



MENAI STRAIT REGATTAS



1st August to 13th August 2022

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The Menai Strait Regattas 2022 will consist of 12 individual regattas hosted by different clubs or committees with one or two races held each day.

The 2022 Regattas start on Monday 1st August and finish on Saturday 13th 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 the venues along the Menai Strait between Beaumaris and Caernarfon.

Notice of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021 – 2024)
- 1.2 Changes to the racing rules are identified in the Sailing Instructions

2 Sailing Instruction

The sailing instructions will be available for download from our website menaistraitregattas.org.uk. Printed copies will also be available at the Regatta Office and the start lines during the event.

3 Communication

The online official notice board is located at menaistraitregattas.org.uk/notices. Whenever possible information will also be displayed on the Notice Board situated in the RAYC, the Regattas Facebook page and distributed by text message.

Official notices published on the website take precedence over printed race documentation or instructions and information published on the Facebook page or text message.

The Text Messaging system can be subscribed to on the Entry Form or by contacting the Secretary secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk.

4 Eligibility

The Menai Strait Regattas are open to classes of boat that will race in the following fleets:

1a	Cruiser Handicap NHC>0.81 and >6.5m	8	Menai Strait One Design
1b	Cruiser Handicap NHC<=0.81 or <=6.5m	9	Hilbre Island One Design
2	Multi-hull Cruiser MOCRA	10	Seabird Half Rater
3	Falcon One Design	11	Hoylake Opera
4	Limbo 6.6	12	West Kirby Star
5	RMYC Mylne	13	Handicap Dinghy PN>=1178
6	RAYC Fife	14	Handicap Dinghy PN<1178
7	Conway One Design		

We also welcome other classes of boat and will make arrangements for them to race. If there are sufficient numbers we will create a new fleet for them, otherwise they will race alongside one of the above fleets. Contact the Secretary for more information (secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk).

5 Entry

- 5.1 We have introduced Online Entry this year which removes the need to post a paper form to the Secretary. This is accessed from our website menaistraitregattas.org.uk/entries.
- 5.2 For those who cannot use online entry a paper form can be downloaded from the website and sent to:
Ian Bradley, 24, Rating Row, Beaumaris, Anglesey, LL58 8AF
- 5.3 Entry Fees are shown below. Late Entry fees apply after 17th July 2022. Late entries may be made online; or handed in at the Regatta Office (when open) until the day preceding the race; or completed at the start line on the day of the race up to **1 hour** before the start of the race.

ENTRY FEES**up to 17th July 2022****after 17th July 2022****Fleet****12 days****Any 6 days****1-5 days & extra days over 6**

1 to 12	13 & 14	age<18
£160	£80	£48
£107	£53	£32
£21/day	£11/day	£6/day

1 to 12	13 & 14	age<18
£176	£88	£53
£118	£59	£35
£23/day	£12/day	£7/day

Entry Fees are not refundable in the event of a race being abandoned and not resailed.

5.4 Entry Fees should be paid using on line banking:**Acct Name:** Menai Strait Joint Regattas Account**Sort Code:** 40-16-02; **Acct Number:** 81055909**Reference:** Your Boat's Class and Sail Number

If this is not possible please send a cheque with the entry form to:

Ian Bradley, 24, Rating Row, Beaumaris, Anglesey, LL58 8AF
or pay at the Regattas Office or pay at the start line on the day of the race.

6 Schedule and Venues

Full details of the daily race schedule will be published in the Menai Strait Regattas Programme 2022.

Date	Regatta	Warning Signal	Start Line
Mon 1 st August	Royal Dee Yacht Club	11:25	Beaumaris
Tue 2 nd August	Bangor Town 1 st Race	10:55	Beaumaris
	Bangor Town 2 nd Race	13:25	Gazelle
Wed 3 rd August	Race Through	12:25	Beaumaris
Thu 4 th August	Royal Welsh YC	13:10**	Caernarfon
Fri 5 th August	Caernarfon SC	14:10**	Caernarfon
Sat 6 th August	Port Dinorwic RC	11:55	Y Felinheli
Mon 8 th August	Menai Bridge Boat Club	12:55	Menai Bridge
Tue 9 th August	Beaumaris Town	11:55	Beaumaris
Wed 10 th August	West Kirby SC	10:55	Beaumaris
Thu 11 th August	Royal Mersey YC	10:55	Beaumaris
Fri 12 th August	Conway YC	10:55	Beaumaris
Sat 13 th August	Royal Anglesey YC	10:55	Beaumaris

Notes:

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

7 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 Fleets 1 to 12 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 Fleets 13 & 14 will be available each day when signing on at the start line.

8 Penalty System

The penalty system is fully described in SI 13

9 Scoring

The scoring system is fully described in SI 16

10 Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to us will only be used to facilitate your participation in the event.

11 Risk Statement

Rule 3 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:

- 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 omissions;
- 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 be practically 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 or 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.

12 Sailing on the Menai Strait – Information for competitors

The Menai Strait is a beautiful stretch of water running from Fort Belan in the SW to beyond Puffin Island at the NE. But while it can appear perfect for sailing competitors need to take into account the specific nature of the water before setting out to take part in a race.

- Tides: The tides in the Menai Strait are legendary for their speed and range. At spring tides certain places along the Menai Strait can experience tidal range exceeding 6m and speed of 3 to 4 knots.
- Sandbanks: All along the Menai Strait there are sandbanks that are exposed as the tide falls – even at neap tides. Some of these lead into dead end channels.
- Waves: The Menai Strait is sheltered but can still experience very difficult sea conditions in strong winds and tides.
- Wind gusts: In certain areas the effect of the hills around the shores of the Menai Strait can lead to very gusty winds with sudden changes of direction.
- Marine Traffic: The Menai Strait is used by both commercial shipping with large vessels present which are constrained to the main channels; commercial fishing operations which may be anywhere that the water allows them to operate; tourist boats and pleasure craft including yachts, windsurfers, power boats, diving boats, jet skis, foil boards, rowing craft, stand up paddle boards and others.
- Moorings and Fishing Equipment: There are many moorings around the Menai Strait. Even when no vessel is attached to the mooring attention needs to be paid to the equipment in the water which can interfere with sailing. Unattended fishing equipment is also present.
- Underwater obstructions: In some places there are rocks, slipways, outfall pipes and other items underwater that cannot be seen but could cause damage to a boat that hits them.

If you require further information about any of these risks ask the race officials at the start line or seek advice from other competitors.

13 Prizes

Overall Series Perpetual Trophies

Fleet

- 1 Cruiser
- 5 RMYC Mylne
- 5 RMYC Mylne Best 6 Races
- 6 RAYC Fife
- 7 Conway One Design
- 8 Menai Straits One Design - 1st
- 8 Menai Straits One Design - 2nd
- 9 Hilbre Island One Design
- 12 Hoylake Opera
- 13 West Kirby Star
- 14 Mirror
- 15 Handicap Dinghy PN<1178
- 15 GP14
- 15 Laser
- 15 Enterprise

Trophy

- Cholerton Cup
- RNVR Rose Bowl
- J.F.Thornton Cup
- The Sheeva Cup
- The James Emery Challenge Cup
- The Pritchard Cup
- The Rodney Jones Salver
- The Hilbre Trophy
- The Andrew Stratton Trophy
- The Jupiter Cup
- Mirror Dinghy Challenge Cup
- The Royal Dee Challenge Cup
- Menai Strait Punch Bowl
- The Pauline Morewood Cup
- The Bulkeley Challenge Cup

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

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

14 Moorings

Some moorings will be available for competitors as usual. Please contact the secretary with details of your requirements and for information about mooring fees (secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk). **Requests for moorings should be made before 19th June.**

15 Car Parking in Beaumaris

By agreement with Beaumaris Town Clerk competitors can benefit from a £5 discount on the normal £25 cost of a 7 day Temporary Resident's Pass which can be purchased from the Attendants Hut on the Green. The discount will be granted on production of the Confirmation of Entry for the Regattas which will be emailed to those entering online. Two passes can be purchased to cover the whole Regatta fortnight. A card to operate the barrier can also be obtained from the Attendants Hut for a refundable deposit of £10.

Boats that are participating in the Regattas may be stored on the Green along the dinghy park wall. Access to this area of the Green is secured by a padlock and key and to comply with Council requirements the gate must be kept locked except when the access is being used. Cars may only be in this area when it is necessary to tow a boat and must be parked on the main Green parking area at other times.

16 Further Information

For further information please contact the Regattas Secretary: secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk

Or look at our website: menaistraitregattas.org.uk

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