

MEDWAY DINGHY REGATTA 8 & 9 July 2017

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Name of event: Medway Dinghy Regatta – 2017
Inclusive dates: Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 July 2017
Organising authority: The Regatta Organising 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 “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020”.
- 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 1432.
- 2.2 The entries will be split into Fleets with separate starts as follows:
Fast Handicap – PY Nos equal to or less than 972
Medium Handicap – PY Nos 973 to 1118
2000 class
Slow Handicap – PY Nos 1119 to 1432
Junior - PY Nos equal to or less than 1432
(Junior fleet is open to those under the age of 18 years on 9 July 2017. Juniors may opt to sail in an appropriate fleet.)
A boat shall sail in a fleet appropriate to its PY number.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may be entered by completing the form on the SAIL RACER web site, which will be accepted in advance accompanied by a credit card payment up to 12 noon on Friday 7 July 2017, or by hand at the Regatta Race Office at the time of the event.
- 2.4 **Entry Fee** will be Double handler £9 per race or £25 for series, Single £7 per race or £20 for series.
- 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 Wilsonian Sailing Club web site (www.WilsonianSC.org.uk) at least 30 days before the event. Competitors entering on the day of the event will be given Sailing Instructions in exchange for a completed entry form and entry fee.

- 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 8 July. 1st Race Warning Signal for Race 1 10.55hrs. 1st Race Warning Signal for Race 2 13.55hrs
Sunday 9 July. 1st Race Warning Signal for Race 3 09.55hrs. 1st Race Warning Signal for race 4 12.55hrs.
- 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 8 July 2017.
- 4. Prizes**
- 4.1 There will be a prize giving at the Wilsonian Sailing Club on Sunday 9 July 2017, as soon as practicable after completion of the race results.
- 4.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
A Perpetual Trophy for Fleet Winners
Keepsake Glassware for pre-determined number of Fleet Positions
Prize for each for Race Winner
- 5. Risk Statement**
- 5.1 Rule 4 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, 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.
- 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 rule book (Racing Rules for Sailing 2017-2020) or at rya.org.uk/racing.charter.
8. For further information please contact info@wilsoniansc.org

Event Information

The event takes place on the tidal river Medway using navigation buoys and club buoys (yellow/ orange cylindrical) as racing marks.

Camping is available at the club on Friday and Saturday night and small camper vans are permitted.

Catering is available throughout the weekend including breakfast on both days, evening meal Friday night, lunch on Saturday and Sunday and a meal on Saturday evening.