

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB

2024 AUTUMN SERIES

20, 27 October, 3, 10, 17 November

NOTICE OF RACE

The organising authority is Medway Yacht Club



1. RULES.

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the byelaws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited, the General Directions for navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Byelaws 1991 and the requirements of the IRPCS, the prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.2. The MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2023 will be required for all yachts, all IRC yachts shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B.
- 1.3. There will be changes and amendments to the RRS described in the Sailing instructions.

2. COMMUNICATION.

- 2.1 The online official noticeboard is located at the Autumn Series 2024 website at <https://www.medwayyachtclub.com/2024/09/autumn-series-2024/>
- 2.2 The MYC office email address is **office@medwayyachtclub.com**
- 2.3 On entry all boats should provide one or more telephone numbers on the entry form that can be added to the MYC Autumn Series 2024 WhatsApp group, (WhatsApp Group). Additional phone numbers can then be added by request through the WhatsApp Group.
- 2.4 Yachts will be required to carry an operational VHF radio as required in accordance with the MYC Cruiser Class Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2023.
- 2.5 On the water, the Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors on the WhatsApp Group and by VHF, on **Channel 72**. The Committee Boat will have call sign **"Offshore One"**.
- 2.6 A trot boat service is expected to be provided before and after racing from MYC pontoon.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

The sailing instructions will be available on the Autumn Series website by 13 October 2024.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.

- 4.1 Racing is open to all MYC members and non-members as bona fide guests of the club.
- 4.2 Boats shall enter by completing the 2024 Autumn Series 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 Autumn Series 2024 website.
- 4.3 Boats will be required to provide an initial list of potential crew and next of kin on the entry form.
- 4.4 The RYA Yacht Time Correction system (YTC) will be applied to all races and competitors must provide a valid 2024 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 2024 IRC certificate prior to the boat's first race.
- 4.5 Boats will be required to declare on entry in the series, whether they are racing throughout the series with their YTC and or IRC white sail handicap, or their YTC and or IRC handicap using a spinnaker handicap and provide the appropriate YTC handicap.
- 4.6 The entries will be divided by the organising authority between classes denoted as Class 1, Class 2 etc. depending on the number of entries. The classes and boats in each class will be published on the Autumn Series website at least twenty-four hours before the first race in the series.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

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4.8 Entries shall be submitted no later than 48 hours prior to a published race, a late entrant may announce their intention to race via VHF, channel 72, stating sail number, phone numbers for the WhatsApp group and handicap. Late entrants shall complete a race entry form at the earliest possibility and pay the appropriate fee.

5. FEES.

The race entry fee for the series will be £40.00 for the series or £10.00 per race as specified in the Autumn Series 2024 entry form.

6. ADVERTISING.

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 20 October

Sunday 27 October

Sunday 3 November

Sunday 10 November

Sunday 17 November

7.2 There will be one race per day for each of the classes. Class 1 warning signal will be at 09:55 and the warning system of subsequent classes will follow at 10 minutes intervals.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION.

Yachts shall be available for equipment inspection at any time.

9 VENUE.

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 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 and the WhatsApp Group.

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.

Marks that may be used will be listed as an appendix to the SI's and on the MYC website.

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12 PENALTY SYSTEM.

The standard RRS 2021-2024 penalty system shall apply to all races unless amended by the sailing instructions.

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 and IRC Handicap systems as appropriate. Yachts racing with 2024 IRC rating a parallel set of results will be calculated.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS.

There will be no haul-out restrictions.

15 DATA PROTECTION.

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.

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.

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 and shall be available for inspection if requested by the Organising Authority.

18 PRIZES.

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

The Winner and Runner-up of each YTC class

The Winner and Runner-up of IRC class

The 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.

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