trophy	First Sonata
Phoenix Trophy	First Wayfarer
Half Marathon Cup	First boat in the Half Marathon on corrected time

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APPENDIX 1 – SAFETY BRIEFING NOTES

- 1 This is a long-distance race where weather conditions can change and boats can become isolated.
- 2 All competitors other than those sailing the Half Marathon are advised to carry a handheld VHF radio set to and able to communicate on channel M1.
- 3 The race officer will exercise a strict safety policy based on the weather forecast over the course of the race rather than on prevailing conditions. This will be based on three established forecasters, including the Met Office.
- 4 An early decision not to sail will be posted on the MYC website on Friday 4th September 2026 if the forecast for poor conditions is settled.
- 5 Boats should be self-sufficient throughout the day with appropriate safety equipment and provisions aboard.

APPENDIX 2 – COURSE CHART

