150th CARDIGAN BAY REGATTA

18th - 20th August 2026

The Event will be held at New Quay, Ceredigion West Wales SA45 9NW.

Accommodation, Camping, and Caravan sites are available locally on the internet (e.g.booking.com, Airbnb, CCC website, pitchup.com etc.).

Early booking of accommodation is advised. The event is in school holidays, and the area is very busy because of the popularity of dolphin spotting trips and other local attractions.

Racing will be in New Quay Bay, around fixed marks or laid courses from either a committee boat or pier head start.

Please take care when manoeuvring your boat in the harbour area. It is advisable to have an additional person to supervise when reversing in the harbour area.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1) The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing*

1.2) The prescriptions of the RYA and Cardigan Bay Regatta will apply.

1.3) Racing rule(s) 40, 27.1 will be changed as follows: Flag Y will not be flown, the course will be defined in the Sailing Instructions, on a course-board and any changes may appear in full in the Sailing Instructions or as briefed by the OOD. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.4) Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times when on the water and must not be of the self-inflating type.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1) The regatta is open to all classes of **MONOHULL** racing dinghies (except for boats like the WETA used by disabled sailors. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.)

2.2) Entry on-line only. An entry form is available on www.cardiganbayregatta.co.uk/sailing

THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE FORM IS **MANDATORY** AND MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL. THOSE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD on the first day of Regatta (18th August). MUST HAVE PARENTAL CONSENT (FORM TO BE COMPLETED ON THE SAME TAB.) Failure to provide the necessary information may result in an entry being refused. (The committee's decision is final)

Entry may only be completed on-line and the closing date for entry and payment is Sunday 16th August 2026 at 2359 hours. Late - in person, or - on the day entries may only be accepted in extremis.

First come, first served, as there may be a restriction in fleet sizes due to restriction in safety boats.

3. FEES

3.1: Cruisers / Day Boats: Day 1- No entry Fee, £10 a race, £30 total for all races days 2 & 3.

Dinghies (Monohulls Only) : £5 per race or £30 for all races (9)

4. SCHEDULE

4.1) Date of racing: (Day 1) Tuesday 18th, (Day 2) Wednesday 19th & (Day 3) Thursday 20th August 2026.

4.2) The OOD will carry out briefings at 09:00Hrs (Day 1), & 08:30 (Days 2 & 3) outside the Harbour Master's Office.

4.4) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start on Day 1, Day 2, & Day 3 will be contained in the sailing events programme.

4.5). Dinghies may be allowed to park boats on a section of the main beach. Road trailers must be removed from the harbour area unless otherwise authorised.

4.6) Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This applies at all times when afloat or on the beach.

5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on-line. Any Changes to Sis will be mentioned at each daily briefing. Any urgent notices, following a signal ashore, may be placed on a notice board, outside the Harbour Master's Office.

6. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be communicated by the Race Committee using course boards/flags – this will be covered in the SIs and daily Briefing. They are contained on the website in the sailing section.

7. PRIZES

NB. All Cups and Trophies to remain the property of the Cardigan Bay Regatta in perpetuity. and must be returned by 1 July 2027 to : Dr Yvonne Rees, Towyn Villa, Hill Street. New Quay, SA45 9QD yvonne.rees@btinternet.com 07725 993 803

Prizes will be awarded as per the sailing programme.

Prizes for Day 1 and Day 2 races will be presented at approximately 18.30 on The Green opposite the Penwig Hotel. Prizes for Day 3 races and Series prizes will be presented at approximately 16.00 on The Green Opposite the Penwig Hotel.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

8.1) By participating or intending to participate in an event conducted under the rules, each competitor & boat owner agrees to accept the rules.

8.2) A support person by providing support, or a parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter an event, agrees to accept the rules

9. 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 the owner / skipper / parent /guardian 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 owner / skipper / parent /guardian 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

(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, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of Safety 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 the venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue / event, and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

(h) (For offshore races) They are responsible for ensuring their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience & fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

(i) Their boat is adequately insured, The RYA currently strongly recommends holding at least £5 million in third party liability. (RYA.org.uk)

9. INSPECTIONS

The fact that the Race Committee may conduct an inspection of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

For further information please contact:

Prior to 17th August 2026 via email to: Race committee cardiganbayregatta@yahoo.com

From 18th August 2026: Attend at the Pier Head to speak to the Commodore / OOD

Amended 03/07/2026