



# South Wales Club Youth Racing Circuit CYRC Series 2017 Notice of Race

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1<sup>st</sup> April      Tata Steel Sailing Club</li> <li>2. 21<sup>st</sup> May      Pembrokeshire YC</li> <li>3. 1<sup>st</sup> July        Cardiff Bay Yacht Club</li> <li>4. 8<sup>th</sup> July        Llandegfedd Sailing Club</li> <li>5. Sept TBC       Mumbles YC</li> <li>6. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct       Llangorse Sailing Club</li> <li>7. TBC             Penarth YC</li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compete in 3 out of 7 to qualify for the series</li> <li>• £15 Single Handers</li> <li>• £20 Double Handers</li> <li>• 3 to 6 races a day</li> <li>• Prize giving at each event</li> <li>• Overall Series prizes at last CYRC</li> </ul> |
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## Objective

6 racing events designed to build on the South Wales Winter Training. Whilst quality racing is the intention of the series, courses may be adapted and training may be provided to suit the age and ability of competitors. The series will cater for experienced racers (wanting to practise against their squad mates!) through to novice sailors travelling to their first event.

The following fleets will be catered for;

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| <b>General Handicap</b>                       | To include all 3 Laser sail sizes and any RYA recognised classes which are not included below; Please note RYA Youth and junior classes with 6 or more entries will have a class start.  |
| <b>Topper Gold</b>                            | Racing for GBR, Welsh National Squad Sailors or those Top Regional Squad Sailors aspiring to gain a place in next year's Welsh National Squad.   |
| <b>Topper Silver</b>                          | Racing for the Regional Squad Sailors or those aspiring to gain a place in next year's Regional Squad.   |
| <b>Topper Training</b>                        | Racing & Training provided for less experienced sailors. Those taking part in their first few events or not yet ready for main fleet racing or who have come from the <b>RYA OnBoard scheme with 6wks experience.</b>  |
| <b>Optimist Gold</b>                          | Racing for GBR, Welsh National Squad Sailors or those Top Regional Squad Sailors aspiring to gain a place in next year's Welsh National Squad.   |
| <b>Optimist Silver</b>                        | Racing for the Regional Squad Sailors or those aspiring to gain a place in next year's Regional Squad.   |
| <b>Optimist Training</b> (including Optibats) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racing &amp; Training provided for less experienced sailors. Those taking part in their first few events or not yet ready for main fleet racing</li> <li>• Those who have come from the RYA OnBoard scheme with 6wks experience.</li> </ul> |

### Please Note

o Gold and Silver fleets will be scored together to enable sailors to monitor their progress.

o The training fleets may sail a different course to the Gold and Silver fleet

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***The organising authorities are the host clubs of Cardiff Bay YC, Mumbles YC, Penarth YC, Llangorse SC, Llandegfedd SC, Tata Steel SC and Pembrokeshire YC in 2017***

## **1. Rules**

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020*
- 1.2. Competitors should note that RYA Cymru Wales 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 or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)
- 1.3. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

## **2. Advertising**

- 2.1. 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, and General Handicap classes. Entries will be accepted in these classes from Sailors;
  - a) Optimist Sailors under 16 on 31/12/2017
  - b) Topper Sailors under 19 on 31/12/2017
  - c) General Handicap under 21 on 31/12/2017
- 3.2. All competitors must attend registration on the day and, if under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to confirm their entry and pay their entry fee
- 3.3. All entries must be submitted on an official entry form for the event with payment in cash

## **4. Fees**

**Single hander £15 Double hander £20**

## **5. Schedule**

- 5.1. Registration – competitors will register at the race office on the morning of the event. Registration will be open from 0930-1000.
- 5.2. Measurement
  - a) Measurement certification is not required for optimists, but all boats must be of basic seaworthy standard which should include; 8m painter (towline) including loop, adequately inflated buoyancy bags, mast tie down or clamp, bailers and removable mainsheet
  - b) Toppers and Laser fleets are allowed to use training sails
  - c) Other measurement concessions will be at the Race Officers discretion and must be obtained at registration
  - d) The Race Management has the right to hold any competitor ashore, or send competitors to the shore until these requirements are met. Redress will not be given on the grounds of safety
- 5.3. Briefings – there will be a competitors' briefing at 1015 in or around the club house

## **6. Number of Races**

There will be a maximum of 6 races per day.

## **7. Sailing Instructions**

Alterations to the Sailing Instructions will be issued at registration. The series Sailing Instructions will be available for download at [www.welshsailingevents.org](http://www.welshsailingevents.org)

## **8. Courses**

Course will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the competitor's briefings; however they are likely to include trapezoid, windward leeward courses or a square

## **9. Scoring**

9.1. The event will be scored using the low points system in Appendix A

9.2. Each boat's event score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 3 or more races have been completed

9.3. In order to qualify for the CYRC series, boats must complete three out of six events. Each boat's Series score will be the aggregate of her best three overall results (two discards allowable if all five events are completed).

## **10. Coaches and Supporters**

10.1. Only official Coaches and Safety boats appointed by the Event Organiser may:

- a) Communicate with competitors afloat
- b) Tow competitors to or from the race area without permission from the race management team
- c) Enter the race area

## **11. Rights to use names and likenesses**

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

## **12. Prizes**

12.1. A prize giving will be held at the end of each event. The series prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the final race of the final event scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> October at Llangorse SC. Discretionary Merit awards may be given to sailors who have shown significant improvement or have helped others the most.

## **13. Safety**

13.1. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy.

13.2. A Tally system or sign on / off system will be used to record each boat going afloat, and to record its safe return. A boat not complying with the system may be fined at the Race Officers discretion. Repeated failure to tally may lead to disqualification.

13.3. Boats will not launch until released by the Beach Master.

#### **14. Risk Statement**

It must be recognised that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, you agree and acknowledge that:

- 14.1 You are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and you accept responsibility exposing yourself to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 14.2 You will comply at all times with the instructions of the Race Officer/Beach master and other officials particularly with regard to handling of boats, wearing of buoyancy aids and the wearing of suitable clothing for the conditions;
- 14.3 You accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by your own negligence;
- 14.4 You will not participate in the event whilst your ability to skipper or crew a dinghy is impaired by alcohol, drugs or whilst otherwise unfit to participate ;
- 14.5 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

#### **15. Insurance**

- 15.1. 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 see below:

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