



MENAI BRIDGE BOAT CLUB
ST GEORGES PIER
MENAI BRIDGE

Round Anglesey Race

5th August 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing. [RRS]
- 1.2 All yachts and equipment shall conform to the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 governing minimum standards of equipment and accommodation. A hand-held VHF radio and a mobile phone shall be carried and the phone number logged with the Race Officer before the race.
- 1.3 From sunset to sunrise Rules in RRS Part 2 are replaced by the right of way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing of Collision at Sea

2. Entries

- 2.1 Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the £35 entry fee before the race. Entries on the day shall be accepted at the MBBC Club House before the start.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at The Menai Bridge Boat Clubhouse.

4. Schedule and Class Flags

The Race will circumnavigate Anglesey in a non-stop race.

The races will be sailed as four classes. All competitors shall display on the backstay the code flag allotted to their respective Class at all times when racing rules apply.

Class 1. Fast IRC will fly code flag Numeral 1.

Class 2. Slow IRC will fly code flag Numeral 2.

Class 3. RYA Old Portsmouth Yardstick* will fly code flag Numeral 3.

Class 4. Multihull will fly code flag Numeral 4.

Warning Signals

	Start
0825 Class1 Warning Signal will be given and Code Flag 1 will be displayed	0830
0830 Class2 Warning Signal will be given and Code Flag 2 will be displayed	0835
0835 Class3 Warning Signal will be given and Code Flag 3 will be displayed	0840
0840 Class4 Warning signal will be given and Code Flag 4 will be displayed	0845

5. Contact Number

A contact number for the race should be left with the Race Officer for the purpose of position finding [especially during light weather and retirements]

Approximately 30 min before reaching the finishing line at Menai boats shall contact 0797 194 0071 to alert the officers

6. Racing Area

The racing area will be Around Anglesey.

7. Course and Marks

From Start Line at Menai Bridge, South-westwards through the Menai Strait and South about Anglesey, leaving Penmon Perch to Port thence to finish at Menai Bridge. Minimum Distance 64 nautical miles.

8. Starting Lines

Menai:- Prolongation of a line between 2 poles on Menai Bridge Promenade Barbican, the inner Pole flying M.B.B.C. Burgee, Both Poles having orange Triangles. (Note there will be no limit mark).

9. Finishing Lines

Menai:- as starting line

10. Time Limit (Amending Rule 35)

a) Time limit will be 24 hours, provided that when the first boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit will become 25 hours.

b) If no yacht has crossed the finishing line, the Sailing Committee may at their discretion, place and award prizes to yachts in the order in which they past a point on the course, chosen by the Race Officer.

11. Protests (Amending Rule 61)

Oral notice of intention to protest shall be made either by radio immediately on crossing the finish line or as soon as possible thereafter to the R.O. or an official of the Menai Bridge Boat Club, and a formal notice in writing on the prescribed form and shall be lodged at The Royal Anglesey Yacht Club before 18.00hrs on the 6th August. Protest committee shall be convened if necessary at the Royal Anglesey Y.C. and details shall be placed on the Notice board at the Royal Anglesey Y.C. and Menai Bridge B.C.

12. Scoring

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply

13. Safety

a) A radio watch will be maintained on VHF channel 16 by the race organizers. Under heavy weather conditions boats are asked to keep a listening watch on dual channels 16 and 37/M1.

b) Entrants shall conform to the safety regulations appropriate to their class association and may be subject to scrutiny.

c) Competitors should listen to the forecast transmitted on channel 37/M1 at 0900 by the race officer.

d) Boats with and AIS tracker shall have it operational throughout the Race.

14. Retirement

The owner of any yacht retiring must inform the Race Officer as soon as possible by VHF radio on channel 37/M1 or telephone 07971940071 (or 07973228636)

15. Sail Numbers [Amending RRS Appendix G]

Excepting after special written permission from the Race Officer, sail numbers on mainsail, and spinnaker if carried, shall conform to those declared on entry. Duplicate sail numbers in the same class shall not be acceptable.

16. RRS 52 [Manual Power] Will be deleted

17. Class 3

Will race under the Old Portsmouth Yardstick* and can be altered by the MBBC Race Committee.

18. General – Risk Statement

RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore, and will carry adequate lifesaving equipment for all persons on board;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can

- practically be provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue of event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
 - h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

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Extract from International Regulations for preventing collisions at sea.

Rule 9(b) "A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

Competitors are asked to realize that in the narrow channel of the Menai Strait, navigation for commercial craft is exacting and difficult, all Yachtsmen are requested to bear this in mind and must give way. In the event of an accident with an unattended moored vessel the Pier master at Menai Bridge should be informed Tel 01248 712312

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