

CARDIFF BAY YACHT CLUB



Notice of race For The **Club Series Racing 2017**

1.0 THE EVENT

The organising authority is Cardiff Bay Yacht Club.

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 stowed 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

3.1 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, the International Rule (Club), the rules of the Club Portsmouth Yardstick based system, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (where applicable), and this Notice of Race, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

3.2 IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew weight.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Racing is for self-righting, single hull vessels racing under the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) system or for boats with valid IRC certificates.

4.2 For any series, boats will be allocated to fleets based on the number of entries received by the Friday before the start of any series as the committee see fit. The preference will be for an IRC fleet and a NHC fleet. If there are insufficient IRC boats entered for a series then two or more NHC fleets will race. The IRC fleet may be split into two fleets based on boat performance. There will be a NHC fleet if three or more boats enter.

4.2 Boats will be allocated into fleets as the committee see fit

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

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

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

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

4.7 All non CBYC member skippers and crew will be considered as temporary members while racing.

5.0 ENTRIES/CLOSING DATES etc.

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

5.2 Entry fees are as follows;

Early bird Series £25

Spring Series £25

Tuesday Evening Spring Series £20

Tuesday Evening Summer Series £20

Frostbite Series £25

To enter all the series the cost is £115, but if you pay before 30th January 2017 the cost is a mere £105

If you enter a series after it has started then the cost increases by £15.

Boats may enter individual races at £5 per race *by prior arrangement with the Race Officer*. This is limited to three races in any series.

If a boat appears to start three or more races in a series, but does not pay an entry fee, then the fee for that series plus the £15 penalty will be required before they can enter and pay for a subsequent series.

Pay by PayPal online, cheque, payable to 'Cardiff Bay Yacht Club', Credit Card or Cash direct to the Club Office by post, phone or in person.

Failure to pay the Race Fee within two weeks of a yacht's first start shall result in previous races being discarded.

6.0 REGISTRATION & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Registration should be made online at <http://www.cbyc.co.uk> 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.

8.3 Yachts scoring DNF will score points for the number of starters in the race + 1. All other yachts not classified (i.e. DSQ, OCS etc.) will score points for the number of entries + 2.

8.4 Yachts still racing at a race time limit will be awarded an equal share of the available points had they all completed the course. If there are no finishers then no points will be awarded.

8.5 Discards. 3 races sailed – all to count, 4-7 races sailed – 1 discard, 8 races sailed – 2 discards, 12 races sailed - 3 discards.

10.0 PRIZES

10.1 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each series for each fleet or as the race committee sees fit

11.0 SCHEDULE OF RACING

Early bird Series	5 th February – 26 th March	8 Races outside the barrage on Sundays (See Note 1)
Spring Series	9 th April – 25 th June	10 Races outside the barrage on Sundays (See Note 1)
Tuesday Evening Spring Series	9 th May – 27 th June	8 Races on laid courses in the Bay
Tuesday Evening Summer Series	4 th July – 22 nd August	8 Races on laid courses in the Bay
Frostbite Series	10 th September -26 th November	12 Races outside the barrage on Sundays (See Note 1)

Note 1. In these series, where possible, one race a month up to three races a series may be held in the Bay.

12 Scrutineering.

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

12.2 This should be completed on the form as shown in Appendix 2.

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 races being discarded.

Race Committee

Ian Jones Cruiser Racing Chairman
Martin Gifford Race Committee member

Jonathan Crofts-Davies

Race Committee member

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Race Committee member

Appendix 1

Safety regulations

1. Application

These regulations apply to all boats racing in the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club Cruiser Series racing

2. General

All safety equipment shall be of a suitable size and type for the boat and all equipment and fittings (including outboard engines if carried) shall be securely fastened.

3. Buoyancy

Each boat shall either be self-draining or be equipped with a suitable means for bailing or pumping.

4. Personal buoyancy

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be carried for each member of the crew (wetsuits do not count as personal buoyancy).

5. Radio

Each boat shall carry a suitable marine band VHF transceiver for use in an emergency.

6. Flares

Each boat shall carry at least two in-date red hand held flares and at least two in-date orange smokes in a waterproof pack.

7. Anchor

Each boat shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient chain/warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.

8. Fire extinguisher

Boats carrying fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher.

9. First aid

Each boat shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

10. Man overboard

Each boat shall carry a rescue quoit or throw-bag with at least 15m of floating line.

11. Each boat shall have a suitable working engine and sufficient fuel to propel the boat to a safe haven from any point of any expected course.

12. Each boat must carry a knife suitable for the cutting of any rope on the boat and accessible from the cockpit

Appendix 2

CBYC Club Series Racing equipment check

Boat name

Skipper

Date

Item		Present	Comment
Bilge pump or bucket	Complete with operating handle		
Life jackets	1 per crewmember		
Radio	A working VHF that can transmit and receive on Ch 16 and M		
Flares	At least two in-date red hand flares and two orange smokes in a waterproof pack		
Anchor	Each boat shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient chain/warp		
Fire extinguisher	Boats carrying fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher.		
First aid	Waterproof first aid pack with instructions		
Man overboard	Rescue quoit or throw-bag with at least 15m of floating line		
Knife	A suitable knife accessible from the cockpit		
Engine	Each boat shall have a suitable working engine and sufficient fuel		
General	All equipment must be of a suitable size and type for the boat		

Scrutineer

Date