

CARDIFF BAY YACHT CLUB



T.A.R.S.

Notice of Race

T.A.R.S Series Racing 2026

1.0 THE EVENT

The organising authority is Cardiff Bay Yacht Club.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners, skippers and crew 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". 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 sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew. 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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 any TARS event they enter.

3.0 RULES & REGULATIONS

- 3.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing, the prescriptions and safety regulations of the Offshore Racing Congress, the rules of the Club Cardiff Bay Rating handicap system, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (where applicable), and this Notice of Race, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew weight.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Racing is for any vessels racing under locally modified Cardiff Bay handicap system.
- 4.2 All boats must comply with the Safety Regulations and be scrutinised if racing outside the Bay.
- 4.3 All boats must have as skipper an adult with some experience of the race area and the type of boat.
- 4.4 All skippers/owners must complete and sign an entry form and pay the prescribed entry fee that will remain valid throughout the years TARS Series Racing. All competitors under 18 years of age must present a completed Consent Form to the Club Office or Race Committee before their first race. One such form will be required from each skipper with whom that junior sails.
- 4.5 All skippers should be CBYC members.

5.0 ENTRIES/CLOSING DATES

- 5.1** Entries will be accepted at any time before or during a series.
- 5.2** There £15 entry fee per boat per year for any of the series races.
- 5.3** The entry fee must be paid by the third race otherwise they will not be allowed to race and previous results deleted.

6.0 REGISTRATION & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1** Registration should be made using the on-line Registration Forms accessible from the TARS page of the CBYC website. Sailing Instructions, and other documentation, will be posted on this page.

7.0 ADVERTISING

- 7.1** If a series is sponsored, then yachts shall carry the sponsor's logo stickers or flags as provided.

8.0 SCORING SYSTEM

- 8.1** The low point scoring system, in accordance with RRS 90.3, will be used.
- 8.2** Lapped yachts still racing at the finish may be offered to finish at a lower number of laps than the lead yacht and their finish time will be adjusted accordingly.
- 8.3** Discards will be decided by race series and could vary. There will be one discard if 4-7 races have been held and two if 8-14 races have been held.

9.0 PRIZES

- 9.1** Simple trophies will be awarded to the first three boats at the end of each series.

10.0 SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 10.1** All races are planned to start at 12.30 on every Thursday throughout all Series, or earlier if racing outside the Bay
- 10.2** There will be 3 Series of 14 weeks duration
 - Spring February 12th to May 14th
 - Summer May 21st to August 20th
 - Autumn August 27th to November 26th

11.0 SCRUTINEERING

- 11.1** If racing outside Cardiff Bay, all boats must have passed scrutiny for safety equipment compliance.
- 11.2** Scrutineering will be carried out by TARS management. To prepare their yachts, owners can refer to the Scrutineering Form found on the TARS page of the CBYC website.
- 11.3** Completed forms should be deposited in the Club Office.
- 11.4** A boat may not scrutinise themselves for this purpose.

Race Committee

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