



## Welcome Skippers to the 2023 Shanghai Cup



### Some important key domestic pointers for anyone sailing in the Cup

This famous cup, the history of which is well known to CBYC, was brought back to life about five years ago by Cardiff Bay Yacht Club and Portishead Cruising Club organising two weekends of racing in the Bristol Channel. Just before the onset of Covid whilst looking for sponsorship we discovered that the RORC would be happy for us to set up a regional IRC championship entitled the Bristol Channel IRC Championships and so Shanghai and the BCIRC Championships were amalgamated. As a result, this competition has received just over £900 sponsorship from Spinlock.

How did we get here. Three years ago, Simon Britten from PCC contacted the RORC IRC Ratings Office to discuss the potential for growing IRC racing in the Bristol Channel. He proposed with agreement from CBYC and PCC that these clubs became a regional hub for IRC racing. The Shanghai Cup seemed an ideal candidate for our annual event. The IRC ratings office are very keen to promote regional championships and support them with feedback meetings for regional reps, plus discussions on ratings checks and the safety rules. Simon has attended these zoom gatherings, but it may be appropriate for other people to stand in from time to time. Understandably the IRC Office is enthusiastically supporting local racing for it is in their interest to encourage and grow our only national and international rating system. The complexity of the rule and the use of a secret formula can frustrate both designers and first-time users. But it is the best rule we have got and gets the best sailors onto the podium in the fairest way.

*For clarification this publication isn't a modification to any sailing instructions, notice of race or to be used for the reason of any kind to protest the race committee! Just provided as background information to help the event run slightly more smoothly.*

### **PORTISHEAD**

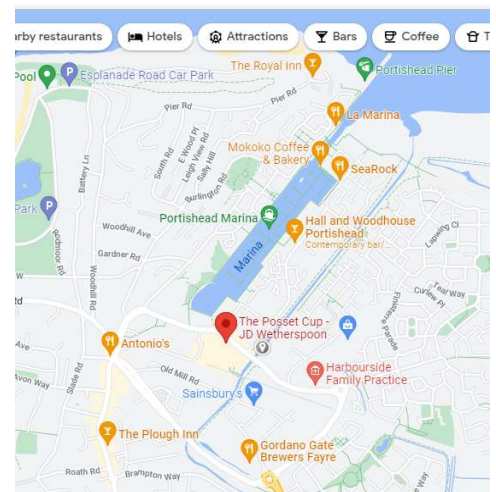
For those of us travelling from Cardiff to Portishead, locking times for Portishead marina can be found on the Portishead marina Boatfolk website or by clicking the link [JUNE LOCK TIMES 2023.pdf \(boatfolk.co.uk\)](#)

There is an option to travel up on Friday morning, or Friday evening and even for those not minding an early start, straight for racing on Saturday morning. We would please request that all skippers contact Danielle at the Marina on [01275 841941](tel:01275841941) asap to confirm when they intend to arrive so that a suitable berth can be allocated and to prepare for potential busy locks. In order to get the 50% mooring discount, you need to pre-book and also inform them at the time you are entered in the cup.

The Marina is aware of the event (and have been for some time) and are prepared to be as flexible as possible.

On Joyride we intend to leave Cardiff Friday evening on the 1800 outbound lock (half an hour after low water which gives approx. 2.2m of water in the lock and approaches) and flood up to Portishead for the first inbound lock at 2030. Anyone that would like to join us would be very welcome, maybe we could even start sailing at the same time and enjoy a friendly race-travel in company to Portishead.

As Joyride isn't blessed in the accommodation side of things, the majority of our crew have taken the decision to stay ashore. We have chosen the Ibis Budget option as its reasonably close to the Marina, close to Weatherspoon's and leaves some money in the kitty to donate next door in the pub. We intend to check in Friday evening and then visit the neighbours (The Posset Cup Weatherspoon's) for a Horlicks and low calorie sweet treat.



Other accommodation options are available from Airbnb etc but we have found since the last edition of the Shanghai Cup prices have increased and availability decreased.

### **Saturday 10<sup>h</sup> June**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June there will be no need for individual vessels to book a lock out. The lock control will organise this. Please monitor VHF 80 and be ready to be called early. We will post a lock out schedule on the website for clarification (hopefully Friday evening once visiting boats have locked in) when we know how many vessels will need outbound locks.

At other events I've attended a WhatsApp group with a boat mobile (doesn't have to be the skipper can be the crew organiser or similar) has worked well to pass on last minute information on racing or where crews are having a beer once ashore. If people would like to be added to this group, please reply to this email with the number and vessel name and I'll set up a group called Shanghai Cup 2023. Any information published here and missed by crews not signed up will not be an opportunity to protest the race committee.

*I am not going to cover anything about the racing here, that info can be found on the website [www.shanghaicup.co.uk](http://www.shanghaicup.co.uk)*

Following on from a fantastic day out on the water there will be a complimentary drinks and snack reception under the boat hoist at the Marina. This will include some free draft beers and gin and tonic. We will not be providing any kind of cups or glasses so in the spirit of reducing plastic waste please bring your own reusable drinking receptacles. It would be great if everyone could pop over for a free beer or two and introduce themselves to the other crews. If the weather is inclement, please bring a jacket!

We have taken the decision as organisers that we won't be booking or planning an evening dinner again this year. Due to difficulties booking and previous experience, we have decided the early get together in the boat yard straight after racing is the best opportunity for sailors to get together, have a chat and socialise. Extra beer can be bought in the Co-op near the lock. The thoughts of several of the crews I've spoken to are that they will be either heading home for an evening meal, or heading to the H and W, or the most popular choice seems to be once again the Posset Cup.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

On Sunday once again a locking time timetable will be available. Depending on the number of competitors requiring a lock out (this could be different from Saturday) please don't assume you are in the same lock as Saturday. This information will be available on the website after racing on Saturday. If for some reason it isn't please keep a listening watch on VHF 80.

Once racing has finished on Sunday, crews wishing to get off in Portishead rather than return to Cardiff have the following options.

- Arrange with a local boat to do a boat-to-boat transfer if they are returning to the Marina
- Use the breakwater ladders (at own risk to vessel and users of the ladder they are slimy)

There will then be a passage race back to Cardiff which doesn't count towards Shanghai Cup results but will have first, second and third prizes of a £40, £20, and £10 bar voucher to use in Cardiff Bay Yacht Club on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> May after racing.

More information on this standalone race will be posted on the website soon [www.shanghaicup.co.uk](http://www.shanghaicup.co.uk)

## **CARDIFF**

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Breakfast rolls will be available to collect from the clubhouse prior to racing. As we did last year, please pre order rolls so that they can then either be eaten ashore or taken to the boat to eat on the pontoon. Orders should be sent to the Shanghai Cup email address with boat names and orders included. Prices will be £3 for two items, £4 for three items, and £5 for four items. Tea and coffee will also be available.

In order to lock out for racing from Cardiff please contact Barrage Control on VHF 18. No locks will be booked on anyone's behalf, all vessels need to call individually around 20 or 25 mins prior to the desired lock. Outbound locks are on the hour and half passed, inbound locks are on the quarter passed and quarter too.

Following racing on Saturday there will be a presentation for the Portishead to Cardiff passage race at the club once the race fleet has returned. Following on from last year's success there will be a BBQ and Marquee outside and the upstairs and downstairs bar will be open. Meal vouchers will be available to purchase in the downstairs clubhouse. The options will be a simple BBQ with burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, mixed leaf salad and coleslaw. Vegetarian options will be available.

Once again, due to the early finish (don't blame us blame the tides again this year) we haven't arranged an evening dinner, rather an afternoon social with BBQ and drinks. Please encourage all crew members to stay around for at least a drink or two following racing. The club will however be open all evening and offering drinks and hot food, it would be great to see you there until late.

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

The Cardiff Triathlon will be in town and access to CBYC will be slightly restricted in the morning. We have agreed the use of alternative parking about a five or seven minute walk (depending on how much kit you are carrying) so please inform crews to leave a little extra time to get the club, we don't want them missing breakfast.

Same again on locking.

Following on from racing the Shanghai Cup presentation will be held at the clubhouse in CBYC. Once again please encourage all crews to attend. As last year there will be sausages, chips, curry sauce and beans. Unfortunately, due to price increases we are looking at a £1 per head contribution as the entry fees aren't stretching quite as far this year. Please could you indicate with the breakfast orders how many crew will be interested so that we can pre warn the kitchen and ensure a nice efficient roll out.

At the presentation we will also be announcing the dates for next year's event.

Any comments or feedback please feel free to get back to me by replying to this email.

Cheers

Tim & Anthony