

# SHANGHAI CUP



## BRISTOL CHANNEL IRC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

### Portishead Racing

Shanghai Cup 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May

Approx race time on the 9<sup>th</sup> 1030, on the 10<sup>th</sup> 1130

### Cardiff Racing

Shanghai Cup 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May

Approx race time on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1030, on the 24<sup>th</sup> 1130

Shanghai Cup to be raced under IRC Rating

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# Shanghai Cup 2026

## *Bristol Channel IRC Championships*

**9/10 May & 23/24 May 2026**

### **Notice of Race**

The organizing authority is Cardiff Bay Yacht Club (CBYC) with assistance from Portishead Cruising Club (PCC).

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The IRC Rules parts A, B & C shall apply for IRC races.
- 1.3. 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/))
- 1.4. RRS 63.7 is changed in that in the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.
- 1.5. 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 self-righting, single hull yachts.
- 3.2. All boats shall clearly display a sail number.
- 3.3. All competitors under 18 years of age must present a completed Consent Form to the CBYC Office, the Race Committee or by email to [info@shanghaicup.co.uk](mailto:info@shanghaicup.co.uk) before the warning signal of their first race. One such form will be required for each skipper with whom that junior sails. The form is available on the event website.
- 3.4. All non-CBYC member skippers and crew will be considered as temporary members for the duration of the event.

- 3.5. Only vessels with a valid IRC certificate will be eligible to compete in IRC fleets.
- 3.6. All skippers/owners must complete an entry form.
- 3.7. Eligible boats may enter and pay by completing the entry form at [www.shanghaicup.co.uk](http://www.shanghaicup.co.uk)
- 3.8. An early-bird discount will apply until 4 April 2026 as set out in *NoR 4*.
- 3.9. Late entries will be accepted after 2 May 2026, at the discretion of the race committee and upon payment of the late entry fee as set out in *NoR 4*.
- 3.10. CBYC reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry.

#### 4. FEES

	Early-Bird <i>until 04/04/2026</i>	Standard	Late Entry <i>after 02/05/2026</i>
<b>Shanghai Cup</b>	£70	£80	£95

#### 5. SCHEDULE

##### 5.1. **Portishead Racing** – 9/10 May 2026

- 5.1.1. A maximum of 6 races are scheduled over the two days.
- 5.1.2. The scheduled start time of the first race on 9 May is 10:30.
- 5.1.3. The scheduled start time of the first race on 10 May is 11:30.

##### 5.2. **Passage Race** – 10 May 2026

- 5.2.1. After racing on 10 May, there may be a Passage race from Portishead to Cardiff
- 5.2.2. There would be a break in racing before the start to allow crew members returning to Portishead Marina to transfer to shore.
- 5.2.3. The estimated start time for this race on 10 May would be 15.30 but this will depend on what races have taken place and the feasibility of the race.

##### 5.3. **Cardiff Racing** – 23/24 May 2026

- 5.3.1. A maximum of 8 races are scheduled over the two days for IRC.
- 5.3.2. The scheduled start time of the first race on 23 May is 10:30.
- 5.3.3. The scheduled start time of the first race on 24 May is 11:30.
- 5.3.4. On 24 May there will be no warning signal made after 16:00.

##### 5.4. A schedule of racing with finalised start times will be issued in the sailing instructions.

## 6. MEASUREMENT

6.1. Racing will use IRC ratings, and the race committee reserves the right to split racing into IRC1 and IRC2 if needed. Starts and classes may also be combined at the race committee's discretion. This shall not be grounds for redress, changing RRS 62.1a and RRS 63.1.

### 6.2. IRC & IRC2

6.2.1. IRC certificates shall have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 4 May 2026.

6.2.2. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this cut-off date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Office errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Office.

6.2.3. A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.

6.2.4. The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with IRC certificates.

6.2.5. IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew weight.

6.2.6. A copy of the boat's current IRC certificate shall be sent to the OA once they have entered. This can be done by email to [info@shanghaicup.co.uk](mailto:info@shanghaicup.co.uk). A copy shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time.

6.2.7. IRC class splits will not be finalised until the date for late entries on the 4 May 2026.

## 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 27 April 2026.

7.2. Amendments to the NoR and SI's will be published on the event website.

## 8. VENUE

8.1. Racing on the weekend of 9/10 May 2026 will take place in the Severn Estuary and Bristol Channel in the vicinity of Portishead Marina.

8.2. Racing on the weekend of 23/24 May 2026 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' including Denny Island and/or a passage race from Portishead to Cardiff.

- 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. 5-7 races sailed = 1 discard; 8-11 races sailed = 2 discards; 12-14 races sailed = 3 discards.

## 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. Discounted (1/2 price) berthing at Portishead Marina will only be available to boats that have entered and paid for the competition. The OA will forward a list of these boats to the Marina; boats not included will not be eligible for the discount. The discount will apply for 8, 9 & 10 May 2026 only.
- 12.2. CBYC will offer free pontoon berths for all competitors for up to two weeks between the two weekends. Please contact CBYC to reserve a berth quoting '*Shanghai Cup*'.

## 13. LOCKING PROCEDURES

### 13.1. Portishead

The first available lockout for keelboats in Portishead on 9 May is estimated to be 09:00.

The first available lockout for keelboats in Portishead on 10 May is estimated to be 10:00.

A locking-out schedule will be available from the OA.

Skippers should maintain a listening watch for instructions from the lockmaster on

VHF CH 80 and make their readiness known. The lock master will endeavour to get all competitors in and out as quickly as possible.

For inbound locks the Lock Master will organise yachts according to draft.

A full Portishead Marina lock access time can be found at <https://www.boatfolk.co.uk/portishead-marina-bristol/practical-information/portishead-marina-lock-times>

### 13.2. 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. There will be a mid-event prize giving on Saturday 23 May 2026, following racing in the CBYC clubhouse where prizes will be awarded for each day's racing so far of the event.
- 14.2. The Final Event Prize giving will be on Sunday 24 May 2026 following racing in the CBYC clubhouse.
- 14.3. The Shanghai cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the IRC fleets, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes
- 14.4. 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 found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are fit to participate. 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 and other organizing clubs 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.

## 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. Portishead

There is a go2 hotel (*previously Ibis Budget*) within walking distance of the Portishead Marina. Alternatively, there are some Airbnb's nearby.

Social activities in Portishead will be confirmed closer to the event and published on the event website at [www.shanghaicup.co.uk](http://www.shanghaicup.co.uk)

### 17.2. Cardiff

There is a Travel Lodge and 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 Saturday 23 May, immediately after racing.  
Further information for this event will be added to the event website.

Presentation of prizes will be on Sunday 24 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 Duppa-Miller, Race Committee member (PCC)  
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