

# Cardiff Bay Channel Fleet

## Notice of Race for Club Cruiser Racing

*January 2026*

The organizing authority is Cardiff Bay Yacht Club (CBYC).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The IRC Rules parts A, B & C shall apply for IRC races.
- 1.3. The rules and byelaws of Cardiff Bay Yacht Club will apply to all competing yachts and competitors. (<https://www.cbyc.co.uk/services/club-documents>)
- 1.4. RRS 63.7 is changed in that in the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.
- 1.5. RRS 52 does not apply with regard to autopilots only.
- 1.6. All yachts must display their correct sail numbers, have sail number boards or display name boards prominently.
- 1.7. Competitors should note that Cardiff Bay Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rya-racing-charter/](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rya-racing-charter/).

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the club website.
- 2.2. Amendments to the NoR and SI's will be published on the club website and/or by the Race Officer by VHF.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. All yachts must carry a working VHF radio capable of communicating on CH 16, CH 37a (M1) and CH 72.
- 3.2. All race communications, course details and other information for competitors will be given by the Race Officer over VHF Radio. Normally CH 37a (M1) will be used. In the event of a problem with this then CH 72 will be used. If possible, the race officer will also announce this over CH 37a (M1).
- 3.3. Yachts should refrain from communicating with the Race Officer or each other on the race channel between the warning signal and the start, except on matters of safety or unless contacted by the Race Officer.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Racing is open to all self-righting, single hull yachts.
- 4.2. All yachts must display their correct sail numbers, have sail number boards or display name boards prominently.

- 4.3. Yachts shall have a valid rating or handicap certificate for the class they wish to enter.
- 4.4. Classes are defined as below, but classes/fleets may each be split into two fleets based on boat performance.
- International Rating Certificate (IRC)
  - National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) and/or Yacht Time Correction (YTC)
- 4.5. Fleets may be dual scored with other handicap systems such as Yacht Time Correction (YTC)
- 4.6. Yachts entering the IRC classes failing to obtain a valid certificate by their entry into a series will be deleted from that series, subject to RRS 78.2. A discretionary period of 3 weeks may be granted to a yacht which has applied for an IRC certificate.
- 4.7. All skippers/owners must complete an entry form and pay the relevant race fees shown in NoR 5 below.

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.

- 4.8. All boats competing in any race shall carry safety equipment as listed in the Safety Regulations / Equipment List, and boats may be scrutinized for compliance. This list is available in the Sailing Instructions.

Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the series or a lesser penalty at the discretion of the race committee.

- 4.9. All boats must have as skipper, an adult with some experience of the race area and the type of boat.
- 4.10. All competitors under 18 years of age must present a completed Consent Form to the CBYC Office or the Race Committee before the warning signal of their first race. One such form will be required for each skipper with whom that junior sails.
- 4.11. All non-CBYC member skippers and crew will be considered as temporary members while racing.
- 4.12. CBYC reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry.

## 5. ENTRY FEES

	Cost	Start Date	End Date	No of Races
Earlybird	£25	01/02/2026	29/03/2026	9
Spring	£25	12/04/2026	28/06/2026	10
Tuesday Spring	£20	05/05/2026	23/06/2026	8
Tuesday Summer	£20	30/06/2026	18/08/2026	8
Frostbite	£30	06/09/2026	06/12/2026	13
<b>All Series</b>	<b>£105</b>	<b>01/02/2026</b>	<b>06/12/2026</b>	<b>48</b>

Fees can be paid online at entry by debit/credit card (preferred) or by cash direct to the Club Office.

## **6. ADVERTISING**

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

- 7.1. The race cards showing the schedule of races for each series will be displayed on the Club website.
- 7.2. The start times for each race will also be shown on the race cards.

## **8. MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1. Racing will usually be in 2 fleets; IRC, NHC and/or YTC. Starts and classes may be combined at the race officer's discretion. This shall not be grounds for redress, changing RRS 62.1a and RRS 63.1.

### **8.2. IRC**

- 8.2.1. A copy of the boat's current IRC certificate shall be sent to the organising authority once they have entered.
- 8.2.2. A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.
- 8.2.3. The organising authority reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with IRC certificates.
- 8.2.4. IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew weight.

### **8.3. NHC**

- 8.3.1. All boats racing in the NHC fleet will start racing with base numbers as provided by the RYA. If a boat doesn't have a published base number, then one will be allocated by the race committee.
- 8.3.2. A system of progressive NHC handicapping, where each boat's handicap is automatically adjusted on the basis of performance in each race, will apply. See <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/NHC.aspx>. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.

### **8.4. YTC**

- 8.4.1. A copy of the boat's current YTC certificate shall be sent to the organising authority once they have entered.
- 8.4.2. A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.
- 8.4.3. The organising authority reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with YTC certificates.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1. Racing will take place in the Severn Estuary and Bristol Channel or Cardiff Bay at the discretion of the race committee and depending on the series.

## 10. COURSES

- 10.1. Unless otherwise specified, races 'outside' will be one of:
- 10.1.1. 'Around the Cans' (RTC) starting between approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes before High Water.
  - 10.1.2. Race over Low Water (RoLW) starting between approximately 1 and 2 hours before Low Water
  - 10.1.3. Low Water Race (LWR) also starting approximately 2 hours before Low Water.
- 10.2. Unless otherwise specified, races 'inside' will be Windward/Leeward courses around laid marks.
- 10.3. Fleets may have different courses.
- 10.4. Depending upon the numbers of competitors, fleets may be grouped together or started as individual fleets.
- 10.5. Courses for each race will be announced via VHF on CH 37a (M1) prior to the warning signal of each race.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1. The low point scoring system, in accordance with RRS 90.3 will be used.
- 11.2. Results may be calculated using the times of a previously completed part of the course.
- 11.3. 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 points for the number of series entries +2.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. Discards will be allowed in accordance with the relevant race card published on the club website.

## 12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. Yacht Racing can be dangerous.

The attention of owners, skippers and crew is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: **"A yacht is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing"**.

By participating in these series, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes

- 12.2. Cardiff Bay Yacht Club and other organizing 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.

### **13. INSURANCE**

- 13.1. 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 racing.
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### **RACE COMMITTEE**

The race committee will be the Cruiser Sailing Committee of CBYC as appointed from time to time and chaired by the Sailing Secretary