

Notice of Race

Medway Cruising Club 2024 Burton Series

Dates	Provisional Start Times PLEASE be aware of alternating weekends due to tide times	Time Limit	HW	LW	Approx Time Racing
Sunday 15 th September	1000 Burton 1	1700	1114	1725	4-5 hours
Saturday 28 th September	1000 Burton 2	1700	1015	1711	4-5 hours
Sunday 29 th September	1000 Burton 3	1700	1115	1803	4-5 hours
Saturday 12 th October	1000 Burton 4	1700	0734	1448	4-5 hours
Sunday 13 th October	1000 Burton 5	1700	0858	1556	4-5 hours

- 1.0 Rules** The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, The MCC2024 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 5 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 A boat's handicap will be adjusted after every race. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS62. 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.
- 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 boats first race.
- 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.
- 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 2024 Sailing Instructions** will apply together with any Supplementary Sailing Instructions. These are available from the MCC Starting Box, the MCC Website or from medwaycruisingclub@gmail.com
- 6.0 Race Area** The race area will be the River Medway & Thames Estuary
- 7.0 Courses**, designated by numbers, cruiser will be selected from the **MCC Course List 2024**, Gaffers from their own course list unless otherwise stated in Supplementary Sailing Instructions
- 8.0 Time Limits will be 17.00hrs**
- 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 to ensure 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: medwaycruisingclub@gmail.com

11. **Entry Fees** FOC
12. **Entry Deadline** will be before the first race you start, late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the sailing sect.
13. **Prizes.** The trophies named above will be presented ASAP after racing on Sunday 8th October approx. 16.00, or at another suitable occasion.