

## New Members

### C.B.Y.C Angling Section Safety 2026

The Cardiff Bay Yacht Club fishing Section ("the Section") seeks to promote the sport of Angling from boats, including by holding competitions for its members and non-members. Angling, whether from a boat, can be dangerous. The Section has therefore drawn up a list of safety requirements for competitors which must be adhered to at all times.

Members of the Club, their guests and visitors, use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and accept that:

- (1) The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to Members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
- (2) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, or any other facilities of the Club, or out of participation in any angling or other activities organised by the Club, whether sustained by Members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the said
- (3) Members guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed or contributed to or was occasioned by neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the officers, committee, Members or servants of the Club.

### **Insurance**

It is a recommendation that all competitors shall insure themselves against damage, loss, death or injury arising from the sport of Angling including their participation in any competitions held by the Section. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

### **Hazards**

The following is a non-exhaustive list of the hazards when Angling. These hazards can cause injury, temporary or permanent disablement or even death.

1) Launching from public areas including pontoons.	2) Falling or being washed overboard	3) Other Boats
4) Sudden change in weather and/or sea conditions	5) Cold and hypothermia	6) Strong Tides
7) Injury caused by fish hooks, gaffes, knives and other sharp objects	8) Engine failure	9) Dehydration

It is

therefore a condition that all competitors fully comply with the Safety Requirements set out below:-

### **Safety Requirements**

All competitors under 16 should be accompanied by a parent or a guardian. In addition, all members MUST:-

- Be aware of the state of the tide and anticipated weather and sea conditions plan for emergencies.
- Notify a family member or friend where they intend to fish and at what time they intend to return;
- Check the condition of their fishing gear before using
- Take care to avoid injury to others when casting from a boat
- Use suitable light / headlight if fishing when dark

- Wear appropriate warm / waterproof clothing, headwear and footwear
- Do not consume alcohol before or whilst fishing. Avoid sunburn, wear sun block even when cloudy and wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the glare.

It is recommended that the following items are taken aboard each boat competing.

A waterproof bag containing:-

1) Fully charged mobile phone	2) Torch and spare batteries	3) First aid kit	4) Hot or cold drink and food.
-------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------	--------------------------------

### **Equipment Recommendations**

It is strongly recommended that the following items are carried onboard each boat competing:

1) One lifejacket with whistle for each person on board.	2) Anchor connected with sufficient length of anchor cable.	3) Spare fuel and / or Oars or auxiliary engine.	4) Compass
5) VHF Radio and fully charged mobile telephone in waterproof cover	6) If present Kill cord worn by driver.	7) Tow rope – minimum length	8) Spare anchor, rope / cable.
10) Toolkit including WD40, spark plug, split pin for propeller, pliers etc.)	11) First Aid box	12) Flares	13) Powerful torch and spare batteries

### **Other Boats**

Be aware other boats can approach you from any angle and may be unpredictable in their direction, when “on the motor” you should always give way to those drifting or under sail. Drivers should follow the IRPCS.

### **Pontoons and yard**

Be aware that pontoons move, and may be unstable, they can be wet and slippery. This makes walking on them difficult. Maximum caution is needed.

Be aware that there will be plant operating / tractor and vehicles towing trailers in the yard. This will be organised by the club servants.

### **Weather Conditions**

Weather may change suddenly and cause unforeseen dangerous water conditions. Be constantly aware of changing weather conditions and its potential consequences. Fog, Strong wind make navigation difficult and potentially dangerous. In case of difficulty, all participants are advised to contact the Coastguard on Channel 16.

### **Risk Statement and Indemnity for inclusion in Event Instructions**

Fishing is by its nature a dangerous sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By participating in or becoming involved with Fishing organised by either as a participant or otherwise individuals

I agree and acknowledge that:

- (i) they are aware of the inherent risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves to such inherent risk, including risks to their person, their property, drowning, hypothermia, collision injuries burns and other physical injuries as well as possible death;
- (ii) they have satisfied themselves that they have the necessary skill and knowledge to take part in the event and deal with the conditions that may arise in the course of the event.
- (iii) they will not participate in the event whilst under the undue influence of alcohol, drugs or whilst otherwise unfit to participate;
- (iv) they are responsible for the safety of themselves their crew their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- (v) it is their responsibility to ensure that the boat is in good order, equipped and insured to take part in the event;
- (vi) scrutineering does not constitute a condition survey of the boat and it is solely their responsibility to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any event.
- (vii) ensuring the efficiency and suitability of the equipment.
- (viii) the provision of a organising team and other volunteers by the organisers does not relieve them of their responsibilities;
- (ix) the provision of support boat is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (x) to be bound by the conditions of the Entry Form, event Instructions and the General Competition Rules.
- (xi) you will accept the decisions of the organising committee and officials nominated by the organising committee.

#### **INDEMNITY**

Participants in the event will be required on signing on to the event to save harmless and keep indemnified:

- (a) The owners of the premises at which the event is held;
- (b) The organiser, and their respective officials, servants and agents; and
- (c) The other boat owners, drivers or passengers engaged in the meeting (together the "Indemnified Parties")

AGAINST all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of loss of or damage to the property of or personal injury sustained to the Indemnified Parties to the extent caused by the participants, their crew, their boat.

**THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A BOATS DECISION TO PARTICIPATE OR TO CONTINUE IS THEIRS ALONE.**