

# MEDWAY YACHT CLUB

## 2023 AUTUMN SERIES

(29<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November)



### NOTICE OF RACE

The organising authority is Medway Yacht Club.

#### 1. RULES.

1.1. The racing will be governed by:

- 1.1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.1.2. The byelaws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited – General Directions do navigation in the Medway Ports 2013 (General Directives for Navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Byelaws 1991 (medway-ports-river-byelaws-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. The Post-Race Penalty and Appendix T will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet.
- 1.1.5. The MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2023 will be required for both IRC and YTC rated yachts. In addition all IRC yachts shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B.
- 1.1.6. [DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.1.7. [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.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the MYC website from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### 3 COMMUNICATION.

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at <https://www.medwayyachtclub.com/2023/07/autumn-series-2023/>
- 3.2 MYC Cruiser Class Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2023 stipulates that all boats carry an operational VHF radio.
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors by VHF, on Channel 72. The Committee Boat will have call sign “Offshore One”.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.

- 4.1 The racing is open to all MYC members and non-members as bona fide guests of the club.
- 4.2 The RYA Yacht Time Correction system (YTC) will be applied to all races and competitors must provide a valid 2023 YTC certificate prior to the boat’s first race. Those boats who also wish to sail under IRC may do so and must provide a valid 2023 IRC certificate prior to the boat’s first race.
- 4.3 White sail entry must be declared on the entry form.

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- 4.4** YTC rating will dictate which class the boat is in. Provisional Class Divisions are as follows:  
Class 1: YTC entry Boats < 940  
Class 2: YTC entry Boats > 939  
Class 3: YTC White Sail

**NB.** Depending upon entries received for the series of races, the organising authority may adjust the class divisions and/or introduce a further class. Any such adjustments will be published to competing boats at least twenty-four hours before the first race in the series. This will be published on the MYC website.

- 4.5** Eligible boats shall enter by completing a race entry form and delivering it to the MYC office, either a hard copy or by email, and by paying the required entry fee, by BACS or in person. Race entry forms are available from the MYC office and MYC website.
- 4.6** To be considered an entry a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7** Entries shall be submitted 48 hours prior to a published race, although a late entrant after the closing deadline may announce their intention to race via VHF, channel 72, stating sail number and YTC handicap. Late entrants shall complete a race entry form at the earliest possibility.

### 5 FEES.

- 5.1** The race entry fee for the series will be £40.00 or £10.00 per race. Refer to Autumn Series 2023 entry form, which can be found on the MYC website.

### 6 ADVERTISING.

- 6.1** Boats may be required to display sponsorship advertising in the form of a pennant attached to the backstay, as detailed within the Sailing Instructions.

### 7 SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 7.1** Dates of racing:  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

- 7.2** Number of races and warning signal:

| Class | No. of Races per day | Warning Signal |
|-------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1     | 1                    | 09:55          |
| 2     | 1                    | 10:05          |
| 3     | 1                    | 10:15          |

- 7.3** No warning signal will be made after 13:30 each day.

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#### 8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION.

8.1 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection at any time.

#### 9 VENUE.

9.1 Racing shall take place in the River Medway and the Thames Estuary.

#### 10 COURSES.

10.1 The start will be a committee boat line down-river from MYC.

10.2 The courses will be notified to competitors using the Autumn Series WhatsApp group prior to the warning signal for each race.

10.3 The race committee may broadcast the course and other race management information by VHF, on channel 72.

10.4 No course permits passage through Hoo Creek, nor via Copperhouse Marshes and Bartlett Creek, unless expressly specified.

10.5 All courses where passage is made beyond Stangate Creek vessels shall pass Z2 and South Kent Buoys on the southern side of the Buoy.

#### 11 MARKS.

11.1 Marks that may be used are listed in an appendix to the SI's and on the MYC website.

#### 12 PENALTY SYSTEM.

12.1 The standard RRS 2021-2024 shall apply to all races, excluding where a boat is being raced Single or Double Handed; in such cases RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

#### 13 SCORING.

13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A RRS 2021 - 2024 will be used, with minimum of three races to form a series. Discards shall come into play after five races, with the best four results to count.

13.2 Results will be calculated using RYA YTC Handicap system. For yachts racing with 2023 IRC rating a parallel set of results will be calculated.

#### 14 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS.

14.1 There are no haul out restrictions.

#### 15 DATA PROTECTION.

15.1 By entering the 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.

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#### 16 RISK STATEMENT.

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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.**

#### 17 INSURANCE.

- 17.1** 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.

#### 18 PRIZES.

- 18.1** Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the MYC during the Autumn Series lunch after the final race.

Class 1 Winner and Runner-up of YTC  
Class 1 Winner and Runner-up of IRC  
Class 2 Winner and Runner-up of YTC  
Class 2 Winner and Runner-up of IRC  
Class 3 Winner and Runner-up of YTC (White Sail)  
The Winner of “The Paul Smith Trophy”

- 18.2** Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

#### 19 FURTHER INFORMATION.

- 19.1** For further information please contact MYC by telephone on 01634 718399, by email at [office@medwayyachtclub.com](mailto:office@medwayyachtclub.com) or see the MYC website at [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com)