

Stride Treglown Welsh Topper Championships 2016

Llandegfedd SC hosted the Stride Treglown Welsh Topper Championships over the weekend of 4th and 5th June 2016. Light winds greeted sailors from all over Wales and a number of visitors from over the border. A strong 5.3 fleet was complimented by a fleet of 10 4.2's showing the development in the class for younger sailors. PRO Bill Jackson from the host club said "it's great to see so many younger sailors taking advantage of the smaller rig and competing in "the friendly class" at just 9 years old".

Two light wind races on Saturday were enough for all concerned and the decision was made to make an early start on Sunday to take advantage of the forecast breeze. Sunday dawned sunny and warm with two races quickly run in a promising northerly. The firth race was looking good until the wind almost vanished on the last lap pushing the nerve of event winner Magnus Hadley from Queen Mary SC to the end. With no more racing possible it was time to get ashore and enjoy pasta and ice cream before the prize giving. 10 year old Tommy Willet from Llangorse SC won the 4.2 championship in a close battle by one point showing maturity beyond his years.

John Wright from event sponsors Stride Treglown presented generous prizes to both fleets and the overall trophy and a new sail to the champion. John commented that "it was the first time the trophy had gone outside Wales but he was happy that a visiting sailor had won the event adding to its prestige"

The club and competitors expressed their thanks to the sponsors, Stride Treglown, Lennon Raceware and Dwr Cymru Welsh Water for their contribution to another successful event. See you next year!