

MEDWAY REGATTA 27th & 28th June 2026

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Name of event: Medway Regatta – 2026
Inclusive dates: Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June 2026
Format: A Series of 4 Races over 2 days
Organising authority: The Sailing Committee of the Wilsonian Sailing Club (WSC), Hoo, Kent
Venue: Wilsonian Sailing Club Hoo Rochester Kent ME3 9HF

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 Appendix T will apply
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 (requirements for the wearing of buoyancy) applies
- 1.5 The following racing rule 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

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 No equal to or less than 995
Medium Handicap	PY No 996 to 1120 (inclusive)
Slow Handicap	PY No 1121 to 1390 (inclusive)
Junior	PY No equal to or less than 1445

- a) Junior Fleet is open to those under the age of 18 years on 27th June 2026 and would qualify for a Junior Fleet Trophy
- b) Juniors may instead opt to sail in the fleet appropriate to their boat rather than in the Junior Fleet. In doing so any such competitor will not be eligible for the Junior Fleet Trophy but would be eligible for the trophy of the Fleet in which they race.
- c) A boat shall sail in a Fleet appropriate to its PY number.
- d) Additional trophies will be awarded where there are 6 or more boats in any one class entered in the regatta

e) The Organising Authority will consider separate starts if the numbers meet the criteria as (d) above

2.3 Eligible boats must be entered by completing the entry form on www.medwayregatta.co.uk by **Monday 22nd June 2026** and payment via BACS (details noted on the entry form). Any special cases that may arise for late entry after the 22nd June 2026 would only be accepted on the discretion of the Organising Authority

Entries will be capped at **60 boats** unless the Organising Authority shall decide otherwise (such determination shall be at the sole discretion of the Organisation Authority)

2.4 Entry Fees

FEES Until 31ST MAY 2026	WSC MEMBER COMPETITORS	NON WSC COMPETITORS	ENTRY AFTER 31st MAY 2026	ONE DAY FEE COMPETITORS
Double Hander	£45	£55	£65	£40
Single Hander	£35	£45	£55	£35
Junior Double Hander	£35	£45	£55	£35
Junior Single Hander	£25	E35	£40	£25

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 web site at least 7 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 (a) Four Races are scheduled with the aim of holding two races each day with a break for lunch between those races. This may be adjusted to suit the prevailing wind/tide conditions of the day

(b) The First Warning Signal for any racing on Saturday 27th June 2026 would not be before **10.55**

(c) The First Warning Signal for any racing on Sunday 28th June 2026 would not be before **10.25**

(d) A list of all warning signals timings and flags will be posted on the Official Notice Board

3.2 There will be an informal briefing at approximately 10.00 hrs at the Wilsonian Sailing Club on Saturday 27th June 2026

4. Prizes

4.1 There will be a prize giving at the Wilsonian Sailing Club on Sunday 28th June 2026 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. Safety Requirement and Risk Statement

5.1 Each boat shall carry a tow line no less than 10 metres in length at all times.

5.2 Rule 3 of the RRS states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.”

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.

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 2025-2028) or at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

8 Data Protection

8.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is “contract”. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is “legitimate interest”.

8.2 Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the policy of WSC which is available on the WSC website.

8.3 When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, and World Sailing.

8.4 The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published

9 For any further information or register your interest please contact www.medwayregatta.co.uk

Event Information

The event takes place on the tidal estuary of the river Medway racing around fixed navigation marks 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 and entertainment will be provided Free of charge to all competitors on Saturday evening compliments of our sponsors MTS Cleansing Services Ltd