

The Cardiff Yacht Club

2016 Regatta

Sailing Instructions

1. Safety and Responsibility

- A. Yacht racing can be dangerous. **RRS Rule 4:** "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone." 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 stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- B. The Cardiff Yacht Club accepts 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.
- C. Yachts must hold a valid and current boat insurance which covers them for third party claims of up to £2,000,000 for the entire period of the series.
- D. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions.
- E. Transom mounted outboard motors must not be tilted to the horizontal position.

2. Rules

- A. The racing will be organised by The Cardiff Yacht Club and governed by these sailing instructions and The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), unless any rules are changed by these sailing instructions or the NOR.
 - B. It is a condition of entry that competing yachts shall permit scrutineers to check the validity of handicaps against certificates and/or class rules. Yachts may also be scrutinised to ensure compliance with point 1.A. All yachts are required to display a sail number or sail number boards or have name a name clearly visible.

3. Radio Communication

- A. All yachts must carry a working VHF radio and monitor Ch M whilst preparing to race and during the race.

B. Final course details and other information for competitors will be given by the race officer over VHF Radio. Normally Ch (M) will be used. In the event of a problem with this then Ch 77. If possible the race officer will also announce this over Ch M.

4. Notices to Competitors and Changes in Sailing Instructions

A. Notices to Competitors and Changes in Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the club noticeboard and/or by the Race Officer on VHF Ch M.

5. Schedule of Races

A. As per the NOR.

B. Incorporated in the 1st race on Sunday, will be the race fleet of the CBYC summer series entries.

6. Courses

A. "Round the Cans" course using navigation marks in the upper Bristol Channel. Laid inflatable marks may be included.

7. Starting & Finishing Procedures

A. All signals will be given over VHF radio.

B. The Start and finish line will be from the pink hut on the barrage outer harbour, the ODM will be the Green Inner Wrach buoy.

C. To finish, call 'Cardiff Yacht Club Race Control' on VHF ChM1 as you approach the finish line and identify yourself.

D. Due to the start line being part of a deep water channel for commercial vessels to enter and leave port, there may be a delay in starting a race, this will be communicated via channel M1

8. Shortened Courses

A. Courses may be shortened by the Race Officer by VHF radio. The Race Officer may, for the purpose of clarification, give the direction in which they should cross the finishing line.

10. Protests

A. Boats intending to protest are requested to inform the race officer as soon as possible by radio. Protests shall then be delivered in writing to the race officer, member or delegate of the race committee within 90 minutes of the end of racing for the day.

B. Official protest forms will be available behind the bar in the Clubhouse.

C. All protests will be decided by a Protest Committee.

11. Scoring

A. The low points scoring system will apply

12. Results

A. Results will be displayed on The Cardiff Yacht Club notice board as soon as possible after the race and via the Sailwave website.

13. Penalties at the time of an incident

B. Penalty turns shall be taken in accordance with RRS 44.

Please register the following details for my entry to the CYC Regatta 2017

Yacht Name	
Yacht Make and Class	
Hull Colour	
Sail Number	
Fleet 1 – IRC Number	
Fleet 2 – Byron Handicap Number	
Skipper	
Yacht Club	
Name Address	
Contact Details Phone Number Email Address	

I agree to be bound by the R.R.S. and all other rules that govern the CYC Regatta 2017, in particular the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. I confirm that I agree to their provisions and that my boat will conform to their requirements throughout the event. I declare that I hold a valid and current boat insurance policy to the minimum value of £2,000,000.00 which covers me for third party claims whilst racing and that I will continue to do so for the duration of the Regatta.

I agree to pay the entry fee of £20.00

Signed	
Date	

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