



Official Notice #1 – 2020 Menai Strait Regattas - Coronavirus

The Menai Strait Regattas team is actively monitoring the Coronavirus measures that the government are introducing. It is a rapidly changing situation. No-one has a clear idea how quickly the restrictions may be reduced or what level residual restriction may remain in place following the initial peak in the outbreak. The start of the Regattas is still 4 months away and we feel that we should not make any decision yet about whether the Regattas can or cannot go ahead as planned from the 3rd August. We will therefore continue to plan for the Regattas but in the knowledge that the final decision about whether they can go ahead will have to be made later.

In these uncertain times we will try to give as much notice as possible if it becomes necessary to abandon or change the Regattas. We anticipate at present that we will have to make a go/no-go decision around the beginning of July because of the time required to lay the moorings required, print the programme, processing entries etc and also to allow competitors to firm up their plans for travel, accommodation etc. The very latest date to decide if it is possible to go ahead with the Regattas will be mid-July. If it becomes clear earlier that it will not be possible to go ahead then we will inform you as quickly as possible.

So in early July the Regattas committee will decide whether the 2020 Regattas can go ahead as planned; can go ahead in some modified form (postponed, reduced duration, limited social activity...); or have to be abandoned all together.

For now we will:

- Publish the Notice of Race but with a caution that if the Coronavirus situation in early July is not favourable then changes or abandonment may be necessary
- We will not publish the Entry Form and will not take entry fees. There is time to process these in July if we are able to proceed with the planned (or alternative) Regattas. In the circumstances Late Entry Fees will be waived.
- We will not print the Programme until the plans are decided and confirmed.
- We will issue periodic notices if the information available allows us to make decisions affecting the plans for the Regattas and the competitors' preparation.

Best wishes to everyone in the critical time that lies ahead.

Menai Strait Joint Regattas Committee
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