



Pwllheli Sailing Club / Plas Menai National Watersports Centre / WYA

Squad Training User Guidelines : Pwllheli

Important Information for Users

Pwllheli Sailing Club is situated at Hafan Pwllheli Marina, Glan y Don, Pwllheli. The clubhouse is next to the marina office building, which also contains, as a separate facility, the Plas Menai room. The Sailing Club, Marina and Plas Menai work closely together but are managed separately.

At all times it is essential to respect other users of the club and marina. .

Bookings

To make a booking enquiry for use of the facilities contact Pwllheli Sailing Club on 01758 613343 or e-mail training@pwllhelisailingclub.co.uk or [download the booking form](#).

Training Use of PSC

The Sailing Club charges a flat rate fee per head for the use of the club rooms, event compound and changing rooms. The current charge is £5.00 per sailor/coach per day.

PSC Rooms

PSC has two small rooms available for training use, but it is a condition that no wet clothing is allowed in these. The only wet facility at lunch times or other times is the Plas Menai room, unless the small marquee adjoining the Bar is available (April-October only).

Changing Rooms

Access to the club changing rooms/showers is by keypad security lock - code 1234.

Under no circumstances is access permitted to the marina's toilet/shower blocks, which are restricted to private berth holder use only.

Plas Menai Room

If you need a larger and flexible 'wet' facility for briefing/debriefing sailors or for on-shore training then you need to book the Plas Menai room. This is located at the south end of the marina building and is suitable for larger groups. The charge for use of the Plas Menai room is £50.00 per day.

The Plas Menai room is heated and there are drink making facilities. There are several whiteboards in the room, but bring your own pens.

It is essential that you clean up the kitchen area after use and vacuum/brush the floor. Bins need to be emptied and rubbish removed to the marina waste compound outside and to the right of the room. No litter/debris is to be left in the area outside the Plas Menai Room.

The keys for the Plas Menai Room are held at Hafan Pwllheli Marina office and have to be returned immediately after each use.

Event Compound

You are welcome to use the event compound, which provides secure storage for dinghies. The compound needs to be kept tidy and provides the only access to the beach slipway. The keys are held with the PSC office (or behind the Bar out of office hours) and must be signed out and returned immediately after each use – these keys should never be taken on the water. If you intend to arrive outside these hours please phone the Club in advance.

Coach Boats

You are welcome to use your own coach boat at Pwllheli. The marina office will tell you where to berth your RIB and park your trailer, advise of any charges and provide the security gate code, which changes regularly. Pontoon berthing provision is normally available October – March. However, the marina's pontoons are fully booked April – September and during this period alternative berthing for RIBs will be provided on the floating buoys at the north end of the harbour.

Pwllheli Sailing Club RIBS

PSC has five RIBs which may be available for hire at a cost of £60.00 per day + fuel. They will be launched and fully fuelled. Drivers must be qualified to at least RYA powerboat level 2 and undertake to use a kill cord at all times. Any damage or repairs must be reported and boats returned with all equipment as supplied. Missing or damaged equipment will be charged to the hirer at cost.

Marina Slipway

The slipway is owned by the marina and its use is strictly controlled. Only authorised tractors can be used to launch and recover any powerboats from the marina slipway. In practice that means you have to arrange for a local tractor company to launch and recover for you - to launch or recover your RIB contact TRR on 0870 7707607 to arrange times. The current cost is £15.00 per launch and recovery. This is paid direct to the operating company unless otherwise agreed in advance.

Fuelling

If you need fuel you can call the marina on channel 80 or phone 01758 701219. The fuel berth is located on the left as you exit the marina by the travel hoist. Opening times are clearly marked on the fuel quay cabin (but hours are restricted off-season). The fuel quay does not take cash or cheque; payment must be by debit/credit card at point of sale. PSC RIBs will be supplied fully fuelled and must be returned likewise. Alternatively any fuel deficit will be charged at cost.

Safety Advice

Safety is essential while you are afloat. You are reminded that you are responsible for your own safety decisions whilst afloat. The marina operates on channel 80 and the Harbourmaster on channels 12 and 16, so it is possible to relay safety information. The ambulance collection point is next to the fuel pontoon. Arrange ambulance attendance through the marina as they operate a well-practiced co-ordination arrangement with the local ambulance service, to ensure maximum speed and efficiency of attendance on site.

You must also observe the speed limit (**4 knots**) in and out of the harbour, or the Harbourmaster will caution you.

Sailing Conditions

The tidal stream is never strong at Pwllheli, although on springs you will find about 1 knot or so of tide which goes out of the harbour and round the headland to the west. The stream dissipates quickly after the harbour entrance. The bay is generally shallow so, particularly with strong south to south west winds, the sea state will build quickly. The beach is generally sheltered but it is shallow. The bay is sheltered in all wind directions other than an easterly which is on-shore.

The small bay just off the beach is sheltered at high water, but as the tide goes out it will be less sheltered. The tide goes out a long way on springs so be warned. If launching at low water make sure your trolleys are pulled up the beach.

Refreshments/Catering

It is possible for the club to provide refreshments, breakfasts, packed lunches and dinners, provided there is advance booking. Please contact the Sailing Club or its caterer – Gwyn on 07815833481.

Accommodation

Please ask for advice on local accommodation – B&Bs, guesthouses, hotels, camping and caravan sites.

The National Water Sports Centre, Plas Menai is recommended for its package of facilities and residential accommodation. Contact the Centre on 01248 670964 or on www.plasmenai.co.uk . .

Useful telephone numbers

Pwllheli Sailing Club	01758 613343	Hafan Pwllheli Marina	01758 701219
TRR	0870 7707607	Pwllheli Harbourmaster	01758 704801
Plas Menai	01248 670964	Tourist Information	01758 613000
PSC Caterer (Gwyn)	07815833481		