

CARDIFF BAY YACHT CLUB



Gaffers in the Bay



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Sailing Instructions

for

Gaffers Series

Inside of the Barrage

1. Safety and Responsibility

- 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.
- Cardiff Bay Yacht Club 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.
- The owner and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the yacht's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may

result in both owner and crew being excluded from future races and render a yacht liable to disqualification.

- Yachts must hold a valid and current boat insurance which covers them for third party claims of up to £3,000,000 for the entire period of the series.
- Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment . . . "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions."
- No yacht may carry an anchor that overhangs its bow
- Transom mounted outboard motors are considered a part of the yacht's equipment.
- The Cardiff Harbour Authority regulations and Notices to Mariners will apply.
- The skipper is responsible for ensuring their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to complete the course; that the skipper and crew are of sufficient number, experience and fitness to complete the race course safely; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and the crew know how to use it.
- The fact that yachts are scrutinised, or otherwise inspected by the race organisers, does not reduce the responsibilities of the yacht and/or skipper set out in any other part of these Sailing Instructions or Notice of Series.

2. Rules

- The series will be organised by Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, in association with the OGA and governed by these sailing instructions, The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
- The series are designated Category C as described in the ISAF Advertising Code.

3. Eligibility

- Yachts shall be single hull vessels
- All yachts are required to display any sponsor's stickers or flag as provided.
- Yachts shall have a handicap decided by the Gaffers Series Committee.

4. Radio Communication

- Although the course is fixed, using existing marks in the Bay, all yachts must carry a working VHF transceiver and monitor Ch M for the duration of the series.
- Yachts should keep radio communications to the minimum on Channel M except on matters of safety or unless contacted by the series officer.

5. Notices to Competitors and Changes in Sailing Instructions

Notices to Competitors and Changes in Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the club website at www.cbyc.co.uk and/or by the Series Officer on VHF Ch M

6. Schedule of Series

The series schedule will be displayed on the Club website.

7. Courses

- Existing marks within the bay will be used for the course which will be fixed for the whole Series and using the marks designated on the Chart of the Bay, available on the Club website, as follows:

Start: P1 S1
 C4 to port
 D3 to port
 S1 to port

- Depending on conditions the above course may then be sailed immediately in reverse leaving D3 and C4 to starboard and finishing through P1 S1. Separate times must be taken for each part.
- The course may be sailed any number of times of a Thursday afternoon/evening, the best times only counting.
- Each yacht will time its own laps, or part laps, and the fastest time(s) being sent to the Series Officer as soon as possible.

8. Starting & Finishing Procedures

- There will be no fixed start time.
- Boats can start at any time during the sailing period and must self time.
- The start and finish line will be fixed as P1 S1

9. Protests

- Boats intending to protest are requested to inform the series officer as soon as possible by radio etc. Protests shall then be delivered in writing to the series officer by the end of the day. Official protest forms will be available behind the bar in the CBYC Clubhouse.

- Protests where there has been no contact

All Protests where there has been no contact will be decided by Arbitration. Arbitration shall replace the protest hearing required under RRS 63. A Protest Mediator or his designated substitute will decide if the protest is valid. Each party being protested shall then provide a written response to the Protest within 24 hours of being supplied with a copy of it. The Protest will be decided on the basis of the written Protest form and the reply from each party protested. The Protest Mediator shall have total discretion as to whether further evidence (including witness evidence) may be submitted. The Protest Mediator shall have total discretion as to whether to

convene a hearing to hear further evidence. The decision will be final.

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- Penalty for Protests decided by Arbitration

Any party found to have infringed a rule shall not be disqualified but shall incur a 25% place penalty subject to a minimum of 3 places.

No penalty shall result in a score which would exceed that of a Disqualification.

Application of a penalty shall not affect the place or score of other boats.

Any decision shall be final.

10. Scoring & Discards

- The low point scoring system, in accordance with RRS 90.3, will be used.
- Yachts scoring DNF or RET will score points for the number of starters in the race + 1. All other yachts not classified (i.e. DSQ, OCS etc) will score 20 points
- If there are no finishers then no points will be awarded
- Discards will be decided on a series basis and published on CBYC web-site

11. Results

Results will be displayed on the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club website as soon as possible

12. Penalties at the time of the incident

Penalty turns shall be taken in accordance with RRS 14

Series Committee

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