

North Wales Club Youth Racing Circuit Series 2016

Introduction

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The objective is to have 5 racing events designed to build on North Wales Winter Training. Whilst quality racing is the intention of the series, courses maybe 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.

It is the ethos of the CYRC Series to welcome and help less experienced sailors. Experienced (Gold) fleet sailors and parents are asked to always assist less experienced sailors at these events e.g. check rigging, advice on how to replace unsuitable kit, where to go, launching etc.

General Handicap	To include all 3 Laser sail sizes and any RYA recognised classes which is not included below; Please note RYA Youth and junior classes with 6 or more entries will have a class start.
Windsurf	Racing will take place in the following classes: Up to 5.5m and over 5.5m (max.7.8m) each class refers to the maximum sail size which can be used. Smaller sails can be used, especially in windy conditions. Any board and rig can be used in the 3.5m, 4.5m and 5.5m classes, although sailors are encouraged to use a Techno 293d. All boards should have a daggerboard or central fin. Board length should measure 320cm or less in the smaller sail size class. Anyone sailing a 3.5msail; small diameter masts & booms should ideally be used with junior sails.
Topper and Tera Fleets To provide racing for Topper and Tera class, including Topper 4.2 Sailors. Separate prizes/ fleets may be awarded/ run for Gold and Silver, Training and 4.2 fleets dependant on numbers.	
Topper and Tera Gold *	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.
Topper and Tera Silver *	Racing for the Regional Squad sailors or those aspiring to gain a place in next year's Regional Squad.
Topper and Tera Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Racing & Training provided for less experienced sailors. Those taking part in their first few events or not yet ready for main fleet racing. ➤ Those who have come from the RYA OnBoard scheme with 6 weeks experience.
Optimist Fleets To provide racing for all Optimist class, including Optibats. Separate prizes/ fleets may be awarded/ run for Gold and Silver, Training and Optibat fleets dependant on numbers.	
Optimist Gold *	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.
Optimist Silver *	Racing for the Regional Squad sailors or those aspiring to gain a place in next year's Regional Squad.
Optimist Training (including Optibats)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Racing & Training provided for less experienced sailors. Those taking part in their first few events or not yet ready for main fleet racing. ➤ Those who have come from the RYA OnBoard scheme with 6wks experience.
* Please Note: Gold and Silver fleets will be scored together to enable sailors to monitor their progress. The training fleets may sail a different course to the Gold and Silver fleet.	

Notice of Race 2016

The 2016 North Wales Club Youth Racing Circuit Series events will be held at:

Clwb Hwyllo Y Felinheli Port Dinorwic Sailing Club	Race Day: 18 th April 2016
Clywedog SC	Training Day: Saturday 28 th May 2016 Race Day: Sunday 29 th May 2016
Royal Anglesey YC	Training Day: Saturday 23 rd July 2016 Race Day: –Sunday 24 th July 2016
CH Pwllheli SC	Race Day: 10 th September 2016
Gresford SC	Race Day: 2 nd October 2016

The Organising Authority is the host club for each event.

1 Rules

- 1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 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 (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016), or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/Pages/default.aspx>
- 3 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

2 Advertising

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

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 1 Racing will be in the Optimist, Topper, Windsurfer and General Handicap Classes. Entries will be accepted in these classes from sailors;
 - a Optimist sailors under 16 on 31/12/2016
 - b Topper sailors under 19 on 31/12/2016
 - c General Handicap and Windsurfers under 21 on 31/12/2016
- 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 All entries must be submitted on an official entry form for the event along with cash or a cheque payable to the **Host Club**. £1.50 of each entry fee is contributed by the host club to the series prize fund; this contribution is included in the entry fee and is NOT an additional payment by the competitor.

4 Fees

Single hander £10 Double hander £15

5 Schedule

- 1 Registration.
Competitors will register in the race office on the morning of the event from 09:00 to 10:15
- 2 Measurement
 - (a) Measurement certification is not required for Training or Silver Fleet Optimists, the Topper Fleet is allowed to use training sails. Other measurement concessions will be at the Race Officer's discretion and must be obtained at registration.
 - (b) All optimists must pass a basic seaworthy inspection, which would include: 8m painter (towline) including 2 loops, adequately inflated buoyancy bags, mast tie down, bailers.

(c) The Race Management holds the right (but may not enforce it) to hold any competitor ashore until these requirements are met.

3 Briefings

There will be a coach's briefing at 09:30 open to all competitors and parents

There will be a Race Officer's **briefing for all competitors** at 10:00 outside the clubhouse.

6 Number of Races

There will be a maximum of 5 races per day.

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8 Sailing Instructions

Alterations to the Sailing instructions will be issued at registration. The series Sailing Instructions will be downloadable from www.welshsailing.org

9 Courses

Courses will be described in the sailing instructions, but are likely to include trapezoid, windward leeward courses, or a triangle.

10 Scoring (amending appendix A)

1 Each event will be scored using Appendix A **of the 2013-2016 racing rules of sailing.**

2 ONE race is required to constitute an event.

(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.

3 In order to qualify for the CYRC Series, boats must complete three out of four events. Each boat's series score will be the aggregate of her best three results (**one** discard allowable if **four** events are completed)

11 Support Boats

Only official Coaches and safety boats appointed by the Principal Race Officer 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.

12 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded dependent upon entry. A prize giving will be held at the end of each event. The perpetual trophies for the series will be given out at the main prize giving which **will be held at the end of the last event in the series.**

13 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. Competitors may decline to accept this clause when they register for CYRC events by SIGNING the relevant section on the entry form.

14 Safety Regulations

- 1 All competitors whilst afloat shall wear adequate personal buoyancy and a wetsuit or drysuit of an appropriate standard. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy.
- 2 A Tally 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 disqualified, or fined at the Sailing Committee's discretion. Boats will not launch until released by the beachmaster.
- 3 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.

15 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:

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;
2. You will comply at all times with the instructions of the Race Officer/Beachmaster and other officials particularly with regard to handling of boats, wearing of buoyancy aids and the wearing of suitable clothing for the conditions;
3. You accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by your own negligence;
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 ;
5. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16 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.

17 Further Information

For further information please contact

Club Youth Racing Circuit Coordinator: post vacant / volunteer required.

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