

# Cardiff Bay Yacht Club

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## OPEN SUMMER Competition. SATURDAY, 17th August 2024

### COMPETITION RULES

**Starting Time 0700hrs -to- Close of Competition at 1800. Score sheets MUST be handed in to 'weighmaster team' by 1815hrs.**

1/. All skippers or delegated crew member MUST REPORT to the **Registration Marshal** at the Clubhouse at least one hour before the Start Fishing Time(s). Measure mats, score sheet and boat Identification number will be issued upon registration. Any Competitor failing to register will be DISQUALIFIED from the Competition.

2/. A **minimum boat length** has been set at 16ft/4.8m for safety reasons due to risk assessment if weather conditions deteriorate during the competition and difficulties boats may face in navigating around Lavernock Point (the Ranny) in such conditions.

3/. All participating boats will be subject to Boarding and Inspection by Competition Marshals or Scrutineers, prior to the Start Fishing Time, on the day of the Competition.

4/. All participating boats MUST remain within the confines of the WAITING AREA as indicated on the attached chart. Please, do not start fishing whilst waiting for the Start Time. Anyone leaving the waiting area before 7.00am will be disqualified.

5/. The Start Time will be signaled by a Blast on an air horn at 7.00am & announcement on Channel 16 VHF. EXACTLY.

6/. CANCELLATION. In the event of extreme weather conditions prevailing on the day, the decision to cancel the Competition, taking into consideration the sizes of the smallest boats entered, will be made by the C.B.Y.C. Angling Section Committee. This decision will be made on the Saturday by 6am. Therefore, any Pre-Registered Competitors should ring the club any time after 0600hrs. **Mobile number xxxxxxxxx which phone number do we use.**

7/. If a Designated Fishing Area has been indicated, all participating boats will be required to remain in this Area for the duration of the Competition. No two boats shall come

together, other than in the case of an emergency. If the weather conditions are poor, we may limit the area for fishing for safety reasons to an area East of Lavernock point. This decision will be taken on the morning of the competition with a map for the day.

8/. Competitors shall fish with no more than two rods only and with a maximum of three hooks per rod. A treble hook shall count as three hooks. A third rod SHALL NOT BE ASSEMBLED for jigging, feathering or any other reason.

9/. Gill nets, Trawl Nets, or any other form of Commercial Net, Longlines, Deadlines, or Handlines are forbidden. Any boat found carrying any such equipment will be automatically disqualified, together with all competitors aboard that boat.

10/. All persons carried upon a participating boat MUST HAVE ENTERED THE Competition.

11/. The competition format is **Catch and Release**, with the fish to be photographed on the measuring mat you MUST collect on the morning of the competition at registration, with the ID ticket clearly visible and the fish nose or in the case of a ray wing touching the 0cm line on the mat. Photographs have to be clear and a defined length visible in the photo on the measuring mat. This competition is for 3 defined species Conger, Blonde Ray and Smoothound. The minimum lengths to score have to be 60cm nose to tail, and for the blonde ray 60cm (wing tip to wing tip). A fourth species (wild-card fish) is also to be included provided the fish measures over 20cm nose to tail (again ray measurements have to be a wing-to-wing measurement). (This 4<sup>th</sup> species cannot be conger, blonde or smoothound).

The winning boat will be the total length of the longest blonde, smoothound, conger and the boats chosen 4<sup>th</sup> fish added together. If less than 4 fish are caught by the boat, then the total measurement added together will be taken as valid. For the fish to score they have to meet a minimum criterion of 60cm or for the wild card fish over 20cm.

Example

**Boat 1** catches 3 eligible fish - Blonde Ray 62cm wing to wing, conger 104cm, bass 56cm (no smoothound) – total length would be 222cm.

**Boat 2** - catches 4 eligible fish - Smoothound 112cm, Blonde ray 60cm, Lesser spotted dog fish 34cm and a conger 62cm – total length be 268cm

12/. The Competition, having started at 7.00am, will finish when the Weighing-in closes at 6.15pm. Any score sheets brought to the club house after the final Weigh-in Time shall be disqualified.

13/. The minimum size of fish to be eligible will be 60cm conger, smoothound, blonde ray (rays measured wing to wing) and the wild card fish >20cm.

15/. The Weigh-in Marshal's report, as to the Winner(s), will be recorded on the TV screens displayed around the club for the presentation evening, as the boat score sheets are uploaded alongside the individual longest conger, smoothound blonde ray and wildcard fish.

The winning boats will need to evidence photographs on their phone for verification to the weigh master team before the final results are validated. Any query regarding the Weigh Marshal's report, must be taken up personally with the Weigh Marshal within fifteen minutes of his report having been announced. Thereafter, the Weigh Marshal's decision shall be final and irrevocable, bearing in mind that there will be an Independent Adjudicator present, overseeing the scorecard checking and photo validation. This Adjudicator will also have the power to disqualify any fish he feels to be ineligible, for whatever reason!

16/. (I) In the unlikely event of two boats submitting a total fish length being exactly the same length, the following shall apply: - 1st Prize: If two boats submit exactly the same total length, the boat with the longest Smoothound will win outright. If both smoothounds are the identical then the tie will be won by the longest conger, and so on the blonde ray. In the event of all 3 listed fish being the same then, the money for 1st & 2nd prize monies will be added together and each winner will receive half of that total amount, i.e. £875 each. The Honda outboard will be won on the toss of a coin.

17/. In the event of any Competitor wishing to lodge a protest against the conduct of any other Competitor, the protestor must: (i) Inform the Competitor who is the subject of the protest, that a protest is being lodged against him / her, as soon as is practically possible. (ii) Give details of the matter(s) forming the basis of the protest IN WRITING, together with a Protest Fee of £10.00 in cash, to an officer of the C.B.Y.C. Angling Section not later than half an hour after the completion of Weighing In, on the day of the protest.

18/. In the event of bad weather causing the Competition to be cancelled then 50% of the entry fee will be returned.

19/. The Management Committee the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club reserve the right to reject any application for entry into this Competition.

# **Cardiff Bay Yacht Club**

## **Boat Angling Section.**

### **SUMMER OPEN Competition. SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1/. FEE. The Entrance Fee for this Competition shall be £20.00. We are also running a pool of £5 per angler on the registration on-line system. (all entrants on a boat must be in the pool, otherwise you cannot enter the pool). Entry closes 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024. ALSO, ONCE BOOKED, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, WILL THERE BE ANY REFUNDS AVAILABLE, UNLESS THE COMPETITION IS CANCELLED ON THE DAY DUE TO POOR WEATHER, WHEREBY 50% of the entry fee and any pool money will be returned – this decision will be made by the Angling Section Committee by 0600 on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024. THE COMMITTEE HAS CAPPED THE NUMBER OF BOATS IN THE COMPETITION AT 100.

2/. INSURANCE. Competitors are required to make their own individual arrangements regarding insurance against personal loss, damage or injury. The latter being for a minimum of £3 million.

3/. LIABILITY. Neither to the Club, (C.B.Y.C.), the Angling Section, nor within the boundaries of the Club, shall we accept liability for any loss, damage or injury occurring during the course of the Competition.

4/. BAIT. Competitors are required to make their own arrangements regarding the supply of Bait.

5/. PONTOON. Competitors are requested to clear the face of A or D Pontoon as soon as possible after boarding, loading or landing there, in order that the Pontoon shall be available for use by Club Members and other Competitors.

6/. TIDES. Tide details for this Competition are 17th August 2024- High Tide, 06.04AM, Height:9.5m. Low tide 12.22 3.4m

7/. ANCHOR. Competitors are advised to ensure that they are equipped with an anchor suitable for the individual boat, together with appropriate ground tackle to prevent dragging. Small “Grapple” type anchors are considered inadequate in this area of the Bristol Channel.

8/. SAFETY. Competitors are warned against overloading small boats and are advised to carry and use, the recommended safety equipment – i.e. compass, life jackets and flares etc.

9/. RADIO. Now that we are no longer tidal, communication with the Barrage is necessary prior to locking in or out. A VHF radio is an advantage for communication with the Barrage on Channel 18. Alternatively, the Barrage can be contacted, by Mobile Phone, 029 2070 0234. Competitors using Marine VHF are reminded that in order to avoid interfering with HM Coastguards' Traffic, THE USE OF CHANNEL 16 SHOULD BE KEPT TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, but in the event of an emergency situation, you should follow the RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY PROCEDURES with HM Coastguards, via Channel 16.

10/. REGISTRATION. A Registration Marshal will be on duty in the clubhouse for two hours prior to the Start Fishing Time and until 9.00am on the day of the Competition. (See Rule 1.)

11/. DANGER AREAS. THE WOLVES. A ridge of rock pinnacles extending from the Northern Shore of Flat Holm to the Wolves marker Buoy. THIS AREA SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS. THE RANNIE. This is an area of turbulence caused by converging currents, which extends from Lavernock Point toward Flat Holm and should be treated with extreme caution / respect since surface water conditions can be very rough when certain winds prevail.

12/. Early entry is advisable, as entrants may have to be restricted due to the volume of vessels requiring locking through the Barrage, at the start and finish of the Competition.

13/. Barrage Control tell us that locking out for the start of the Competition can be achieved in a reasonable length of time, approx. 60 boats locked out in 45 minutes. That is the three locks, locking out 10 boats each, at a time. The most delay is likely to be caused by boats sorting themselves out ready for the lock. NB. You cannot book a lock. You must call the Barrage when you are ready and then they will tell you which lock to use and when to enter it.

14/. The Competition is held in an area adjacent to the main shipping channel to and from the Port of Cardiff. Please do not anchor or wait in the approach channel. If it is necessary to cross the approach channel, particularly the buoyed channel (known as the Wrach Channel), Please do so as quickly as possible and at a right angle.

**WAITING AREA 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

If you exit the barrage before the competition start time, you MUST WAIT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WAITING AREA INDICATED ON THE CHART BELOW. KEEP WITHIN THE AREA TO THE NORTH OF THE 'Q' BUOY AND TO THE COAST SIDE OF THE WRACH CHANNEL. DO NOT START FISHING WHILST WAITING FOR THE START TIME.

