

## MEDWAY REGATTA 6th & 7th July 2024

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Name of event: Medway Regatta – 2024  
Inclusive dates: Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th July 2024  
Format: A Series of 4 Races over 2 days  
Organising authority: The Sailing Committee of the Wilsonian Sailing Club (WSC), Hoo, Kent

#### **NOTICE OF RACE**

##### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current “The Racing Rules of Sailing”.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 The following racing rules will be changed as follows:  
**General Recall**, When a Fleet has a General Recall, the First Substitute will be displayed for up to 4 minutes only, and no later than one minute before any later starting signal, and will be removed without any further sound signal. The start of the recalled Fleet(s) will be postponed until five minutes after last valid Fleet start in the sequence (“end of queue”). If more than one Fleet in the sequence is recalled, then all recalled Fleets will start in their original sequence.  
This changes Rule 29.2

**Personal Flotation Devices**, Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat, except while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.  
This changes Rule 40.

The changes will also appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

##### **2. Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1 This event is open to mono-hulled dinghies with a Portsmouth Number equal to or less than 1390 (1445 for Junior fleet).
- 2.2 The entries will be split into Fleets with separate starts as follows:  
Fast Handicap – PY Nos equal to or less than 995.  
Medium Handicap – PY Nos 996 to 1120  
Slow Handicap – PY Nos 1121 to 1390  
Junior - PY Nos equal to or less than 1445  
Junior fleet is open to those under the age of 18 years on 6th July 2024 and would qualify for a Junior Fleet Trophy  
Juniors may opt to sail in the fleet appropriate to their boat rather than in the Junior Fleet in which case they would not be eligible for a Junior Fleet Trophy.  
They would be eligible however for a Trophy in the fleet they wish to sail.  
A boat shall sail in a fleet appropriate to its PY number.  
If 6 or more boats in any one class are entered in the Regatta additional trophies will be awarded for any such class(es) that meet the 6 boat entry criteria

The Sailing Committee will consider separate starts if the numbers meet the criteria

- 2.3 Eligible boats must be entered by completing the entry form and payment on Eventbrite at **[www.medwayregatta.co.uk](http://www.medwayregatta.co.uk)** by Monday 1st July 2024 and entries will be capped at 60 boats
- 2.4 **Entry Fee** will be for WSC Members and Visitors  
**Double hander £50 for series                                  Single Hander £40 for series**  
**Double Hander £40 for series JUNIOR HELM    Single Hander £30 for series for JUNIOR HELM**
- 2.5 Signing on – in addition to completing an application form all participants must Check-Out prior to each race. (see sailing instructions )
- 2.6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Sailing Instructions will be available on the [www.medwayregatta.co.uk](http://www.medwayregatta.co.uk) web site at least 30 days before the event.
- 2.7 All boats will be issued with bow numbers, and will be required to affix these to their boat. ( See Sailing Instructions)

### 3. Schedule

- 3.1 Date: Saturday 6th July. 1st Warning Signal for Race 1 10.55hrs.  
1st Warning Signal for Race 2 13.55hrs  
Sunday 7th July. 1st Warning Signal for Race 3 10.25hrs.  
1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal for Race 4 13.25hrs.
- 3.2 A list of warning signals, flags and times, for all Fleets will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.3 There will be an informal briefing at approximately 10.00hrs at the Wilsonian Sailing Club on Saturday 6th July 2024

#### 4. Prizes

- 4.1 There will be a prize giving at the Wilsonian Sailing Club on Sunday 7th July 2024 as soon as practicable after completion of the race results.
- 4.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
  - A Trophy for Fleet Winners
  - Keepsake Trophy for pre-determined number of Fleet Positions
  - Prize for winner in each class in a handicap fleet fielding 6 or more entries with results shown separately but still competing in appropriate handicap fleet .

## 5. Risk Statement

- 5.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.”
- 5.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - a) 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 while taking part in the event;
  - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- d) Their boat is in good order, compliant with class regulations equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.

#### 5.3 Safety Requirements

For minimum safety each boat shall be required to carry no less than 10metres of tow line

### 6. Insurance

- 6.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third party liability insurance.

### 7. RYA Racing Charter

- 7.1 Competitors should note that the Wilsonian SC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA current rule book (Racing Rules for Sailing 2021-2024) or at [rya.org.uk/racing.charter](http://rya.org.uk/racing.charter).
- 8. For further information or register your interest please contact [www.medwayregatta.co.uk](http://www.medwayregatta.co.uk)

## Event Information

The event takes place on the tidal estuary of the river Medway racing round fixed navigation and inflatable marks (yellow/ orange cylindrical)

Camping is available at the club early Friday evening for the duration of the Regatta. Small camper vans are permitted but regret we are not permitted by our Landlord to accept Motor homes

Catering is available throughout the weekend at competitive prices and a meal will be provided Free of charge to all competitors on Saturday evening compliments of our sponsors MTS Cleansing Services Ltd