



Gower Challenge Regatta 18th and 19th August 2018

Mumbles Yacht Club, Swansea

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. If there is a conflict between these, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to catamarans with an SCHRS rating of 1.55 or lower and dinghies with a PN of 999 or lower.
- 3.2. The minimum crew for all boats shall be two.
- 3.3. Entrants under the age of 18 must have the consent of a parent or guardian to participate.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by either completing the online entry form at <https://goo.gl/forms/ZNJh2zRx9PJcC15b2> or at registration. Competitors are encouraged to register online to gauge numbers.
- 3.5. Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews less than 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations either by post or at registration.
- 3.6. The long distance race is only open to persons aged 15 and over at 18th August 2018.
- 3.7. Competitors 15 or over and under 18 at 29th July 2017 must be accompanied by an adult.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. Required fees are:
 - Mumbles Yacht Club member: Free
 - Visiting members: £20

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Schedule of racing

DATE	EVENT
Saturday 18 th August	Registration 9.00 – 10.30 Competitors Briefing – Time 10:00 Long distance race – First Warning Signal not before 11.00
Sunday 19 th August	2 around the cans races – First Warning Signal not before 10.55 Subsequent start to commence as soon as possible following previous race

5.2. In event of bad weather, the long distance race and the round the cans race may be reversed

6. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

6.1. Each boat shall:

- Be in a seaworthy condition
- Carry 0.9m minimum length paddle (extended)
- Carry a suitable tow rope / righting line of minimum diameter 6mm and minimum length 8m with one end securely fastened to the mast foot
- Carry an operations VHF hand held radio capable of operating on Channel 37 / P1, with suitable water resistance, or carry a suitably protect mobile phone with the safety officers number stored in memory
- Carrying personal flares is not mandatory, but is recommended

6.2. Boats and their equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the above rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The sailing instructions will be published on the mumbles yacht club website and posted on the Official Notice Board situated in the foyer of Mumbles Yacht Club.

8. VENUE

8.1. Racing will be within the confines of the Bristol Channel.

8.2. The host venue is Mumbles Yacht Club, 746 Mumbles Road, Swansea, SA3 4EL. Tel: (01792) 369321.

8.3. The host venue website is <http://mumblesyachtclub.co.uk>

9. COURSES

9.1. The long distance race is weather dependent. If conditions are not conducive to coastal racing an alternative around the bay course will be displayed on the official notice board in the foyer of the clubhouse.

9.2. Long distance race course:

1. Club start/finish line or committee boat
2. SWIG – starboard
3. Mixon – port
4. Pwll Du mark (inflatable pillar) – port
5. Oxwich (inflatable pillar) – port
6. Pwll Du mark (inflatable pillar) – starboard
7. Mixon – starboard
8. SWIG – port
9. Club start/finish line or finish boat

9.3. Around the cans course will be displayed in the foyer of the clubhouse on Sunday morning.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. Failure to sign on will result in a £10 fine / donation to the local RNLI

10.2. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are amended so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe.

10.3. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

11. SCORING

11.1. Appendix A, Low Points System will apply.

11.2. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3. If more than one of the helm or crew are changed during the series then they may be scored as a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another entry at the class and race officers' discretion.

11.4. All boats shall be scored using the SCHRS handicap. If a boat does not have an SCHRS handicap, an estimation will be made by the following formula: $PN / 675$

11.5. There will be no discards

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

13.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of Mumbles Yacht Club

14. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

14.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least one hour before the advertised start time

15. PRIZES

15.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Gower Challenge – Catamaran – Emerald Trophy
- Gower Challenge – Dinghy
- Top 3 boats in regatta

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

17.1. Boats are required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 or the equivalent.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. This changes rule 40.

19. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

19.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority, without payment, in perpetuity the right to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and any live, recorded or filmed television of or relating to the event.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. For further information please contact mycregattas@gmail.com