

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
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
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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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