

CARDIFF BAY YACHT CLUB



Gaffers in the Bay



Notice of the Gaffers Series 2019

1.0 THE EVENT

The organising authority is Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, in association with the OGA.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

2.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners, skippers and crew is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: 'A yacht is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing'. The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or owner's representative who must do their best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. They must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that the safety equipment is properly maintained and stored and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

2.2 Cardiff Bay Yacht Club and other organising clubs accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

2.3 Yachts must hold a valid and current boat insurance covering them for third party claims of up to £3,000,000 for the entire duration of the series.

3.0 RULES & REGULATIONS

The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the ISAF, the rules of the T(H)CF yardstick based system, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (where applicable), and this Notice of Series, all as modified by the Sailing instructions.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The series is for single hull vessels under the T(H)CP handicap for Gaff Rigged Boats.

4.2 Boats in the fleet completing three or fewer races on a series will not be scored in the final results for that series.

4.3 All boats must comply with the safety requirements as detailed in Appendix I.

4.4 All boats must have as skipper an adult with some experience of the area and the type of boat.

4.5 All skippers/owners must complete and sign an entry form that will remain valid throughout the years Club Series. All competitors under 18 years of age must present a completed Consent Form to the Club office or Series Committee before their first race. One such form will be required from each skipper with whom that junior sails.

4.6 All non CBYC member skippers and crew will be considered as temporary members while sailing in this series.

5.0 ENTRIES/CLOSING DATES etc.

5.1 Entries will be accepted at any time before or during a series.

5.2 There are no entry fees for any races.

6.0 REGISTRATION & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Registration should be made online if possible. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the CBYC web site.

7.0 ADVERTISING

7.1 If a series is sponsored then yachts shall carry the sponsor's logo stickers or flags as provided.

8.0 SCORING SYSTEM

8.1 The low point scoring system, in accordance with RRS 88.3, will be used.

8.2 Yachts scoring DNF will score points for the number of starters in the race + 1. All other yachts not classified (i.e. DSQ, etc.) will score 20 points.

8.3 Discards will be decided by series and will vary.

9.0 PRIZES

9.1 There are no prizes in the Gaffers Series, just the privilege of competing.

10.0 SCHEDULE OF SERIES

10.1 The series is planned from 15.00 on every Thursday until sunset throughout April to June and from July to September.

10.2 There may be scheduled Gaffers events outside this series when the weather is suitable. Details will be posted on the CBYC website. OGA events will be posted on the OGA website, <http://www.oga.org.uk/events>

12 Scrutineering.

12.1 All boats must be scrutinised within two weeks of their first start of the year using a buddy system.

12.2 This should be completed on the Scrutineering form found in the Gaffers section of this website.

12.3 Completed forms should be deposited in the Club Office or behind the bar

12.4 A boat may not scrutinise themselves for this purpose.

12.5 Failure to present a completed scrutineering form within two weeks of a yacht's first start shall result in previous results being discarded.

Series Committee