

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB (MYC)

2025 CRUISER SPRING SERIES

Sundays 13, 27 of April & 4, 11, 18 of May

NOTICE OF RACE - NOR

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 (RRS), the byelaws and directives of Port of Sheerness Limited, the General Directions to navigation in the Medway Ports 2013 (General Directives for Navigation in the Medway Ports 2013, Medway Ports River Byelaws 1991, and the requirements of the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, IRPCS, the prescriptions of the RYA and the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.2. The MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2024 will be required for all cruisers. In addition, all IRC yachts shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The 2025 Spring Series website is <https://www.medwayyachtclub.com/2024/11/spring-series-2025> which is the official noticeboard.
- 2.2. The MYC office email address is office@medwayyachtclub.com
- 2.3. On entry all cruisers should provide one or more telephone numbers that can be added to the MYC Spring Series WhatsApp group. Additional phone numbers can be added by request through the WhatsApp group. This WhatsApp group is the major communication channel for the Series
- 2.4. All cruisers are required to carry an operational VHF radio by the MYC Cruiser Class Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2024. This radio is used for communication on channel 37. The Race Box will have call sign "Upnor Line".
- 2.5. On the water, the Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors on the WhatsApp Group and/or Channel 37.
- 2.6. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a competitor shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all competitors.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1. Dates of racing: Sundays 13, 27 of April & 4, 11, 18 of May
- 3.2. 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 unless it is decided to have a single start. No warning signal will be made after 13:30 each day.

4. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Racing is open to cruisers of MYC members and non-members as bona fide guests of the club.
- 4.2. Cruisers enter by completing a race entry form and delivering it to the MYC office, either by email to office@medwayyachtclub.com, or a hard copy. For this Spring Series entry will be free of charge for entries received by 31 March. Race entry forms are available from the MYC office and the 2025 Spring Series website.

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- 4.3. Cruisers may opt on the entry form to have their results calculated using any combination of IRC, YTC and the MYC allocated Club Handicap (CH). CH is described on the 2025 Spring Series website.
- 4.4. Cruisers entering IRC or YTC, must provide the appropriate valid 2025 certificates prior to the boat's first race. Cruisers will be required to declare on entry in the series, whether they are racing throughout the series with their white sail handicap, or their using a spinnaker handicap. Cruisers will have their results calculated using CH if no certificates are provided.
- 4.5. 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 37, stating sail number, phone numbers for the WhatsApp group and handicap. Late entrants shall complete an entry form at the earliest possibility and pay the appropriate fee.

5. CLASSES

- 5.1 Cruisers will be divided by the organising authority into classes denoted as Class 1, Class 2 etc. based on their individual latest CHs and on the number of entries. Cruisers with IRC certificates will always be included in Class 1. The classes, cruisers and handicaps in each class will be published on the Spring Series website at least twenty-four hours before the first race in the series.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the 2025 Spring Series website by 1 March 2025.

7. 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.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats 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 on the Upnor Line in front of the Medway Yacht Club.
- 10.2. The courses will be notified to competitors using the Spring Series WhatsApp group prior to the warning signal for each race.
- 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.

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11. MARKS

Marks that may be used are listed in the SI.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

The standard RRS 2025-2028 shall apply to all races, 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 2025 - 2028 will be used, with minimum of four races to form a series. The best four results to count.

13.2 RRS rule A5.3 shall apply.

13.3. Results will be calculated in parallel using the IRC, YTC & CH.

14. PRIZES.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the MYC during the Spring Series after the final race.

-Trophies will be awarded to the IRC, YTC and CH winners of each class.

-Additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS.

There is no haul-out restriction.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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18. INSURANCE.

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

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

MYC Sailing Committee 2025