

NOTICE OF RACE

CBYC Offshore Races

2025

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Cardiff Bay Yacht Club.

2.0 THE PERSON IN CHARGE - RESPONSIBILITIES

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge..." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.

2.1 AGE RESTRICTIONS

The person in charge must be over the age of 18 on the start date. If any crew members are under the age of 18 at the start date a CBYC Consent form for junior sailors must be signed and lodged with the club. This must *specifically state* that it covers the offshore races and so may have to be in addition to any form already signed.

2.2 STARTING AND CONTINUING TO RACE

The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line, or to enter or exit the locks for Cardiff Bay. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 3 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

2.3 RACE DECLARATION

Entry into the race indicates acceptance of these conditions

2.4 SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: "Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."

However, a Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- When alone on deck
- When reefed
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

2.5 OFFSHORE CREWLIST

A crew list complete with full emergency contact details shall be supplied by email to kprolfe@hotmail.com before the start, or on paper to the club office. The list must contain the full name and an emergency contact for each crew member. This list can be amended any time up to 2 hours before the start.

A boat SHALL NOT sail with any crew member on board whose details are not on this list. If any crew member on the list is not on board this fact must be sent by email to kprolfe@hotmail.com or by SMS or WhatsApp to 07985073537 before the start.

2.6 CARDIFF BAY YACHT CLUB

Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, its sponsors, 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.

2.7 INSURANCE.

Yachts must hold valid and current boat insurance which covers them for third party claims of up to £3,000,000 for the duration of the race.

3.0 RULES & REGULATIONS

The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Offshore Special Regulations from World Sailing, International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (where applicable), the IRC rules and this Notice of Race, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

During the hours of darkness RRS part 2 will be replaced by the appropriate IRPCS rules.

3.1 OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS CATEGORY AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

This race will be run under the Offshore Special Regulations 2024-2025 and is classed as category 3. ORC regulations can be viewed and downloaded from the ISAF website at [World Sailing - Offshore Special Regulations](https://www.worldsailing.org/offshore-special-regulations)

Note that Regulations 3.02.2 to 3.02.4 and Appendix L, concerning keel inspections, will not be applied. The Person in Charge should note their responsibilities in this regard as laid out in paragraph 2.

3.2 CHANGES TO RRS

Manual Power

RRS 52 is changed to: A boat's standing rigging, running rigging, and spars shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew. However, autopilots may be used to adjust and operate moveable hull appendages. The autopilots shall only use measurements of weather, wind, or sea surface within 100 millimetres of sensors that are mounted on the boat, and therefore the use of cameras, lidar, sonar, or radar to measure the sea surface surrounding the boat is prohibited.

Outside Help

Add to RRS 41: However, in exception to rule 41(c), weather information that is available to all boats for a fee may be received, but it shall not include specific weather or routing advice customised for the boat or a group of boats

4.0 ENTRIES

Entries must be made on the CBYC web site at least 2 days before the race. Use the Cruiser Racer entry form ([Cruiser Race Entry Form 2025](#)) and state in the 'other information' box which races your entry is for.

The entry must include the number of a mobile phone which will be carried and switched on for the duration of the race. Within reason, multiple numbers are allowed.

4.1 FEE

There is no entry fee

5.0 PRIZES

The only prizes are the admiration and respect of your peers and the opportunity to be smug in the bar.

6.0 SCORING AND CLASSES

The low point scoring system, in accordance with RRS Appendix A, will be used. The race will be scored on IRC. If any entered boat does not have a valid IRC certificate the race will be dual scored on IRC and NHC.

The scoring system will be modified as follows

RET – Score for the number of starters plus 1

DNC, DNF – Score for number of starters plus 2

DSQ, DND etc. – Score for number of starters plus 5

Failing to inform the race director as per NOR paragraph 9 will score DND.

Shorthanded and other classes may be added depending on the number of entries.

Competitors in NHC may request a modification in their handicap if their boat will be in a different configuration than normal, for instance non-spinnaker. Requests must be made in good time, must be reasonable, and the committee's decision is final.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from Cardiff Bay Yacht Club before the race and will be emailed to competitors where possible.

8.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

Percentage place penalties, as well as time penalties, may be applied by a protest committee instead of disqualification.

9.0 REPORTING

On finishing all yachts must report their finish time (as British Summer Time) as soon as possible by SMS text message or WhatsApp to 07985 073537 or by email to kprolfe@hotmail.com, including their boat name or sail number.

Yachts retiring must report the fact by SMS text message or WhatsApp to 07985 073537 or by email to kprolfe@hotmail.com, including their boat name or sail number and their current situation as soon as possible.

See also 2.5 – requirement for reporting crew changes and 4.0, requirement to have a mobile phone.

10. Dinghy

For some races, where the finish requires a dinghy to get ashore, yachts carrying a dinghy AND ferrying crew from a yacht which does not will receive a 15 minute reduction in their corrected time. This must be claimed with the finishing declaration, identifying the boat whose crew they assisted.

11.0 COURSES

All starts will be from the Penarth Yacht Club Line.

Finishes are be detailed below for each race.

There may be either a gate start or a line start. Yachts must take their own finish times, preferably from a GPS, and must report them as specified in 9.0 above

Where Caldey Island is specified as a mark, this should be taken to include St Margret's Island. Yachts may not pass through Little Sound.

During the races shorten course and other signals may be sent by SMS or WhatsApp to the mobile phone number specified on the entry form. Failure to receive any such messages is not grounds for redress.

Race 1 Dale

Friday 18 April 2025

HW Cardiff 10:31

Start 09:30

Lundy to Starboard

Grassholm to Starboard

Finish

The finish line will be between Dale Point and the Dakotian Buoy

Distance 125 miles

Race 2 Padstow

Friday 16 May 2025

HW Cardiff 22:01

Start 20:00

Morte Stone Buoy to port

Baggy Leap Buoy to port

Bideford Fairway to starboard

Lundy to port

Finish

The finish line is between Pentire Point and Newland.

Distance 115 miles

Race 3 Portishead

Friday 13 June 2025

HW Cardiff 21:17

Start 19:30

Caldey Island to Port

Lundy to Port

Finish

The finish line will extend due south of Firefly buoy as far as the shore.

Distance 175 miles

Race 1 requires a dinghy or speedos.

Race 4 To Be Decided

There have been some requests for a longer race, maybe 200 miles or more. This would start on September 5th or 19th and would have to be a start and finish in Cardiff to fit it into one weekend. If you are interested, or have any suggestions for courses, please contact me on kprolfe@hotmail.com.