



# T.A.R.S.



## Nimrod Cup

### 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

## Notice of Race

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 rules and byelaws of Cardiff Bay Yacht Club will apply to all competing yachts and competitors ([www.cbyc.co.uk/the-club/club-documents/](http://www.cbyc.co.uk/the-club/club-documents/))
- 1.3. RRS 63.7 is changed in that in the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.
- 1.4. 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 2025-2028 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at [www.rya.org.uk/racingrules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules).

## 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. The Race Committee may require advertising space for event sponsors in accordance with RRS 80 and World Sailing regulation 20.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Racing is open to all vessels racing under the locally modified Cardiff Bay Handicap System.
- 3.2. All boats shall clearly display a name or sail number.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. All non-CBYC member skippers and crew will be considered as temporary members for the duration of the event.
- 3.5. All skippers/owners must complete an entry form.
- 3.6. Eligible boats may enter and pay by completing the entry form at [www.shanghaicup.co.uk](http://www.shanghaicup.co.uk)
- 3.7. Late entries will be accepted after 30 April 2026, at the discretion of the race committee and upon payment of the late entry fee as set out in *NoR 4*.
- 3.8. CBYC reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry.

## 4. FEES

	Standard	Late Entry <i>after 30/04/2026</i>
Nimrod Cup	£15	£20

## 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. **Cardiff Racing – 9 & 23 May 2026**
- 5.1.1. Racing will take place over two Saturdays on 9 and 23 May 2026.
- 5.1.2. A maximum of 4 races are scheduled over the two Saturday's.
- 5.1.3. The scheduled start time of the first race on 9 May is 11:00.
- 5.1.4. The scheduled start time of the first race on 23 May is 11:00.
- 5.1.5. There will be no warning signal made after 16:00.
- 5.2. A schedule of racing with finalised start times will be issued in the sailing instructions.

## 6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Racing will be in a single fleet racing under locally modified TARS Cardiff Bay Handicap System.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available from the event website at [www.shanghaicup.co.uk](http://www.shanghaicup.co.uk) prior to 18 April 2026.
- 7.2. Amendments to the NoR and SI's will be published on the event website.

## 8. VENUE

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

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses to be sailed may include races around laid marks, races 'around-the-cans', a race 'around-the-cans'
- 9.2. Courses for each race will be announced via VHF on CH 37a (M1) prior to the warning signal of each race.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. The low point scoring system, in accordance with RRS 88.3 will be used.
- 10.2. Yachts scoring DNF 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 entries +2.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. Discards. 4 races sailed = 1 discard

## 11. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 11.1. All boats shall carry an operational marine VHF radio telephone.
- 11.2. All boats competing in any race shall carry safety equipment as listed in the CBYC Equipment Checklist which is available on [www.shanghaicup.co.uk](http://www.shanghaicup.co.uk), and boats may be scrutinised for compliance. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the series or a lesser penalty at the discretion of the race committee.

## 12. BERTHING

- 12.1. CBYC will offer free pontoon berths for all competitors between the two weekends. Please contact CBYC to reserve a berth quoting 'Shanghai Cup'.

## 13. LOCKING PROCEDURES

### 13.1. Cardiff

Locks in Cardiff usually run outbound on the hour and half past. Inbound locks usually run on the quarter past and quarter to. The locks operate on VHF CH 18, call sign "Barrage Control"

On the Cardiff racing weekend, it is the responsibility of each individual vessel to request a lock time.

## 14. PRIZES

- 14.1. The Event Prize giving will be on Saturday 23 May 2026 following racing in the CBYC clubhouse.
- 14.2. The Nimrod cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the Nimrod Cup fleet, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes.
- 14.3. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. 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.

- 15.2. Cardiff Bay Yacht Club accepts 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.

## 16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. 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.

## 17. ACCOMODATION & SOCIAL

### 17.1. Cardiff

There is a Travel Lodge and a Premier Inn (among others) a 10-minute drive from the club. Alternatively, there are some Airbnb's nearby.

Cardiff Bay Yacht Club will have the clubhouse at CBYC for food and drink on the afternoon/evening of event days, immediately after racing.

Further information for this event will be added to the event website.

Presentation of prizes will be on Saturday 23 May as soon as practical after racing in the CBYC clubhouse. The bar will be open for drinks and food.

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## RACE COMMITTEE

Nick Hankins, Sailing Secretary (CBYC)

Idris Dibble, Race Committee – Race Officer (CBYC)

Tony Davies, Race Committee (CBYC)

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## CONTACTS

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