

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 13 – 2015

RIVER MEDWAY, THE MEDWAY APPROACH AREA and THE SWALE RIVER EVENTS 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following **River Events** have been notified as being scheduled to take place during 2015:-

| DATE | EVENT | COURSE |
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| 18/04/15 | IOSSC – Cherub & 505 Open | Medway Approach Area |
| 19/04/15 | IOSSC – Cherub & 505 Open | Medway Approach Area |
| 19/04/15 | Medway YC – Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 25/04/15 | Kent Schools Sailing Association & Medway YC – Opening Splash Regatta | Upnor Reach to Gillingham Reach |
| 26/04/15 | Medway YC – Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 16/05/15 | Essex Combined Clubs Series – Yacht Racing | Thames Estuary and Medway Approach Channel |
| 10/05/15 | Medway YC – Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 17/05/15 | Medway YC – Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 30/05/15 | Essex Combined Clubs Series – Yacht Racing | Thames Estuary to Harty Ferry |
| 31/05/15 | Medway YC – Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 06/06/15 | IOSSC – Dart 18 & Shearwater Catamaran Open | Medway Approach Area |
| 07/06/15 | IOSSC – Dart 18 & Shearwater Catamaran Open | Medway Approach Area |

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| 13/06/15 | Essex Combined Clubs Series – Yacht Racing | Thames Estuary to Gillingham Reach |
| 04/07/15 | Chatham River Festival | Chatham Reach |
| 04/07/15 | Medway YC – Wayfarer Open | TBC |
| 05/07/15 | Medway YC – Wayfarer Open | TBC |
| 11/07/15 | Benfleet YC – Nore Race | Thames Estuary to Swatchway |
| 18/07/15 | Wilsonian SC – Medway Dinghy Regatta | Upnor Reach to Long Reach |
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| 27/07/15 | Medway YC – Cadet Week | Upnor Reach to Long Reach |
| 28/07/15 | Medway YC – Cadet Week | Upnor Reach to Long Reach |
| 29/07/15 | Medway YC – Cadet Week | Upnor Reach to Long Reach |
| 30/07/15 | Medway YC – Cadet Week | Upnor Reach to Long Reach |
| 31/07/15 | Medway YC – Cadet Week | Upnor Reach to Long Reach |
| 21/8/15 | Westerly Owners Association - Medway Rally | Harty Ferry / The Swale |
| 22/8/15 | Westerly Owners Association - Medway Rally | Harty Ferry to Medway Yacht Club |
| 23/8/15 | Westerly Owners Association - Medway Rally | Upnor Reach |
| 29/08/15 | Wilsonian SC – Junior Regatta | Upnor Reach |
| 05/09/15 | Royal Engineers YC – Mary Cup Race | Gillingham Reach to Thames Estuary |
| 05/09/15 | IOSSC – Around The Island Race | Around the Isle of Sheppy |
| 06/09/15 | Medway YC – Medway Marathon Regatta | Upnor Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 26/09/15 | Essex Combined Clubs Series – Yacht Racing | Thames Estuary to Queenborough |
| 25/10/15 | Medway YC - Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 01/11/15 | Medway YC - Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 08/11/15 | Medway YC - Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 15/11/15 | Medway YC - Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |
| 22/11/15 | Medway YC - Keel Boat Racing | Short Reach to Sheerness Harbour |

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The Organisers of Events are reminded of Medway Ports River Byelaw 1991, No. 53, Boat Races and Regattas.

The Organiser of any boat race, regatta public procession or similar event when a number of vessels are expected to assemble on the waters of the Port or Medway approach area are required to:

- give not less than 28 days' notice of an Event to Peel Ports Medway

Port Marine Safety Code:

Peel Ports Medway base policies and procedures relating to marine operations on a formal assessment of hazards and risks to marine operations through the implementation of the Port Marine Safety Code. Peel Ports Medway need to be satisfied that risk to the safety of navigation, or other port users has been effectively mitigated.

Peel Ports Medway Event Conditions:

Subject to the conditions of Peel Ports Medway the Organiser of an Event shall submit;

- formal risk assessment
- provide names of even organisers and officials
- arrangements for controlling event, including contact telephone numbers, VHF channels and call signs.
- number of participation vessels (estimated)
- boat race location
- timetables and program of events

Please submit information to: harbour.master@peelports.com

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The risk assessment and safety management of an Event will always be the responsibility of the Event Organiser.

Your attention is drawn to guidance provided by the national governing body representing the types or classes of craft participating in the Event. For example the RYA has provided guidance on their website (www.rya.org.uk) .

Further details regarding Start Times, Course and progress of the above may be obtained from the Medway Navigation service on VHF Channel 74, callsign "Medway VTS", or by telephone (01795) 663025.

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