

**5th August to 17th August 2024****Menai Strait Regattas 2024**

The 2024 Regattas start on Monday 5th August and finish on Saturday 17th August.

The event is organised by the Menai Strait Combined Regatta Committee on behalf of the individual host clubs and committees. The MSCRC has appointed a Principal Race Officer who will oversee all of the Regattas.

The Menai Strait Regattas 2024 will consist of 12 individual regattas hosted by different clubs or committees with one or two races held each day.

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

The 2024 Menai Strait Regattas are sponsored by Menai Holiday Cottages.

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 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:

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

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 Entries may be made online 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 21st July 2024. 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 21st July 2024****after 21st July 2024**

Fleet	1 to 12	13 & 14	age<18	1 to 12	13 & 14	age<18
12 days	£178	£89	£53	£196	£98	£59
Any 6 days	£119	£60	£36	£131	£65	£39
1-5 days & extra days over 6	£24/day	£12/day	£7/day	£26/day	£13/day	£8/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

Sort Code: 30-99-50; **Acct Number:** 37386862

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 found in the Menai Strait Regattas Programme which will be available on the website.

The time of warning signals shown below are for start 1. Subsequent starts will be at 5 minute intervals. The warning signal for start 0 (Cruiser Fleets 1 & 2) will be 15 minutes before the time shown for start 1.

Date		Regatta	Warning Signal	Start Line
Mon	5 th August	Royal Dee Yacht Club	10:55	Beaumaris
Tue	6 th August	Bangor Town 1 st Race	10:55	Beaumaris
		Bangor Town 2 nd Race	13:25	Gazelle
Wed	7 th August	Race Through	10:25	Beaumaris
Thu	8 th August	Royal Welsh YC - Seiont	11:25	Caernarfon
Fri	9 th August	Royal Welsh YC – Cadnant	11:55	Caernarfon
Sat	10 th August	Port Dinorwic RC	13:25	Y Felinheli
Mon	12 th August	Menai Long Distance Race	12:25	Beaumaris
Tue	13 th August	Beaumaris Town	09:55	Beaumaris
Wed	14 th August	West Kirby SC	13:55	Beaumaris
Thu	15 th August	Royal Mersey YC	13:55	Beaumaris
Fri	16 th August	Conway YC	13:55	Beaumaris
Sat	17 th August	Royal Anglesey YC	10:55	Beaumaris

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 the RRS. Specific arrangements for the Menai Strait Regattas are contained in SI 11

9 Scoring

The scoring system is fully described in SI 14

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 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	Trophy
1 Cruiser	Cholerton Cup
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 st	The Pritchard Cup
8 Menai Straits One Design - 2 nd	The Rodney Jones Salver
9 Hilbre Island One Design	The Hilbre Trophy
11 Hoylake Opera	The Andrew Stratton Trophy
12 West Kirby Star	The Jupiter Cup
13 Mirror	Mirror Dinghy Challenge Cup
14 Handicap Dinghy PN<1178	The Royal Dee Challenge Cup
14 GP14	Menai Strait Punch Bowl

14 Laser
14 Enterprise

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. Please contact the secretary with details of your requirements and for information about the moorings available and fees.
(secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk).

Requests for moorings should be made before 21st June.

15 Car Parking in Beaumaris

By agreement with Beaumaris Town Clerk participants (helms and crews) can benefit from a £15 discount on the normal £35 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. A Temporary Resident's Pass Application form must be completed. Two passes can be purchased to cover the whole Regatta fortnight. Boats that are participating in the Regattas may be stored on the Green near the slipway. One car may be parked in this area with each boat and must display a valid parking pass for the Green. Access to this area of the Green is secured by a padlock and key and to comply with Council requirements the gate will be kept locked except when the access is being used.

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>