

# 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)



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 The following documentation shall apply:
  - i. The RYA Racing Charter
  - ii. The Notice of Race (NOR)
  - iii. The Bye Laws and Directives of the Local Port Authority
  - iv. The MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2023 and rating rules
- 1.4 The notation [DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The notation [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.
- 1.6 The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the "MYC Autumn Series 2023 WhatsApp Group". Entrants will be added to this group upon entry.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the "MYC Autumn Series 2023 WhatsApp Group".
- 3.2 Changes to the racing schedule will be posted on the "MYC Autumn Series 2023 WhatsApp Group" before 14:00 on the day before the race affected.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ON MYC PONTOON

The Committee Vessel (Call Sign "Offshore One") will be moored on the pontoon up to 0830. Signals will be displayed on the Committee Vessel. Failure to do so will not be cause for redress.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Races will be held at the dates and times listed below. The racing schedule may also be available in the MYC Calendar and on the Cruiser Class pages available on the MYC website [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com).

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

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- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

#### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- Class 1 Numeral pennant 1 YTC
- Class 2 Numeral pennant 2 YTC
- Class 3 Numeral pennant 3 YTC (White Sail)

Class flags shall be displayed from the backstay or equivalent rigging of boats while racing.

#### 7. RACING AREA

The River Medway and Thames Estuary.

#### 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The start will be a Committee Vessel line down-river from MYC.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be notified via the "Autumn Series WhatsApp Group" no later than the warning signal.
- 8.3 The race committee may broadcast the course and other race management information by VHF, on Channel 72.
- 8.4 No course permits passage through Hoo Creek, nor via Copperhouse Marshes and Bartlett Creek, unless expressly specified.
- 8.5 All courses where passage is made beyond Stangate Creek vessels shall pass Z2 and South Kent Buoys on the southern side of the Buoy.

#### 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Navigation marks of the Peel Ports and permanent yellow/orange horizontal cylinder marks being MYA 1, Autumn, MYC 4 and B.Ooze.
- 9.2 See Appendix A for a list of marks which may be used.
- 9.3 Vessels must abide by section SI 8.5 and the exclusion zone around the gas terminal.

#### 10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 This series is held on a navigable river and large vessels have right of way. International regulations and local bylaws shall apply to ships or vessels using jetties, piers, berths, moorings etc.
- 10.2 The variable exclusion zones relating to the LNG Terminal and LNG Vessels referred to in clauses 13 and 14 of the General Directions for Navigation in the Medway Ports 2013 are deemed to be obstructions.
- 10.3 Boats shall not sail between Folly Beacon and Hoo Island; nor between Darnett Beacon and Darnett Ness; nor between the yellow sewer outfall buoy off Garrison Point and the Kent shore; nor cross Bishop Marsh which lies between Darnett Ness and Bishop Ness.
- 10.4 Vessels on moorings or at anchor are deemed to be obstructions for the purposes of RRS. If a boat or its crew makes contact with a moored or anchored boat she shall declare the contact when signing off at the end of the race and accept a 20% Scoring Penalty pursuant to RRS 44.3(c). If a boat caused

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injury or serious damage, her penalty shall be to retire. A boat deemed to have contravened this instruction will be subject to protest and liable to be scored DNE. A mooring or anchor line or chain or an object accidentally attached to a moored or anchored vessel is not part of it.

- 10.5 If a boat intends to continue racing after a collision with a moored or anchored vessel, any reasonable means of propulsion including the use of an engine, may be used by a boat to get clear of a moored or anchored vessel, provided the use of the engine or other means of propulsion ceases as soon as the boat is clear and she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- 10.6 Boats shall not sail over span lines on fore and aft moorings.

#### 11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The start will be a Committee Vessel start down-river from MYC.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a mast/staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and an outer distance mark which will be a named mark. The details will be broadcast by the race committee via the "Autumn Series Whatsapp Group" and may be by VHF channel 72 before the warning signal of the first start.
- 11.4 At the race Committee Vessel end of the start line the starting mark will be the race committee vessel together with any dinghy, RIB, buoy or other inflatable object attached to it.
- 11.5 Boats not racing (as defined by RRS) shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other classes.
- 11.6 In the event of an individual recall, the sail number of the boat or boats adjudged OCS may be transmitted by the race committee on VHF channel 72 at least one minute after the start. Failure to receive such a message shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1.

#### 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a mast/staff displaying a blue flag on the race Committee Vessel and the last mark of the course.
- 12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should record her time by Smartphone preferably by screenshot showing the time of finish.

#### 13. SHORTENING COURSE

- 13.1 The race committee may broadcast its intention to shorten course by VHF channel 72. Additionally, it may be broadcast via the "Autumn Series WhatsApp Group". Failure to do the latter shall be no cause for redress.
- 13.2 The race committee may shorten the course by requesting yachts to sail to a mark (ref. SI 9. Marks). This changes RRS 32. Shortening course pursuant to this instruction shall not be grounds for redress.
- 13.3 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes a shortened course, she shall pass within 20m of the relevant mark of the course and record and report her finishing time in the manner required by SI 12.2.

#### 14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 No warning signal will be made after 11:55 each day.

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#### 15. DECLARATIONS (GENERAL)

- 15.1 A Race Declaration Form must be submitted with a Race Entry Form. These forms can be obtained by downloading the form the Club Website [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com).
- 15.2 The boat's owner or the owner's representative shall signal the race committee of an intention to race by sailing around the stern of the committee boat, or by hailing the Committee Vessel (Offshore One) on VHF Channel 72.
- 15.3 Race Finish times taken by boat owners must be provided to the Race Officer within 60 minutes of a finish time, via the "Autumn Series WhatsApp Group". This only applies if there is no Committee Vessel at the finish line or shortened course mark finish. See SI 13.3 Shortening Course.
- 15.4 Boat retirements must be provided to the Race Officer via VHF Channel 72 to the Committee Vessel (Offshore One) at the earliest opportunity.

#### 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the PRO at the Club House. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the PRO in the Club House within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 120 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted on the "MYC Autumn Series WhatsApp Group" no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will be held in the MYC Library.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 The RYA Exoneration Penalty, the RYA Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration provided for by the RYA Rules Disputes Process will be available.

#### 17. SCORING

Low Point System of Appendix A shall apply to all series races, as detailed within the Notice of Race.

#### 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Boats wishing to use a sail that does not bear the boat's registration number, and which must not duplicate the number of another boat racing, must obtain prior approval from the race committee.

#### 19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time, before or after a race, by a race committee member to ensure compliance with any relevant class rules, sailing instructions or MYC Minimum Equipment List 2023.

#### 20. ADVERTISING

Competitors may be asked to fly a sponsorship pennant during the series. If required, an Amendment to these Sailing Instructions will be issued.

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#### **21. MANUAL POWER**

Boats may use electrically or hydraulically powered winches to adjust standing and running rigging. This changes RRS 52.

#### **22. PRIZES**

A list of prizes will be published in the NOR

#### **23. 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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 23.1 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 whilst taking part in the event;
- 23.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 23.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 23.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 23.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any, and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 23.6 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 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.

#### **24. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

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#### Appendix A      Racing Marks

Designation	Name	Description	Approximate Position		Notes
30		R. Can	51:24.08N	0:33.45E	
29		G. Conical	51:24.00N	0:33.75E	
28		R. Can	51:23.88N	0:34.08E	
27		G. Conical	51:23.91N	0:34.71E	
26		R. Can	51:23.84N	0:34.76E	
25	Folly	G. Conical	51:24.09N	0:35.25E	
24		R. Can	51:24.04N	0:35.37E	
23	Darnet	G. Conical	51:24.60N	0:35.66E	Always stbd. (if used)
MYA1		Y. Barrel	51:24.66N	0:35.79E	Always port (if used)
22		R. Can	51:24.51N	0:36.09E	
20		R. Can	51:24.52N	0:36.92E	
19		G. Conical	51:24.63N	0:36.91E	
Autumn		Y. Barrel	51:24.71N	0:36.91E	
18		R. Can	51:24.48N	0:37.90E	
17		G. Conical	51:24.60N	0:37.90E	
MYC 4		Y. Barrel	51:24.76N	0:37.93E	
16	Bishop	R. Can	51:24.71N	0:38.78E	
B.Ooze		Y. Barrel	51:24.14N	0:38.79E	
15		G. Conical	51:24.75N	0:38.44E	
W. Bulwark		R. Can	51:25.38N	0:39.10E	
E. Bulwark		G. Conical	51:25.39N	0:39.25E	
14		R. Can	51:25.43N	0:39.63E	
13	Stoke	G. Conical	51:25.76N	0:39.84E	
12		R. Can	51:25.76N	0:40.20E	
11		G. Conical	51:27.51N	0:45.80E	
Z2		N. Cardinal	51:25.65N	0:41.63E	
Stangate Spit		E. Cardinal	51:25.41N	0:41.55E	
S. Kent		R. Can	51:25.98N	0:43.66E	
Queenborough Spit		BYB Pillar	51:25.82N	0:43.94E	
Grain Hard		G. Conical	51:26.90N	0:44.18E	
Grain Edge		G. Conical	51:27.63N	0:45.49E	
Nore Swatch		R. Can	51:28.30N	0:45.50E	
Mid Swatch		G. Conical	51:28.68N	0:44.18E	
10A		Y. Can	51:27.57N	0:46.92E	
8A		Y. Can	51:27.71N	0:47.70E	
W. Cant		R. Can	51:27.21N	0:45.50E	

Please note that the positions listed are approximate and should be checked against an up to date large scale chart.  
Misprints of positions or descriptions shall not be grounds for redress.