



2008 European Cup Final Water Ski Race



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 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.

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

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A Welcome party which we invite all teams to attend has been arranged for the Visitors centre near the Norwegian Church on Saturday evening starting at approx 6.30pm. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff will be present and will present the days trophies to the Euro Kids and Juniors

It is hoped that 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 14.00 to 17.00 and on Saturday from 08.00 to 16.30.

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

Harbour Regulations: No scooters, small motorbikes or buggies are allowed on Harbour property. Barbecues in designated areas only.

Course regulations: The maximum line length is 50m Junior, all others 60m. Grid Start time lapse 10sec per grid. Positions defined by your accumulated performance. Refuelling between races will be done on the water. Please take care when pouring to keep spillage to a minimum.

Howard Smith

**On behalf of the
Organising Committee**

Accommodation

Camping:

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

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 (Recommended)

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**

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

For the benefit of competitors coming from across the English Channel when you land at Dover take the M20 out of Dover. Stay on M20 for approx 50min then join the M25 sign posted Heathrow/Gatwick. Stay on M25 following signs for Heathrow for about 1 hour. Nearing Heathrow leave the M25 taking the M4 (West) signposted Reading and South Wales. Stay on the M4 for approx 2 hours. You will have to cross the Seven Bridge it costs £5.30 for a car and £10.60 for a van. **This is a cash only toll – no credit cards.**

After crossing the Seven Bridge stay on the M4. There are major road works on the M4 just after Junction 28, it may take a time to get through but please ignore all other signs for Cardiff Bay, they will bring you through the City which you don't want if your are towing a boat or have a large camper. Carry on along the M4 until Junction 33 signposted Penarth & Barry.

At J33 take the **A4232** staying on that road until you cross the Bay and enter the Tunnels. On exiting tunnels move to the outside lane, rounding the roundabout move to the inside lane and take second exit at roundabout signposted **Docks**.

After 50mtr turn left at traffic lights and then bear left into the Docks. Road works and temporary traffic lights may be in operation and will change direction on a daily basis. We will signpost your route through the Docks.

You may be stopped by ABP Cardiff Docks Security staff, have your pass visible and be prepared to show it if asked. The security guards will not let you in if you are not displaying the appropriate pass, (Passes at end of this bulletin).

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.

Follow signs to camping/boat area. **Vehicles towing boats and campers** turn right onto new road until you reach the gates. **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.

Non towing vehicles MUST park in the Queen Alexandra House ABP/Harbour Authority Car Park. Turn right 100m after the boat park entry.

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 this is a working area. If you cannot find a space drive out through the one way system and on the left is an overspill car park. Pedestrian access to the Boat compound and Barrage will be through the manned green gates next to the building.

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.

Secretariat will be open on Friday and Saturday morning, times as published in the Time Schedule. Team captains will be issued with all necessary wristbands and instructions.

Scooters, quad bikes mini-bikes etc are not allowed on the Barrage and will be confiscated by Harbour personnel.

Catering facilities are available on the Barrage site from Friday (8am), Saturday (7am) and Sunday (7am) and during the day. Restaurants are aplenty in the Bay area (Mermaid Quay) and are very popular. You may do well to book evening meals in advance. It takes approx 15 minutes to walk to Mermaid Quay from the Boat park.

The Walkway will be closed to the general public from 20.00hrs but you may walk back to the boat park up until Midnight. Security on the walkway will ask you for identification, hence the reason you must wear the "very attractive" wrist bands. If you arrive at the gate after midnight you will have to get a taxi to Queen Alexandra's House and enter the Boat park through the pedestrian gates. **At no time are you allowed to climb the fence. You will be removed from the site by police.**

An Official Welcome party, which we would like all teams to attend suitably dressed, has been arranged for the Visitors Centre, next to the Norwegian Church, on Saturday evening starting at 18.30. Details will be given to team captains at briefing.

The trophies for the Euro-Kids A and B and Junior races will be presented at this Welcome Party by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff.

TIME SCHEDULE

Friday:

All-day Competitors arriving
11.00 – 13.00 Course laying
14.00 – 17.00 Scrutineering (Barrage Grass)
14.30 Wardens Briefing
14.45 – 17.15 Course **CLOSED** to Public Boat Movement
15.00 – 17.00 **Practice**
17.15 End of Practice Course **OPEN** to Public Boat Movement
Marquee open until Midnight

Saturday:

07.00 Breakfast
08.00 – 12.30 Secretariat Open (Environmental Building, Barrage)
08.00 – 12.00 Scrutineering
09.00 – 10.30 Rescue + Volunteers arrival
09.00 – 10.00 Team Captains Meeting
10.00 – 10.30 Wardens Briefing
11.00 – 11.30 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
12.55 Two Flags up
13.00 – 13.25 **Race 1:** (4 boats) Euro-kids A (15min + 1 lap)
13.25 – 13.45 Course **OPEN** to Public Boat Movement
13.15 Launch Euro-Kids A boats to be moored on pontoon
13.45 Course **CLOSED** to Public Boat Movement
13.55 Two Flags up
14.00 – 14.30 **Race 2:** Euro-kids B (6 boats) (25min + 1 lap)
14.35 – 15.00 Course area **OPEN** to Public Boat Movement
14.00 Launch Junior boats to be moored on Pontoon
15.10 Two Flags up
15.15 – 15.50 **Race 3:** Junior (10 boats. 2 grids 5, 5) 35 + 1 lap
16.00 End of Racing. Course area **OPEN** for Public use
18.30 Official Reception & Euro-Kids/Junior Presentation - Visitors Centre
Marquee open until Midnight

Sunday:

07.00	Breakfast
09.00	Rescue Arrival
09.30 – 10.00	Rescue/Wardens Briefing
10.30 – 11.00	Drivers Briefing
10.30	Launch Rescue Boats
11.15	Launch Ladies FI & FII boats to be moored on pontoon
11.45	Course area CLOSED to Public Boat Movement
11.55	Two Flags up
12.00 – 12.45	Race 4: Ladies FI & FII (9 boats. 3 grids 3, 3, 3) 35 + 1 lap
12.50 – 13.20	Course area OPEN for Public Boat movement
12.30	Start launching Senior/FIII boats
13.40	Two Flags up
13.45 – 14.30	Race 5: Seniors / FIII (5 Senior/7 FIII 3 grids 5,4,3) – 35min + 1 lap
14.15	Start Launching Formula FI & II Boats to be moored on Pontoon
14.30 – 15.00	Course area OPEN for Public Boat movement
15.15	FI & FII Parade of Boats
15.25	Two Flags up
15.30 – 16.30	Race 7: Formula I & II (10 boats 3 grids 3, 4, 3) 50min + 1 lap
16.45	End of Racing. Course area OPEN for Public Boat movement
18.00 Approx	EAME and today's Race Presentation
20.00 – 24.00	Final Party Night

If timings allow competitors will be allowed to do one familiarisation lap starting behind the start boat from launch area. More details at Drivers briefing

(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.

Please print off the following car pass and display in your vehicle, whether you are towing a boat or not



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Competitors Car Pass



Thank you. Please Drive carefully and Welcome to Wales