

CARDIFF BAY CHANNEL FLEET

Notice of race For The Club Cruiser Racing 2024

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.

3.3 RRS 52 shall not apply with regard to autopilots only.

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. The IRC or NHC fleets may each be split into two fleets based on boat performance.

4.3 All boats must comply with the safety requirements as detailed in Appendix I of this Notice

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

4.5 All skippers/owners must complete and sign an entry form that will remain valid throughout the Series. 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.

4.6 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;

Earlybird Series £20

Spring Series £25

Tuesday Spring £20

Tuesday Summer £20

Frostbite Series £25

A single payment for the whole year's racing £100

Pay online, credit card or cash direct to the Club Office by 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 counted DNC. Failure to pay a race fee after the yacht's third start will result in disqualification and entry into any subsequent series will not be permitted until the fees due are paid.

6.0 REGISTRATION & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Registration should be made online at <http://www.cbyc.co.uk> This Notice and the 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 maximum number of boats in any one race in the series + 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, 10 races sailed - 3 discards.

9.0 PRIZES

9.1 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for each fleet or as the race committee sees fit

10.0 SCHEDULE OF RACING

Earlybird Series	4 th February – 24 th March	8 races outside the barrage on Sundays
Spring Series	7 th April – 23 rd June	11 races outside the barrage on Sundays
Tuesday Spring	7 th May – 25 th June	8 races inside the barrage on Tuesdays

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Tuesday Summer series	2 nd July – 20 th August	8 races inside the barrage on Tuesdays
Frostbite series	8 th September – 24 th November	12 races outside the barrage on Sundays

11 Scrutineering.

All or any boats may be scrutinised at the Committee's discretion and all boats must be seen to carry the safety equipment itemised at Appendix 1 of this Notice

12 Race Courses.

Courses will be chosen on the day of the race and will take account of prevailing conditions and will utilise a combination of racing marks identifies at Appendix 2

Race Committee

CBYC Sailing Committee as appointed from time to time and chaired by the Sailing Secretary

Appendix 1

Safety regulations

1. Application

These regulations apply to all boats racing in the Cardiff Bay Channel Fleet organized by 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 and to receive course instructions.

6. Flares

Each boat shall carry at least two in-date red handheld flares and at least two in-date orange smokes in a waterproof pack. Electronic type flares are acceptable alternatives.

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

Approximate Positions of Racing Marks

Barry West	N51° 22.240'	W003° 17.000'
Breaksea	N51° 19.919'	W003° 18.919'
Cardiff Spit	N51° 24.620'	W003° 06.919'
Diffuser	N51° 27.100'	W003° 04.250'
DZ1	N51° 15.299'	W003° 09.487'
DZ2	N51° 13.770'	W003° 19.865'
DZ3	N51° 16.357'	W003° 14.953'
East Culver	N51° 17.920'	W003° 15.380'
Gore	N51° 13.920'	W003° 09.750'
Holm Middle	N51° 21.660'	W003° 06.660'
Hope	N51° 24.750'	W003° 02.630'
Lavernock Spit	N51° 23.000'	W003° 10.585'
Mackenzie	N51° 21.620'	W003° 08.250'
Merker	N51° 21.880'	W003° 16.000'
Mid Cardiff	N51° 25.560'	W003° 08.000'
Monkstone	N51° 24.835'	W003° 06.000'
North 1 Fathom	N51° 20.918'	W003° 12.084'
North Elbow	N51° 26.930'	W002° 58.500'
North West Elbow	N51° 26.250'	W002° 59.835'
North Cardiff	N51° 26.470'	W003° 06.919'
Outer Wrack	N51° 26.180'	W003° 09.250'
Q	N51° 25.350'	W003° 09.500'
Ranie	N51° 24.250'	W003° 09.250'
Sewer 1	N51° 28.210'	W003° 06.919'
Sewer 2	N51 29.450'	W003 04.200'
Sewer 3	N51 30.550'	W003 01.000'
South Cardiff	N51° 24.167'	W003° 08.418'
Tail Patch	N51° 23.585'	W003° 03.668'
West Culver	N51° 17.418'	W003° 18.167'
Weston	N51° 22.585'	W003° 05.620'
Wolves	N51° 23.110'	W003° 08.919'