

# Neyland Rowing Club

## Return of the Cleddau Race – Notice Of Race

**Event Date - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**First Start – 10:30am**

**High Tide 10:48 (6.37m)**

This is an annual race from Haverfordwest to Neyland a distance of approximately 12.5 miles. Race takes in the region of 1 hour 50 minutes to complete depending on conditions. The race is open to Pembrokeshire and Celtic Longboats and sculls. Other types of boat will be considered if details are sent to the administrator detailed below. All entrants are responsible for ensuring they have adequate insurance.

Launching is from the Picton Playing Fields accessed via the Freemans Way underpass off New Road, Haverfordwest, SA61 1UG (see map) and recovery is from the slipway at Neyland Yacht Club, The Promenade, Neyland, SA73 1PX.

There is plenty of parking in the field at the Picton Playing Fields to offload boats, please note that we are situated next to a skate park so drivers should take care manoeuvring. trailers will then need to be returned to Neyland prior to the start of the race, parking at Neyland is at the Brunel Car Park towards the marina. Competitors need to make their own arrangements for delivering trailers and cars the return car journey can take 50 to 60 minutes. If you need assistance please contact the secretary Jay Hilalen as detailed below.

Entry fee is £10 per person and will include food after the race and a £1 donation to the RNLI.

To assist with the organisation/rescue boats and catering it would help if you could pre-register by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Contact details are below. In the unlikely event of entries exceeding ratio of rescue boats to competitors then boats that haven't pre-registered may be unable to race.

### **Important Information**

- If weather forecasts are poor an initial decision as to whether the race will take place will be posted at 12 noon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June on the Neyland Rowing Club Facebook page.
- Registration will be from 09:00 to 09:45am
- Coxes briefing will be at 10:00m
- First boat away 10:30am
- For further information and to pre-register contact Jay Hilalen – 07804 748217, or email [jay\\_hilalen@hotmail.com](mailto:jay_hilalen@hotmail.com)

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### ***Welsh Sea Rowing Association - Neyland Longboat Rowing Club***

#### ***Race Instructions***

The race will be held under the rules of the Welsh Sea Rowing Association with the specific variations/additions described below:

#### **Contact and Communication Information**

VHF communication CH 37

Start/finish and all things racing – Steve Rich 07899 984808

Shore based information – Janet Holmes 07855828513

Neyland Yacht Club – 01646 600267

Withybush Hospital – 01437 764545

#### **Times**

- Registration – from 09:00 to 09:45am in the Picton Centre
- Coxswains briefing – 10:00am in the Picton Centre
- First boat away – 10:30
- Second and subsequent boats at approximately 30 second intervals
- Race order – sculls, women, mixed, men, open.

#### **Starting**

- A warning signal by whistle or horn will be given by the starter approximately 5 minutes before the start of the race
- The holding area is congested, and boats must hold back from the starting area and try and sort themselves into their start number order.
- The starter will sound a whistle and call the first boat forward. Each boat's time starts when they cross the start line. The line is marked by two red and white poles.
- Subsequent boats will be called to start at 30 second intervals.
- Coxswains must show their number when they cross the start line

#### **Course**

There are no turning marks on the course, boats are to proceed down the Haven to Neyland taking the best course being aware of shallow areas.

#### **Finishing Procedure**

- The finish will be an imaginary line between the mainmast of the Yacht Club and a large yellow metal buoy approximately 100m offshore from the club.
- When passing through the line all coxes must show their race numbers to the finishers in the Yacht Club.
- A safety boat may be posted on the line and may ask you to identify yourself if you do not remember to do so.

#### **Please note the following:**

- All coxes must wear lifejackets
- During the start sequence boats waiting to start should endeavour to keep at least 20m upstream of the start to give boats with an imminent start a clear run.
- An overtaking boat must keep clear of the slower boat
- Coxswains must steer a true course and must not steer to prevent a faster boat overtaking.
- There are many shallow areas, moored boats or other hazards on the waterway, coxswains must be aware of these and must ensure they steer a course that allows other boats to navigate safely as well.
- All boats must carry a mobile phone.

# RETURN OF THE CLEDDAU RACE MAP



