



2008 European Cup Final Water Ski Race Bulletin



Cardiff Bay Barrage
Fri/Sat/Sunday Aug 29/30/31st, 2008



The Welsh Water Ski Association in partnership with Cardiff Harbour Authority invite you to Wales and Cardiff Bay

Dear Friends

On behalf of The Welsh Water Ski Association & Cardiff Harbour Authority I would like to welcome you to the Final round of the European Cup Water Ski Racing series.

Cardiff host's the final round after races in Genk, Geel and Viersel in Belgium; Vienna, Austria and Erguzon, France.

Cardiff is Europe's youngest city and has a great mix of nationalities and cultures and we hope that you have the time to visit some of the sights and sounds of Cardiff and the surrounding Welsh countryside.

In this bulletin you'll find the information for competing in this race. If you need more information, please contact:

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We are hoping to arrange catering facilities on the Barrage site for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning but restaurants within the Bay area (Mermaid Quay) are very popular and you may do well to book evening meals in advance. It takes approx 15 minutes to walk into Mermaid Quay from the Boat park.

A Welcome party which all teams must attend has been arranged for the Norwegian Church/Visitors centre on Saturday evening starting at approx 6pm (Time and venue to be confirmed).

Scrutineering will be conducted on the Barrage grass and slipway areas on Friday afternoon between 13.00hrs and 17.00hrs and Saturday between 09.00 and 13.00.

The secretariat will be open on Friday 10.00 to 16.30 and on Saturday from 09.00 to 16.30.

Please enjoy your visit to Cardiff and we wish you a safe journey to and from the venue.

Course regulations:

The maximum line length allowed is **60m**.

Grid Start time lapse 10sec per grid. Positions defined by your accumulated performance. Also Rule 4.08/04 (b, c, d, e,); picking up a fallen skier at the Inner Harbour turn Rule 4.08/05 (a); acknowledgement by driver of fallen skier Rule 4.08/08; conduct of race 4.09/01 and 4.09/10 will be rigorously enforced.

Refuelling between races will be done on the water. Please take care when pouring fuel that you don't spill any into the water.

Howard Smith
On behalf of the
Organising Committee



ORGANISATION

President:

Howard Smith

Organising Committee: WWSA

**David Silver
David Jackson
David Llewellyn
Colin Harris
Nathan Perry**

Cardiff Harbour Authority:

**Chris Hadfield
Simon Allan
Ray Perriman
Andy Vie-Parminter
Julie Thomas**

Cardiff City Council Events:

**Rob Corp
Paul Smith**

BRITISH OFFICIALS

Safety/Radio Officer:	Howard Smith
Rescue Officer:	David Jackson
Starter:	Mike Spindley
Commentators:	Simon Gale + 1
Course Marshal:	David Llewellyn
Launch Marshal:	Colin Harris Kevin Rogers
4x4 Drivers:	1. Tom Gould (CHA)
2.	3.
4.	5.
Flag Marshall:	Dal Spinola
Rescue Boats:	W1,
Jet Ski Rescue:	Dave Coombes, + 1
Paramedics:	NHS
Ambulance:	NHS

INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS

Chief Judge: To be confirmed

Assist Chief Judge: To Be confirmed

Judges:

1: To be confirmed

2: To be confirmed

3: To be confirmed

4: To be confirmed

Chief Calculator: To be confirmed

Timekeeper: To be confirmed
Sue Fleming (GB)

Lap Recorders: BWS team

Chief Scrutineer: To be confirmed

Scrutineers:

1: Rob Hawkins

2: John Grimes

3: Steve Benny

4: Rob Jenkins

Accommodation

Camping:

Camping is available on the Barrage site next to pit area/launching at £5 (€8) per night per camper, payable on arrival.

Electric generators are on site but you will need to provide your own cable connections. Small personal generators are allowed between the hours of 07.30 to 23.30. Toilets and showers are on site. Barbecues are allowed in designated areas only. Please use rubbish bins provided. **NO CARS ARE ALLOWED IN CAMPING AREA.** Listen to the instructions given to you by the marshals.

Hotels:

St David's Hotel & Spa 5star (£150 to £350 per night)

Havannah Street, Cardiff Bay

2k from Pit area, 1.5k from City Centre, 200m from Restaurants etc.

Some rooms overlook the race course.

Future Inns, 3star, Cardiff Bay

Hemingway Road, Cardiff CF10 4JY

Tel: 029 20487111, Fax: 029 2043 2796

e-mail: sales.cardiff@futureinns.co.uk www.futureinns.co.uk

1k from Pits, 800m from Restaurants,

Casino/Cinema/Bowling, 1.5k from City Centre

Rates:

Standard room: £69 (Approx €90) per room, per night, sleeps 4 in two double beds

Suites: sleep 6 people available on request

Breakfast: £8 (€10) per person

When booking use **Ref: Water Ski Event**

MUST BE BOOKED AT THIS RATE BEFORE JUNE 1ST

Mercure Lodge Wharf Road East, Tyndall Street, Cardiff
CF10 4BB

Tel: 029 20894000, Fax: 029 20493695

e-mail: H6623-AM@accor.com

2k from Pit area, 1k from Cardiff Bay restaurants, 1k from Cardiff City Centre

Rates:

Standard room: 2 people Fri & Sun £60 Sat £65; 3 people
Fri & Sun £80 Sat £85

4 people Fri & Sun £100 Sat £105 Continental Breakfast:
£6.25

ETAP, Economy hotel

2k from Pit area 1k from Cardiff Bay restaurants, 800m from Cardiff City Centre

Rates:

Standard room: £35 per room, per night sleeps 2 or 3 persons.
Continental Buffet Breakfast: £2.95

Tel: 029 20458131 Fax: 029 20490591

e-mail: H6175@accor.com (Accor membership discount cards do not apply)

HOW TO ACCESS RACE SITE

Cardiff is approached from the East and West by the M4 motorway. Coming from the West over the Seven Bridge into Wales these are the directions to follow. Please remember that the Seven Bridge is a Toll Bridge and will not accept Credit or Debit Cards. **Cash Only.**

After crossing the Seven Bridge stay on the **M4 until junction 33 (Penarth & Barry)**. Take the **A4232** and stay on that road until you cross the Bay and enter the Tunnels. On exiting tunnels take second exit at roundabout signposted **Docks**. At traffic lights turn left and then bear left into the Docks. You will be stopped at the ABP Cardiff Docks Security cabin. The security guards will not let you in if you are not displaying the appropriate pass, (printed at the end of this document), in your windscreen.

Remember please that you are entering a Bonded Port and Restricted Access Area run by Associated British Ports who have given us permission to access their property so please obey the speed limit and instructions given to you by security personnel and marshals.

Proceed across metal bridge and continue along Cargo Road, keeping the cream shed on your left. **Campers and vehicles towing boats** turn right at the end of the sheds and enter the Barrage area. **Non-towing** vehicles carry straight on and turn right into Queen Alexandra House car park.

Instructions below.



When you reach a set of gates, which will be manned at the following times, please follow the instructions of the Marshals. **Thursday:** 12noon to Midnight: **Friday:** 07.30 to Midnight: **Saturday:** 07.30 to Midnight: **Sunday:** 07.30 to 20.00hrs. **There will be no entry to the site outside of these times. If you arrive late please wait at the gates until opening time.**

Upon entry you will be directed to your parking area. Your towing vehicle must be unhooked immediately and parked up either in the car park if it is a car or if it is a camper in the campsite. Boats will be taken across the chippings onto the grass by authorized vehicles only. **It is part of our Health & Safety agreement that no unauthorised vehicles will be allowed on the grass area. They can and will be towed away.**

Barbeques or fires are NOT allowed on the grass. If you have a barbeque take it to the designated area on the chippings.

NOTE: Do not hang around the transfer area with your vehicle, park it up. Consider other campers and park close together as space will be at a premium.

Vehicles not towing boats will not be allowed into this area - without exception so please don't try.

There will be a charge for staying on the Barrage of £5 per night, payable as you enter the site to the security personnel. Toilets and showers will be available but Do not leave valuables in the changing rooms as they will be open to the general public during the day.

Non towing vehicles MUST park in the Queen Alexandra House ABP/Harbour Authority Car Park. Turn right 100m after the boat park entry. This is a one way system, please remember that. Pedestrian access to the Boat compound and Barrage will be through the manned green gates next to the building.

This car park is provided free so park in the designated areas and not against the front fence and do not block the access road as people are working in the area. If you cannot find a space drive out through the one way system and on the left is an overspill car park.

Security will be provided on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night on the Barrage and ABP patrol the dock area. You will not be allowed to bring your boat and camper into the pits area after midnight so as not to wake other campers. Park at the gates and you will be let in, in the morning.

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An Official Welcome party, which all teams must attend, has been arranged for the Norwegian Church/Visitors centre on Saturday evening starting at 6pm. Details will be forwarded to team captains as soon as the venue is confirmed.



TIME SCHEDULE

Friday:

All-day	Competitors arriving
10.30 – 17.00	Secretariat Open (Environmental Building, Barrage)
11.00 – 13.00	Course laying
14.00 – 17.00	Scrutineering (Barrage Grass)
14.30	Wardens Briefing
14.45 – 17.00	Course CLOSED to Public Boat Movement
15.00 – 17.00	Practice
17.00	End of Practice Course OPEN to Public Boat Movement
17.00 – 18.00	Team Captains Meeting

Saturday:

10.30 – 11.00	Wardens Briefing
09.00 – 16.30	Secretariat Open (Environmental Building, Barrage)
09.00 – 12.00	Scrutineering
09.00 – 10.30	Rescue + Volunteers arrival
11.00 – 11.45	Rescue Briefing
12.00 – 12.30	Rescue Launch
12.30	Launch Euro-Kids B boats to be moored on pontoon
12.45	Course area CLOSED to Public Boat Movement
12.57	Two Flags up
13.00 – 13.30	Race 1: Euro-kids A (15min + 1 lap)
13.30 – 14.00	Course OPEN to Public Boat Movement
13.30	Launch Euro-Kids A boats to be moored on pontoon
14.00	Course CLOSED to Public Boat Movement
14.12	Two Flags up
14.15 – 14.45	Race 2: Euro-kids B (25min + 1 lap)
14.50 – 15.15	Course area OPEN to Public Boat Movement
14.45	Launch Junior/Ladies boats to be moored on Pontoon
15.27	Two Flags up
15.30 – 16.30	Race 3: Junior/Ladies 45 + 1 lap
16.45	End of Racing. Course area OPEN for Public use
18.30	Official Reception Norwegian Church, Team Uniform (To be confirmed)

Sunday:

08.00	Rescue Arrival
09.30 – 10.00	Wardens Briefing
10.00 – 10.30	Rescue Briefing
10.30	Launch Rescue Boats
10.45	Launch Seniors boats to be moored on pontoon
10.45 – 11.45	Course area CLOSED to Public Boat Movement
10.57	Two Flags up
11.00 – 11.45	Race 4: Seniors – 35min + 1 lap
11.15	Launching FIII Boats to be moored on Pontoon
11.45 – 12.15	Course area OPEN for Public Boat movement
12.15	Course area CLOSED to Public Boat movement
12.27	Two flags up
12.30 – 13.15	Race 5: Formula III 35min + 1 lap
12.40	Start Launching Formula II Boats to be moored on Pontoon
13.15 – 13.45	Course area OPEN to Public Boat movement
13.45	Course area CLOSED to Public
13.57	Two Flags up
14.00 – 15.00	Race 6: Formula II 50min + 1 lap
14.45	Start launching Formula 1 boats to be moored on Pontoon
15.00 – 15.15	Course area OPEN to Public Boat movement
15.15	Course area CLOSED to Public Boat movement
15.20	Parade of Formula I boats 1 lap
15.37	Two Flags up
15.40	Race 7: Formula I 50min + 1 lap
16.45	End of Racing. Course area OPEN to Public Boat movement
18.00	Presentation

(All times and number of races are approximate and are subject to change)

At end of presentation boats will be brought up off the grass by our vehicles only. Please be patient with the drivers. They will get your boat as quickly as possible. Be ready to hitch on and go and not to obstruct the exit.



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Competitors Car Pass (to be displayed in windscreen)

