



**UK Wayfarer Class Eastern Area Championships
and Craftinsure National Series Circuit Event
12th & 13th July 2025**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Organising Authority

This event will be organised by Medway Yacht Club (MYC) in association with the UK Wayfarer Association.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and rules established in the Notice of Race item 1 Rules for the 2025 UK Wayfarer Class Eastern Area Championships.
- 1.2 Changes to RRS include RRS 33; 35; 40.1; 44.1; 60; 61; 63.5; 90.2.c; A1, A4 and A5 and A10.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted at least 60 minutes before the warning signal of the race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the timing of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it shall take effect.

3. Communication with Competitors:

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard, the location of which is described in the NoR.
- 3.2 The Regatta Office will be situated in the Training Centre at the Medway Yacht Club.
- 3.3 The Race Committee may give verbal instructions and verbal changes to these SIs at a sailor briefing or on the water. This changes RRS 90.2.c.

4. Code of Conduct: [DP]

[NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag poles on the mound by the MYC race box.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, boats shall not launch.

6. Schedule of Races and Briefing

- 6.1 Dates of Racing: Saturday 12th July to Sunday 13th July 2025 inclusive.
- 6.2 Schedule as per NOR
- 6.3 Event schedule

Date	Time	Activity	Venue
Saturday 12 th July	not before 10:00	Race Officer's Briefing	In front of the Clubhouse
	not before 11:55	First Warning Signal Championship Fleet	Down river
		Warning signal for Weekender as per SI 12.3	Down river
Sunday 13 th July	not before 09:00	Race Officer's Briefing	In front of the Clubhouse
	not before 10:55	First Warning Signal Championship Fleet	Down river
		Warning signal for Weekender as per SI 12.3	Down river

Subsequent races on each day will be started as soon as possible after each fleet has sailed the course.

7. Class Flag

The class flag for the Championship Fleet will be a white flag with a red W logo.

The class flag for the Weekender Fleet will be International Code Flag "D".

8. Racing Area

All races will be started from a committee vessel in The River Medway, Navigation Buoy 30 to Navigation Buoy 12. See Imray Chart Y18 The River Medway and Approaches.

9. The Courses

9.1 Appendix 1 displays the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The letter of the course and the number of laps to be sailed (the "Course Designation") will be displayed on the Committee Vessel no later than the warning signal of the race to which it applies. This will apply to the start of the Wayfarer Weekender and may be different to that of the Championship Fleet.

10. Marks

10.1 For courses A and C, Marks 1 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys and Mark 2 will be a white inflatable spreader buoy.

10.2 For courses B and D, Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys.

10.3 The starting marks will be a Committee Vessel, a white inflatable buoy or an orange inflatable buoy.

10.4 The finish marks will be a Committee Vessel, a white inflatable buoy or an orange inflatable buoy.

11. Obstructions

11.1 This event is held on a navigable river and ships or other large vessels have right of way. International regulations and local bylaws shall apply to ships or vessels using the river, jetties, piers, berths and moorings.

11.2 [DP, NP]. A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. All boats racing shall not sail between a ship/vessel and an accompanying guard vessel deployed by Race Management and displaying Naval Numeral Zero.

11.3 Peel Ports, ship captains and pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

11.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 11.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2 and 60.3.

11.5 [DP, NP]. Boats shall not sail between Folly Beacon and Hoo Island, nor between Darnett Beacon and Darnett Ness, nor cross Bishop Marsh which lies between Darnett Ness and Bishop Ness. A chart or chartlet showing these areas will be displayed on the official noticeboard.

12. The Start

12.1 The starting line will be between a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the starting mark.

12.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Committee Vessel with one sound signal at least **two** minutes before a warning signal is made. This is the Attention Signal.

12.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal displayed 5 minutes before the start.

12.4 The warning signal for the Wayfarer Weekender fleet will be at least two minutes after the Championship Fleet start.

12.5 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 13.2 The position of a laid inflated mark(s) may be adjusted without a signal with the following criteria: -
- by up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous laid mark(s) position and/or
 - up to approximately 100 metres to windward or leeward. This changes RRS 33.

14. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a mast/staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel at one end and the course side of the finishing mark.

15. Penalty System

- 15.1 One-Turn & Two-Turn Penalties will apply. (Rules 44.1 & 44.2).
- 15.2 [DP, NP]. Penalties for a breach of Class Rules, Peel Ports Bye laws and Directives are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

16. Time Limits and Target Times

- 16.1 The target time for each race for both fleets shall be 40-50 minutes and the Time Limit shall be 90 minutes after the start. Failure to comply with the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60 and 61.
- 16.2 The Finishing Window (15 minutes) is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. The Race Committee may extend this window at their discretion, considering the fairness for all competitors. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.3 In addition to RRS 32 and after the Time Limit, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 61.1(a) and 61.4(b). Boats will be scored as per SI 18.3. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. Hearing Requests

- 17.1 Hearing request forms will be available from a wallet found on the Official Notice Board. Hearing request forms shall be delivered to the Regatta Office or the Assistant Race Officer within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat reaches the MYC.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Training Centre.

18. Scoring

- 18.1 As per NOR 15
- 18.3 When SI 16.3 finish procedure is used, boats that are finished on the racecourse will have a score equal to the position given on the racecourse.

19. Safety Regulations [NP]

- 19.1 RRS 40.1 will apply to competitors at all times when afloat.
- 19.2 A mandatory Tally system will be employed.
- a) The tally control point to check-out and check-in competitors will either be located at the top of the slipway (weather dependent) or at a location stated at the briefing.

- b) Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration and posted on the official noticeboard. Tallies shall be worn visibly by competitors, one per boat, over clothing, on the wrist, at all times while afloat.
- c) [DP] Competitors shall check-out before racing by collecting their tallies.
- d) [DP] Competitors shall check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, by returning the tallies to tally control.
- e) The race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing for a breach of (c) or (d) of this SI. The penalty may be additional points added to the boat's series score. This changes RRS 63.5 and A5.

20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 20.1 [DP] [NP] A boat wishing to substitute a helm or crew after registration shall make prior written request to the Race Committee to do so. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 See NOR 10.3 with respect to using a sail displaying sail numbers other than those registered for the boat.
- 20.3 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. Equipment and Measurement Checks [DP] [NP]

See NOR 10.

22. Event Advertising [DP] [NP]

See NOR 7.

23. Official Vessels

Official vessels may display Numeral '9', but a failure to display shall not constitute grounds for redress.

24. Trash Disposal

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

25. Radio Communication [DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26. Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearings & Arbitration Hearings.

Exoneration penalties, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure will be available. The Post Race Penalty will be 30%.

27. Prizes

See NOR 24. Awards will be presented at the Prize Giving at MYC as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 13th July 2025.

28. Disclaimer of Liability

- 28.1 Risk Statement
As per NOR 22.

29. Insurance

As per NOR 23.

30. Further information

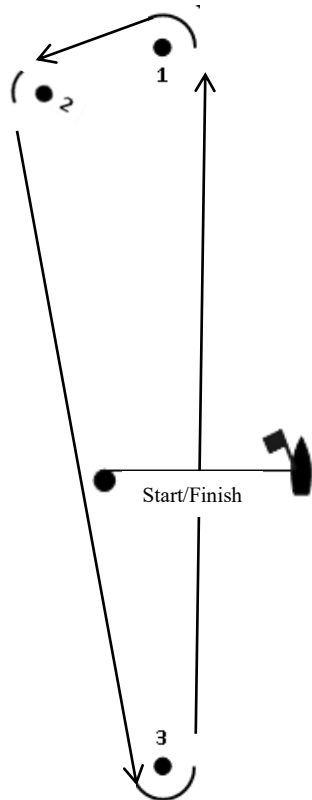
Additional information may be available at <http://www.medwayyachtclub.com> and at Selm3@cantab.net or on 07779 273574.

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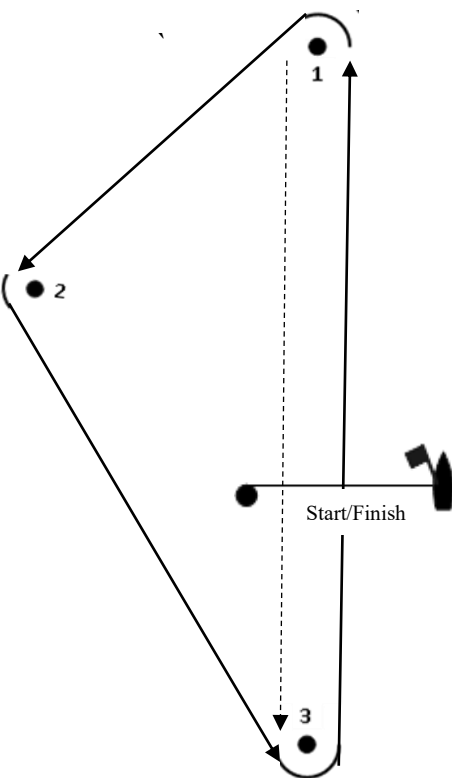
APPENDIX 1 Courses

Note: The Marks will be as described in Section 10 of the SI's and not necessarily as they appear in the course diagrams below where all Marks are for illustrative purposes only.

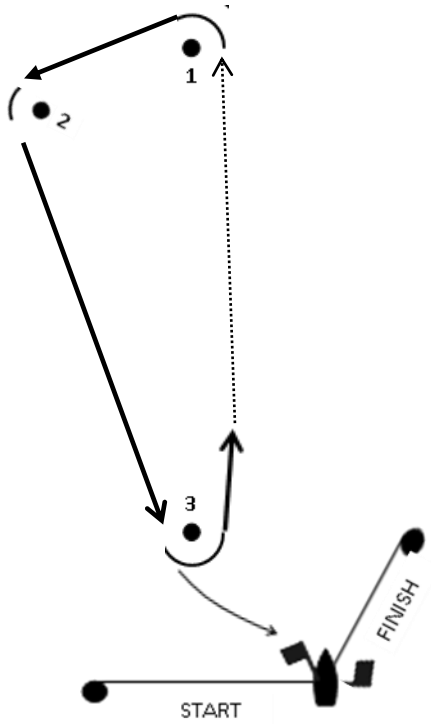
For courses A and B, the courses require boats to sail through the start/finish line on every lap. This is not required for Courses C and D.



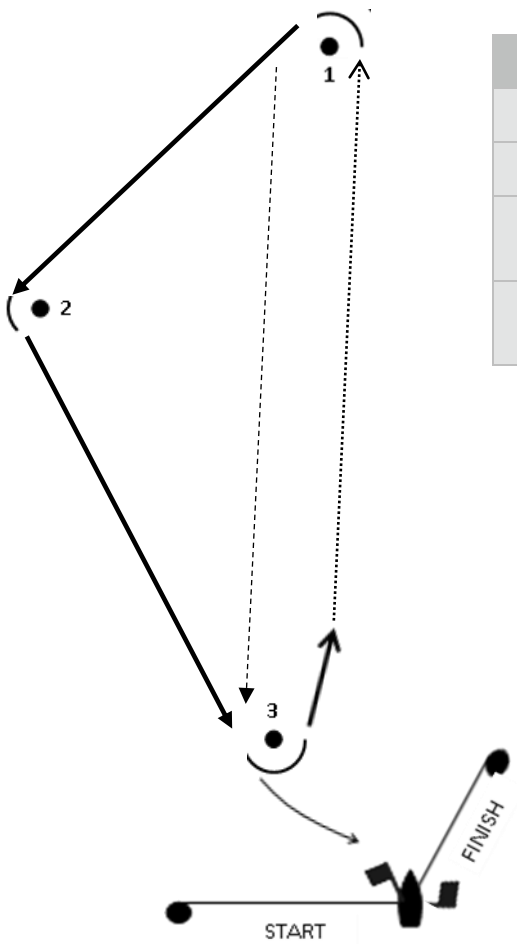
Course A Course Designation	
A1	1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
A2	1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
A3	1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
A4	1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, S/F 1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
A5	1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish



Course B Course Designation	
B1	1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
B2	1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 3p, Finish
B3	1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
B4	1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 3p, Finish
B5	1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 3p, S/F, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish



Course C Course Designation	
C1	1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
C2	1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
C3	1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
C4	1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
C5	1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish



Course D Course Designation	
D1	1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
D2	1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 3p, Finish
D3	1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, Finish
D4	1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 3p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 1p, 3p, Finish