

NOTICE OF RACE

The CBYC Offshore Races

Race 1 Start 19:30, Friday May 12th 2017

Race 2 Start 19:30, Friday June 9th 2017

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

2.0 The organising authority is Cardiff Bay Yacht Club.

2.0 THE PERSON IN CHARGE

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the 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 whilst 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 omission;
- 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.

2.1 AGE RESTRICTIONS

The person in charge must be over the age of 18 on the start date. If any crew members are under the age of 18 at the start date a CBYC Consent form for junior sailors must be signed and lodged with the club. This must *specifically state* that it covers the offshore races and so may have to be in addition to any form already signed.

2.2 STARTING AND CONTINUING TO RACE

The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

2.3 RACE DECLARATION

Entry into the race indicates acceptance of these conditions

2.4 SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: "Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."

However, a Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- When alone on deck
- When reefed
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

2.5 OFFSHORE CREWLIST

A crew list complete with full emergency contact details shall be supplied by email to admin@cbyc.co.uk before the start, or on paper to the club office. The list must contain the full name and an emergency contact for each crew member. This list can be amended any time up to 2 hours before the start.

A boat SHALL NOT sail with any crew member on board whose details are not on this list. If any crew member on the list is not on board this fact must be sent by email to admin@cbyc.co.uk or by SMS to 07985073537 before the start.

2.6 CARDIFF BAY YACHT CLUB

Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, its sponsors, 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.

2.7 INSURANCE.

Yachts must hold a valid and current boat insurance which covers them for third party claims of up to £3,000,000.

3.0 RULES & REGULATIONS

The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the ISAF, the prescriptions and safety regulations of the Offshore Racing Council (ORC special regulations 2016-2017), the International Rule (Club), the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (where applicable), and this Notice of Race, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

During the hours of darkness RRS part 2 will be replaced by the appropriate IRPCS rules.

3.1 ORC SPECIAL REGULATIONS CATEGORY AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

This race will be run under the ORC special regulations 2016-2017 and is classed as category 3. ORC regulations can be viewed and downloaded from the ISAF website at <http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>

4.0 ENTRIES

Entries must be made on the CBYC web site before midnight on the 8th of May for race 1 and the 5th of June for race 2. Use the Cruiser Racer entry form (<http://www.cbyc.co.uk/sailing/cruiser-racing/entry-form/>) and state in the 'other information' box which races your entry is for.

4.1 FEE

There is no entry fee

5.0 PRIZES

The only prizes are the admiration and respect of your peers and the opportunity to be smug in the bar.

6.0 SCORING AND CLASSES

The low point scoring system, in accordance with RRS Appendix A, will be used. The race will be scored on NHC, and those boats with valid IRC Certificates will be dual-scored on IRc.

Shorthanded and other classes may be added depending on the number of entries.

Competitors in NHC may request a modification in their handicap if their boat will be in a different configuration than normal, for instance non-spinnaker. Requests must be made in good time, must be reasonable, and the committee's decision is final.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from Cardiff Bay Yacht Club before the race

8.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

Percentage place penalties, as well as time penalties, may apply as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 REPORTING

On finishing all yachts must report their finish time by SMS text message to 07985 073537 or by email to admin@cbyc.co.uk, including their boat name or sail number.

Yachts retiring must report the fact by SMS text message to 07985 073537 or by email to admin@cbyc.co.uk, including their boat name or sail number and their current situation as soon as possible.

See also 2.4 – requirement for reporting crew changes.

10.0 COURSES

One of the following 3 courses will be used. The particular course will be announced on the VHF prior to the start, and may be emailed to boats entered the day before the start.

Depending on the number of entries, a long and a short course may be run, and scored separately. If there are sufficient entries entered yachts will be informed of this before the start date and may elect whether to race the long or the short course.

There may be either a gate start or a line start.

Yachts must take their own finish times, preferably from a GPS, and must report them as specified in 9.0 above

Course 1 – Long

Approximately 155 miles

The start will be off PYC start line.

The Lundy Island must be rounded to starboard.

Caldey Island must be rounded to starboard.

Finish on PYC start line, extended to Mid Cardiff

Course 2 – Medium

Approximately 140 miles

The start will be off PYC start line.

The Lundy Island must be rounded to starboard.

West Scarweather Bouy must be rounded to starboard

The Sand Ridge Buoy (off Lynmouth) must be rounded to port

Finish on PYC start line, extended to Mid Cardiff

Course 3 – Short

Approximately 95 miles

The start will be off PYC start line.

Horseshoe Rocks Buoy must be rounded to starboard

West Scarweather Bouy must be rounded to starboard

Finish on PYC start line, extended to Mid Cardiff