



## 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### Menai Strait Regattas 2017

The Menai Strait Regattas 2017 will consist of 12 individual regattas, one race each day hosted by a different club or committee.

The Regattas start on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 and finish on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Note the change from the usual Regattas days is for 2017 only due to The National Eisteddfod of Wales taking place on Anglesey from the 4<sup>th</sup> August.

The event is organised by the Menai Strait Combined Regatta Committee on behalf of the individual host clubs and committees.

Racing each day starts at one of 5 venues along the Menai Strait between Beaumaris and Caernarfon.

HEMPEL Group have agreed to continue as the main sponsor for the Menai Strait Regattas in 2017. HEMPEL Group is a world leading supplier of paint and other coatings to the sailing community.

## Notice of Race

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017 – 2020)
- 1.2 Changes to the racing rules are identified in the Sailing Instructions

### 2 Eligibility and Entry

The Menai Strait Regattas are open to boats of the following classes:

Class		Class	
1	Cruiser Handicap NHC >= 0.81 & > 6.5m	9	Hilbre Island One Design
2	Multi-hull Cruiser	10	Seabird Half Rater
3	Falcon One Design	11	Cruiser Handicap NHC < 0.81 or <= 6.5m
4	National Squib	12	Hoylake Opera
5	RMYC Mylne	13	West Kirby Star
6	RAYC Fife	14	Handicap Dinghy PN 1178 to 1432
7	Conway One Design	15	Handicap Dinghy up to PN 1177
8	Menai Strait One Design		

Racing for Optimists can be available at Y Felinheli/Port Dinorwic and other venues by prior arrangement.

Boats may enter **up to the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017** by completing the Entry Form which can be downloaded from the website [www.menaistraitregattas.org.uk](http://www.menaistraitregattas.org.uk) and sending it to:

**Paul Flower**, The Estate Office, Wincham Wharf, Lostock Gralam, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 7NT.

Late Entry fees apply after 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Late entries may be handed in until the day preceding the race at the Regatta Office (when open) or completed at the start line on the day of the race up to 1 hour before the start of the race.

### 3 Fees

- 3.1 2017 Regatta entry fees:

Class	up to 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2017			after 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2017		
	1 to 13	14 & 15	age<18	1 to 13	14 & 15	age<18
<b>12 days</b>	£143	£70	£40	£153	£78	£50
<b>Any 6 days</b>	£95	£35	£20	£105	£39	£25
<b>1-5 days &amp; extra days over 6</b>	£19/day	£8/day	£5/day	£21/day	£8/day	£5/day

- 3.2 Mooring fees:  
Mooring for boats can be booked using the Entry Form or by emailing your requirements to [secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk](mailto:secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk). Mooring fees for Mylne, Hilbre, Conway, Squib, Star & Opera classes are £69 for the complete regatta period. Mooring fees for other classes are available by negotiation.
- 3.3 Car Parking:  
Car passes for parking on Beaumaris Green are available either using the Regattas Entry Form or at the Regattas Office in the Royal Anglesey Yacht Club during the event. The car passes are valid for one week. If 2 regattas are entered in a week then the entry will be entitled to one car pass for that week. Extra passes are available for £5 per week if required.
- 3.4 **Fees should be paid using the on line banking details shown on the entry form or by sending a cheque with the entry form. Payment may also be made at the Regattas Office or at the start line on the day.**

#### 4 **Schedule and Venues**

Full details of the daily race schedule will be published in the Menai Strait Regattas Programme 2017.

Date	Regatta	Warning Signal	Start Line
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Royal Anglesey Y C	11.55	Beaumaris
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Royal Dee Yacht Club	12.55	Beaumaris
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Bangor Town	12.55	Glyn Garth
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Race Through	09.55	Beaumaris
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Royal Welsh YC	11.55	Caernarfon
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Caernarfon SC	12.25	Caernarfon
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Port Dinorwic	10.55	Y Felinheli
Mon 31st July	Menai Bridge Boat Club	13.25	Menai Bridge
Tue 1st August	Beaumaris Town	11:55	Beaumaris
Wed 2nd August	West Kirby SC	09:55	Beaumaris
Thu 3rd August	Royal Mersey YC	10:25	Beaumaris
Fri 4th August	Conway YC	10:25	Beaumaris

Notes:

At the Caernarfon based regattas the warning signal for Classes 1, 2 and 11 will be 15 minutes before the times shown above (see SI 6.2).

There will be only one race at Port Dinorwic for Classes 14 and 15 (changed for 2017)

#### 5 **Sailing Instruction**

The sailing instructions will be sent to entrants after their entry form is received. They will also be available for download from the website [www.menaistraitregattas.org.uk](http://www.menaistraitregattas.org.uk) and at the Regatta Office during the event.

#### 6 **Courses**

Courses will be chosen by the Race Officer each day to take account of the local weather and tidal conditions and displayed at the start line.

Courses for Classes 1 to 13 will usually be chosen from the Marks and Courses booklet or may on occasion follow the "X course" procedure shown in the Sailing Instructions on the Beaumaris Marks and Courses page.

Courses for Classes 14 & 15 will be available each day when signing on at the start line.

#### 7 **Penalty System**

The penalty system is fully described in SI 13

#### 8 **Scoring**

The scoring system is fully described in SI 16

## 9 Prizes

### Overall Series Class Perpetual Trophies

Class	Trophy
1 Cruiser	Cholerton Cup
4 National Squib	Razzo Azzuro Salver
5 RMYC Mylne	RNVR Rose Bowl
5 RMYC Mylne Best 6 Races	J.F.Thornton Cup
6 RAYC Fife	The Sheeva Cup
7 Conway One Design	The James Emery Challenge Cup
8 Menai Straits One Design - 1 <sup>st</sup>	The Pritchard Cup
8 Menai Straits One Design - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Rodney Jones Salver
9 Hilbre Island One Design	The Hilbre Trophy
12 Hoylake Opera	The Andrew Stratton Trophy
13 West Kirby Star Class	The Jupiter Cup
14 Mirror	Mirror Dinghy Challenge Cup
15 Handicap Dinghy PN 1061-1177	The Royal Dee Challenge Cup
15 GP14	Menai Strait Punch Bowl
15 Laser	The Pauline Morewood Cup
15 Enterprise	The Bulkeley Challenge Cup
16 Optimist	The Optimist Cup

Prizes will be awarded for each day by the host club or committee.

Some classes will also be awarded prizes for the results of the first and/or second week's racing and in some classes other prizes will be awarded for specific groups of races and/or specific achievements.

## 10 Risk Statement

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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;
- 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;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 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;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 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 or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regattas.

## 11 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 12 Further Information

For further information please look at our website: [www.menaistraitregattas.org.uk](http://www.menaistraitregattas.org.uk)

News will also be available on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/MenaiStraitRegattas>

Contact the Regattas Secretary by email: [secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk](mailto:secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk)

Printed race documentation supersedes instructions and notices on the website or the Facebook page.