



Welsh Youth & Junior Championships 2016

PWLLHELI SAILING CLUB

23rd and 24th April 2016

www.ryacymruwales.org.uk

NOTICE OF RACE

The organising authority is the Royal Yachting Association Cymru Wales (RYA) in conjunction with Pwllheli Sailing Club/Plas Heli

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 -16*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that RYA Cymru Wales events will be run in compliance with the principles of the RYA Racing Charter as applicable to both the organisers and competitors, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016), or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.
- 1.3 In all rules governing this regatta; [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee; [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing; and [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. RRS 60.1(a) will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The Exoneration Penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 1.5 For the 29er class rules 44.1 and P2.1 will be changed so that only one turn including one tack and one gybe is required.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Race Committee may require advertising space for event sponsors in accordance with RRS 80 and ISAF regulation 20.
- 2.1 Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the class rules of competing classes.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Racing will be for nominated dinghy classes. Fleets may be combined in the event of low entries. Fleets with entries of fewer than 6 boats by the closing date will be reviewed. The dinghy classes will be Optimists, Toppers, Lasers, 29ers & General Handicap.
- 3.2 In conjunction with the Main Event there will be a Regatta Fleet which will be sailed in principally Optimists, Toppers, and General Handicap. Windsurfers may also race on the Regatta Fleet Race Area
- 3.3 Competitors shall be under 19 years on 31st December 2016 except in Optimist classes where competitors shall be under 16 on the 31st December 2016.
- 3.4 There will be an Open and Welsh category. This event will also be used as an indicator to represent Wales. To be eligible for the Welsh category sailors must be a member of a Welsh club and:-
 1. **Live in Wales (Primary residence)**
 2. **Have been selected into a RYA Cymru Wales national or regional squad**

- 3.5 Entries will only be accepted on the event online entry form found on the website:-
www.welshsailingevents.org

Entry should be completed and the entry fee submitted on or before the 19th April 2016.

Late entries will be accepted later at the discretion of the RYA Cymru Wales on payment of an additional fee.

All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age during the event are required to present a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration at registration. Competitors will receive this by e-mail when they complete entry – **and bring it with you!**

4. FEES

	Received by 19 th April 2016	Late fee on discretion of the RYA Cymru Wales
Single hander	£40	£50
Double hander	£50	£60

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration.

Competitors shall register in the race office on Friday 22nd April from 16:30-19:30 or on Saturday morning from 08:30 - 09:45. There will be a competitor briefing in the Plas Heli Event Hall at 10:00am on Saturday.

5.2 Measurement

Class measurement certificates maybe required at registration. Except for the Regatta fleet where they will not be required. Training sails will be permitted for the Regatta fleet.

5.3 Racing Program

The detailed programme will be published in the Sailing Instructions. The warning signal for the first race on the 23rd April will not be before 11:25. The Race Committee will endeavour to complete the Championship by mid-afternoon Sunday.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing instructions will be available for all competitors at registration at the venue.

6.2 Draft sailing instructions maybe available on the event website from 19th April 2016.

Questions on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions maybe e-mailed to

paul.simes@ryacymruwales.org.uk

7. VENUE

Racing will be in the bay off Pwllheli.

8. COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be windward / leeward and / or trapezoid. For the Regatta Fleet in addition a triangle may be used.

9. SCORING

The scoring system will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

10. SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 Only official Coaches and safety boats appointed by RYA Cymru Wales may:-

- Communicate with competitors afloat
- Tow competitors to or from the race area with permission from the race management team.
- Enter the race area.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

All competitors shall wear an adequate personal buoyancy device at all times whilst afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and dry suits are not considered personal floatation devices. This changes rule 40.1

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers 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 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 omission;
- 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information please contact Royal Yachting Association Cymru Wales:-

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Phone: 01248 670738,

Email: admin@ryacymruwales.org.uk www.ryacymruwales.org.uk

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Useful Information

Welsh Regional and National Squad Application website

www.welshsailingevents.org

Accommodation

<http://www.pwllhelisailingclub.co.uk/>

Useful Contacts:

Welsh National or Regional Squad Sailors

Welsh HPM paul.simes@ryacymruwales.org.uk

07823 338374

(Or contact your squad head coach)

Rib Support Welcome!!

Clubs or Individuals wishing to register a rib to support the event (and sailors) please contact:

Event Director: paul.simes@ryacymruwales.org.uk 07823 338374

Ribs must be registered for tractor launch facility, and fuel provision and rib pontoon.