

WEDNESDAY EVENING RACING 2025 NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- ### 1.1. Medway Yacht Club (MYC)

2. RACING AREA

- 2.1. Racing will take place on the River Medway from Buoy 34 to Buoy 12.

3. RULES

The event will be governed by:

- 3.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. The Prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. Wednesday racing is open to members and non-members subject to completing the entry form and lodging it 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 for the dinghies only, start and finish the race or carry out safety boat duty. The MYC restaurant will open after racing for an evening meal. Racers are advised to notify their orders prior to racing to be sure of availability.
- 4.2. Racing is open to:
 - 4.2.1. Dinghies with a valid rating or PY No. Dinghies wishing to use a sail showing numbers other than those registered for the boat shall inform the Race Officer.
 - 4.2.2. Keel boats including Cruisers, Dragons, Sonatas, Squibs. For Keel Boats one or more telephone numbers will be added to the MYC Wednesday Series 2025 Keel Boats WhatsApp Group “WhatsApp Group” on entry. Keel boats should preferably have a RYA YTC certificate but in the absence of one the organisers will allocate an estimated YTC rating. A Club Handicap will also be allocated to all entries.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, NOTICE TO COMPETITORS & SIGNING ON & OFF

5.1. DINGHIES

- 5.1.1. The Sailing Instructions will be the 2025 MYC Saturday Sailing Instructions as published on the MYC website except for the starting times and the time limit.
- 5.1.2. Changes to this Notice in respect of Dinghies will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Medway Yacht Club foyer with supplementary publication on the website.
- 5.1.3. Dinghies must sign on prior to each race by signing the form by the front entrance of the clubhouse prior to each race. Dinghies 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.

5.2. KEEL BOATS

- 5.2.1.The 2025 Wednesday Evening Keel Boat Sailing Instructions as published on the Wednesday Evening website will apply
- 5.2.2.Notices to competitors and changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the “WhatsApp Group” and the Wednesday Evening website.
- 5.2.3.Keel boats shall signal their intention to race by notifying the number of crew on the “WhatsApp Group” prior to the warning signal or informing the Race Officer via VHF on Channel 37/M1.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The first race will be 28th May 2025 and run weekly until 30th July 2025 (10 races)
- 6.2. There will be two series covering the ten races. Each series will have five consecutive races.
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the races will be:
 - a. Dinghies 18:45 Numeral pennant 3
 - b. Cruisers 18:55 Numeral pennant 1

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6.4. The time limit will be 21:00.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. Dinghy courses will be taken from the 2025 MYC In-River course card will be displayed on the Race Box. Numeral '0' will be displayed if a special course is decided upon.
- 7.2. Keel Boat courses will be advised on the "WhatsApp Group" but may be repeated over the VHF radio if requested by entrants. The Race Box will not display a course for the Keel Boat races.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2. There will be five races in each series with the with the best four races to count. All races sailed count if there are less than five races sailed in the series.
- 8.3. Cruiser YTC and CH handicaps will apply to keel boat results and PY no. for dinghies.

9. SAFETY

- 9.1. Boats shall comply with the Medway Yacht Club Minimum Equipment lists available on the Club website.
- 9.2. Boats requiring towing or assistance will need to call the safety cover boat or Trot boat call sign 'Invicta'.
- 9.3. RRS 40.1 applies to all competitors whilst racing.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All racing 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. The call-sign for the race box will be 'Upnor Line'.

11. SCORING & PRIZES

Dinghies results will be evaluated using the PY number. Prizes will be awarded to first and second dinghy for each series.

Keel boats results will be evaluated using YTC and CH. Prizes for keel boats will depend on the number of entries. One design boats may be treated separately and receive separate prizes if sufficient one design boats enter. Prizes may also be awarded after each race

12. 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.

13. INSURANCE

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.