

# Notice of Race

## Medway Cruising Club Estuary Race

### 2026

Dates	Cruiser Div 1	Cruiser Div 2	Gaffer	Time Limit	HW (BST)	LW (BST)
	Start Time	Start Time	Start Time			
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	0800 Estuary Race	0810	0820	1900	0530	1136

- 1.0 Rules** The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, The MCC Cruiser Class Sailing Instructions, including any supplementary S.I.'s, Medway Ports and the Port of London rules, ISAF Advertising Code Category C and IRC2014 Part 3 (IRC-C) apply.
- 2.0 Classes to Race:**
- 2.1 **Cruiser Class NHC Div 1** shall fly Numeral Pennant No. 1 **Div 2** Numeral Pennant No. 2 and **Gaffer Class** shall fly Numeral Pennant No. 3
- 2.2 **Eligibility to Race** Cruiser Class **Div 1** is open to mono hull **Cruisers** having a **NHC** rating
- 2.3 Cruiser Class **Div 2** is open to novice crews of mono hull **Cruisers** having a **NHC** rating
- 2.4 **Div 2** will start 10 minutes after **Div 1**. The results for the Cruiser Classes will be combined to give overall results, based on corrected elapsed times. Both divisions will sail the same course.
- 2.5 Cruiser Class **Div 3** is open to mono hull **Gaffers** having a **MCC PN** rating
- 2.6 Handicaps.** A boats handicap will be adjusted after every race. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62. Where a boat has an established NHC handicap with MCC this will be used unless a change of ownership has occurred, in accordance with NHC guidelines. The MCC Sailing Committee will use their discretion to set an appropriate handicap when necessary, this may include special consideration for novice competitors. A rating handicap will be given if none is available.
- 2.7 Boats must be sailed in rating trim, and be available for inspection.
- 2.8 A signed **Entry Form** must be received **before the start** of the boat's first race. Electronic signatures are valid.
- 2.9 The race committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- 3.0 Race Programme.**
- Start Times will be as shown above a variation may be made in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. Races will be started using the RRS rule 26 (5, 4, 1, Go) with the Warning signal at 5 minutes before the start.
- 3.1 All races will start and finish at the MCC start line.
- 4.0 Scoring System.** Points will be awarded using the RRS Appendix A Low Point System. (A2 and A9 will apply).
- 5.0 Sailing Instructions.**
- 5.1 **MCC 2026 Sailing Instructions** will apply together with any Supplementary Sailing Instructions. These are available from the MCC Starting Box, the MCC Website or from [mccsailingsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mccsailingsecretary@gmail.com)
- 6.0 Race Area** The race area will be the River Medway & Thames Estuary
- 7.0 Courses,** designated by numbers, will be selected from the **MCC Estuary Race Course Sheet 2026** for cruisers and for gaffers. The selected course will be shown on the front of the Clubhouse.
- 8.0 Time Limit will be 1900 hrs.**
- 9.1 Conditions of Entry** .A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility .It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 9.2** The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million per event.
- 9.3** Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or injury, however it may have occurred as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes the organizing authority, the race committee, committee boats, the race officers and others.
- 9.4** The boat is responsible for ensuring that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather, that there are crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and the crew know how to use it. The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out above.
- 10. Entry Forms** can be obtained from the MCC Website or from: [mccsailingsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mccsailingsecretary@gmail.com)
- 11. Entry Fees** FOC
- 12. Entry Deadline** will be before the race starts; late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Secretary or Race Officer.

13. **Prizes.** Trophies will be presented ASAP after racing on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June or else at another suitable occasion.

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