

## Shanghai Cup - Bristol Channel IRC Championships 2026

### Portishead Leg Helpful Information

Good afternoon Shanghai Cup participants.

As we have a few new entries this year, I thought it would be useful to jot down some useful information. None of the information here is replacing the NoR, or SI's so please refer to the website for those details.

For vessels arriving in Portishead on either tide on Friday, please make sure that the marina is aware and that you have reserved a berth.

For vessels arriving Saturday, please confirm with the Marina that you require a berth for Saturday evening. To receive the 50% of Shanghai Cup offer your berth needs to be pre-booked.

Locking out on Saturday and Sunday Lock out times have been arranged to ensure all vessels will have time to lock out and make their way to the race area. Please ensure you monitor VHF CH80 as soon as you arrive on the boat in case of a change of lock time.

**Lock positions have been pre-arranged**, so please make sure you only occupy the space allocated. This can be found on the event website at [Portishead Weekend Information 2026 – Shanghai & Nimrod Cup](#)

Vessel	Beam	Saturday		Sunday
Alibi (committee boat)		0900		1000
Supersonic	2.5	0900		1100
Jaha!	3.51	0900		1000
Checkmate IX	3.17	0900		1100
Gweilo	2.87	0900		1000
Hero	3.96	1000		1100
Joyride	3.05	1000		1100
Merlin	2.49	0900		1100
Ctrl-J	3.51	1000		1000
Silverback	3.76	1000		1100
Emma Peel	2.3	1000		1000
Marco Polo	3.55	0900		1100
Strike 3	3.43	0900		1000
Wavetrain	3.46	1000		1100
Hallucination	2.64	1000		1000

The committee boat is a blue motor vessel named Alibi and will be locking out on the first lock of the day.

For vessels not familiar with racing in Portishead it is a good idea to have a thorough read through of the sailing instructions. In addition, it may be prudent to print them for reference on the day and pay notice to *Appendix 1* prior to receiving the first course from the race management team.

Due to commercial shipping movements in and around the race area, start times may have to be delayed. Please always keep a VHF radio listening watch for updates and ensure that shipping movements are not impeded.

Once racing has finished for the day it is the responsibility of each skipper to call the marina to arrange an inbound lock. Due to some minor gate issues locking may take slightly longer than normal. Please be patient with lock staff and remain polite at all times and enjoy a beer or a coffee in the sunshine.

The marina provides general refuse and recycling facilities, please ensure that they are used responsibly and under no circumstances should any rubbish or recycling be left on the berth.

There will be a dock party for all Shanghai Cup participants soon after racing on Saturday. This will be at the hoist dock near H&M and is a great way to meet fellow competitors talk about the days racing and ask the locals for the best drinking spots for the evening and best tidal tips for Sunday.

Drinks at the hoist party will be provided free to crews and consist of a keg of some kind of ale, gin and tonic and rum and coke (I've heard rumours that it may even be running to a dark and stormy this year too). Please bring a re-usable glass or cup as we will not be providing any kind of disposable cups. Also feel free to bring along any snacks you may like to share.

There is a co-op a couple of minutes' walk from the hoist dock that sells pre-chilled drinks if we run out, or you aren't keen on the choice.

There are several options to eat and drink around the marina including H&W close to the hoist and the Posset Cup Wetherspoons a five-minute walk from the hoist. There is also a Lidl at this location.

Racing on Sunday will take the same format as Saturday.

Following the end of racing on Sunday there may be a passage race back to Cardiff. This would start as soon as possible after Shanghai Cup racing has been completed.

If required, there will be an opportunity for vessels to transfer crews to anyone locking back into the marina for a lift, or to use the access ladders on the wall outside the lock.

The CBYC clubhouse will be open on Sunday evening for any vessels locking into the Bay.

Any skippers or crew organisers not on the *Shanghai and Nimrod 2026* WhatsApp group who would like to be added please contact me and I can add you.

Updates to anything important to do with the event will be published on the event official notice board at [www.shanghaicup.co.uk](http://www.shanghaicup.co.uk)

Updates on changes to shoreside social plans will be announced on the event Facebook page and relayed on the WhatsApp group.