

**Wilsonian Sailing Club and KSSA
NOTICE OF RACE**

**KSSA Annual Regatta
26th September 2026**

Organising Authority: Wilsonian Sailing Club (WSC) and Kent Schools Sailing Association

Venue: Wilsonian Sailing Club Main Road Hoo ME3 9HF. Tel. 07736 700661.

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by: -

1.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028,

1.1.2 The Byelaws and Directives of Medway Peel Ports.

1.1.3 Class association rules.

1.1.4 RRS 40.1 applies so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

1.1.5 The exoneration penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules disputes procedures may be available.

2 Sailing Instructions

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the KSSA website (www.kssa.co.uk) prior to the event and on the day and on the official noticeboard

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 This event is open to all who are members of KSSA and Kent sailing clubs aged under 19 on the 1st September 2026.

3.2 Entries must be completed prior to racing, by pre-entry at www.kssa.co.uk. Please note that to assist with planning we will not be accepting entries on the day. The race committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

3.3 The event will be open to all monohull dinghy classes using the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap System with a PY number between 900 and 1629 inclusive (2026 numbers).

3.4 Entry Fee – Single Handed £22.50 pre-entered through the KSSA website, Double Handed £35 pre-entered through the website. Please note pre-entries will close at midnight on the Wednesday 24th June 2026.

3.5 Tally System – in addition to completing an application a tally band system will be in operation and all helms and crews will need to take a tally band before going afloat and return it when they come ashore.

4 Schedule

4.1 Registration will take place from 8.30am on Saturday 26th September 2026 at WYC.

4.2 There will be a maximum of four races.

Race	Warning Signal	Race	Warning Signal
1	not before 10:55	2	back-to-back with race 1
3	as soon after lunch as possible	4	back-to back with race 4

4.4 The Race Officer may change the schedule set out in clause 4.3 and this will be advised at the competitors' briefing.

4.5 There will be a competitors' briefing at 10am

5 The Courses

5.1 Racing will take place on the River Medway from Upnor Castle to Buoy 23.

5.2 Details of the courses to be sailed will be set out in the Competitors' Briefing

6 Scoring

6.1 Race results will be calculated using each boat's average corrected lap time.

6.2 (a) When two or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

6.3 One completed race will constitute a series.

7. Data Protection

7.1 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”.

7.2 Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the privacy policy of KSSA which is available on the KSSA website: (www.kssa.co.uk).

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

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

8. Safety

8.1 A tally system to account for the launching and safe return of all competitors will be in operation. Boats failing to comply correctly with the tally procedure will result in a DSQ without a hearing.

9. Risk Statement

9.1 RRS 3 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 this 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.

g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

10. Insurance

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

11. Prizes

11.1 Prizes will be awarded by KSSA.

11.2 The Prize Giving will take place after racing finishes and any protests heard.