

Welsh Youth Championships

26th –27th April 2008

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Notice of Race

The 2008 Welsh Youth Championships will be held at Pwllheli Sailing Club (PSC) on 26th and 27th April 2008. The Organising Authority is the Welsh Yachting Association (WYA) in conjunction with Pwllheli Sailing Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that WYA and PSC events implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008), or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

2. Advertising

Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of competing classes.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Racing will be in the Optimist, Topper, Topper 4.2, RS Feva, Laser (All rigs), 420, 29'er, Slow and fast handicap classes. Classes with 6 or more entries may have a class start. Entries will be accepted in these classes from sailors under the age of 19 years on 31.12.2008 (Optimist and Topper sailors under 16 on 31.12.2008)
- 3.2 Regatta Fleet will be sailed in Optimists and Toppers only. This fleet will sail on a separate course.
- 3.3 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 attend a school in Wales, be a member of a Welsh club and be:-
 - a. Born in Wales or
 - b. Of Welsh parentage or
 - c. Have been resident in Wales for at least 2 years.
- 3.4 Entries shall be received together with the entry fee **on or before 21st April 2008**. The entry form is available from Welsh Yachting Association, and can be downloaded from:

www.welshsailing.org or www.pwllhelisailingclub.co.uk

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

- 3.5 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. This form can be downloaded as part of the entry form from the above mentioned websites.

4. Fees

	Received by 21 April	After 21 st April
Single hander	£25	£50
Double hander	£30	£60

5. Schedule

- 5.1 **Registration.**
Competitors will register in the race office on Saturday 26th April, from 0830 to 09:30
- 5.2 **Measurement**
See below.

- 5.3 **Briefings**
There will be a competitor's briefing (courses A and B) at 10:00 in the marquee attached to the clubhouse.
There will be a briefing for the Regatta fleet (course C) in the Plas Menai Room at 10:00.
- 5.5 **Days of Racing.**
Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April 2008.
- 5.6 **Number of Races**
There will be a maximum of 8 races. The warning signal for the first race of Saturday 28th April will be at 1125 hours. The earliest warning signal Sunday 29th April will be 0955 hours.
- 6. Measurement**
Measurement Class measurement certificates shall be required at registration except for the Regatta fleet where they may be required. Training sails may be permitted for the Regatta fleet.
- 7. Sailing Instructions**
Sailing instructions will be issued at registration and may be available on the websites during the week before the event.
- 8. Venue**
Racing will be in the bay off Pwllheli
- 9. Courses**
Courses will be described in the sailing instructions, but are likely to include trapezoid, windward leeward courses, or a triangle.
- 10. Penalty System**
The Exoneration Penalty of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall be available.
- 11. Scoring (amending appendix A)**
- 11.1 The event be scored using Appendix A.
- 11.2 Two races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.3 (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12 Support Boats**
- 12.1 Only official Coaches and safety boats appointed by the WYA may:-
- Communicate with competitors afloat
 - Tow competitors to or from the race area without permission from the race management team.
 - Enter the race area.
- 13. Prizes**
Prizes will be awarded dependant upon entry.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Safety Regulations**
- 15.1 All competitors whilst afloat shall wear adequate personal buoyancy and a Wetsuit or dry-suit of an appropriate standard. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy.
- 15.2 **Tallies.**
These requirements are specified for the safety of competitors.
- The Tally System to check-in and checkout competitors will be located in the Beachmasters hut. (Known as tally control).
 - Tallies comprise numbered and colour coded rubber wristbands. Tallies must be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist by both helm and crew while afloat.

- Both helm and crew shall individually tally-out before racing by personally collecting their tally, and individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by returning the tally personally to tally control. Tally numbers will be issued at registration.
- 15.3 Boats will not launch until released by the beachmaster indicating permission by displaying a flag for each class. The flying of a red flag will mean that sailors on Course Alpha may launch. The flying of a green flag will mean that Course Bravo may launch. Charlie will be advised to launch by their beachmaster.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph

17. 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.

18. Further Information

For further information please contact Welsh Yachting Association

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Phone: 01248 670738,

Email: admin@welshsailing.org www.welshsailing.org

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Useful Information

Accommodation

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

Useful Contacts:

Welsh National or Regional Squad Sailors

Welsh HPM lwan.basten@welshsailing.org

07824 990693

(Or contact your squad head coach)

New to racing or your first event contact your regional development officer

RDO North ruth.iliffe@welshsailing.org

07824 990696

RDO South ben.smith@welshsailing.org

07824 990693

RDO West Ben Smith as above

Rib Support Welcome!!

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

Event Director: lwan.basten@welshsailing.org

07824 990693

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