



The North Wales OnBoard Festival 2016

3rd & 4th September 2016

Bala SC – Llyn Tegid
Sheltered Water Coached Open ideal for new racers

Junior Event (16 or under on the 31/12/2016)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Objective This junior regatta aims to build on 2016 club training and OnBoard activity by providing competition in sheltered water coached environment. Sailors and parents from clubs and centres across Wales are invited to enjoy a friendly, relaxed event. All are welcome – from first time racers to competitive Regional Squad members aspiring to join the Welsh National Squad

OnBoard Fleet

- Racing & Training provided for less experienced sailors.
- Those who have just learnt to sail via the OnBoard Scheme and or Club Beginner training.
- Those taking part in their first event

OB General Handicap Training	To provide racing for RYA recognised classes which are not included below;
OB Windsurf Training	To Provide windsurfing activity for windsurfers. All boards should have a daggerboard or central fin; please see note on last page
OB Topper Training	To Provide racing for Topper class, including Topper 4.2 Sailors. Separate prizes/ fleets may be awarded/ run for 4.2 fleets dependant on numbers
OB Optimist Training	To Provide racing for Optimist class, including Optibats. Separate prizes/ fleets may be awarded/ run for Training and Optibat fleets dependant on numbers

Please note

- The OnBoard Fleets may sail a different course/ be on a different course area to those in the Main Fleets

Main Fleet

- Racing for more experienced Sailors.
- **Gold Fleet** Sailors of Gold/ Silver standard at Regional or Club Youth Racing Circuit Series.
- **Silver Fleet** Sailors who have taken part in Club Open training, the Club Youth Racing Circuit series or are regularly Club racing

General Handicap	To provide racing for RYA recognised classes which are not included below; Please note RYA Junior Pathway classes with 6 or more entries will have a class start.
Windsurf	To Provide windsurfing activity for windsurfers. All boards should have a daggerboard or central fin; please see note on last page
Topper Gold Topper Silver	To Provide racing for Topper class, including Topper 4.2 Sailors. Separate prizes/ fleets may be awarded/ run for Gold and Silver Fleets, and 4.2 Sailors, dependant on numbers.
Optimist Gold Optimist Silver	To Provide racing for all Optimist class. Separate prizes/ fleets may be awarded/ run for Gold and Silver dependant on numbers

Please Note

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

Welsh/ Zone and GBR Squad Sailors are welcome to attend, but are not eligible to sail their “normal” class of boat

Ethos

It is the ethos of the North Wales Festival is to welcome and help less experienced sailors. Experienced (Gold) fleet sailors and parents are asked to always assist less experienced sailors at this event with tasks such as - check rigging, advise on how to replace unsuitable kit, what to do at the event, launching etc.

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Dear Sailor

On behalf of RYA Cymru Wales may I wish you all a warm welcome to the Bala SC and to the North Wales OnBoard Festival. We have set out to keep this event as friendly and tailored to first time racers as possible, and in doing so it's encouraging to see clubs and centres from around Wales not only sending sailors, but helping us and the event by supplying instructors and coaches to assist on the water. The event sets out to achieve 3 aims:

- i. Provide a safe sheltered coached event for sailors coming to their first ever sailing event,
- ii. Provide quality racing for the more experienced
- iii. Help the best from the Welsh National Squads have a go sailing a different (possibly future) class of boat.

To assist you please find below some helpful contacts and their roles throughout the event; they will be more than happy to answer any of your questions and will be available to offer assistance on and off the water.

Finally, if you are interested in finding out more about the opportunities available for your child including Open Winter Training and Squads - there will be a schedule of workshops and meetings throughout the weekend; where you will get the opportunity to chat to RYA Cymru Wales staff and other parents who already have children involved.

May I finally thank CH Bala SC for their support this year and wish you all fair sailing and good winds for the weekend, and hope you enjoy your visit to Llyn Tegid

Hwyllo Hapus

Phil Braden
CEO RYA Cymru Wales

Event Director **Rosina Hearn (North Wales Regional Development Officer)**

Race Committee

Main Race Officer Ken Newing
OnBoard Fleet Race Officer John Haywood

Rules Advisor / Arbitrator:

A rules advisor will be on hand to provide rules advice if you think you may have been in the wrong or right at an incident on the water. They can provide an advisory hearing (no penalty) but you find out and learn from what would probably have happened, or the RYA arbitration (20% penalty) instead of a full protest, which provides a quicker and lower penalty outcome if you both agree.

Coaching Team

Main Fleet **Toby Morsley (South & West Regional Optimist Coach) & Dave Eccles (North Regional Feva Squad Coach)**

OnBoard Fleet **Ceri Roberts (North Wales Sailing Development Officer)**

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1.0 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 Insurance

Each yacht, and the helmsman who sails her, shall be covered by third party insurance to a minimum value of £2,000,000.

2.2 Classes and eligibility

The rules regarding eligibility shall be as per the Notice of Race. The decision of the Organising Authority shall be final regarding matters of eligibility.

2.3 Tally System

Tally numbers and colours will be issued on registration. The Tally Boards will be controlled by the Beachmasters. No boat may launch before collecting their tally. Immediately on coming ashore helms shall return their tallies to the tally board.

The **penalty** for not complying with this instruction will incur points penalty of 20% of the total number of competitors entered in that fleet for each race which take place between the infringement, provided for in rule 64.1 (a) (*penalties and exoneration*). Failure to comply with this instruction shall not be grounds for protest by another boat, changing rule 60.1 (*right to protest*).

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which will be located in the Clubhouse.

4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

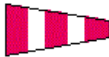
4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted at least 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Bala Sailing Club Flagpole.

5.2 Launching signals will be made from the beach master flagpoles on or adjacent to the launch sites and maybe accompanied by a 1 long sound signal. No boat may launch until the appropriate flag is displayed.

- Main Fleet- RYA Champion Club Flag
- OnBoard Training Fleet- OnBoard Flag

5.3 When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15'

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Maximum of Ten races is scheduled for the Main Fleet.

6.2 Maximum of Fifteen races is scheduled for the OnBoard Fleet apart from the windsurfing which will be at the discretion of the windsurf coaches.

Day	Time	
Saturday	1125	warning signal for the first race of the day
Sunday	0955	

7.0 CLASS SIGNALS.

Main Fleet

Optimist Code flag "O"



Topper(s) Code flag "T"



General Handicap Code Flag "G"



Windsurfer Flag Team 15



RYA Junior Pathway classes with 6 or more entries maybe given their own start. This will be announced at the briefing.

OnBoard Fleet

OB General Handicap Training
 OB Optimist Training
 OB Topper Training
 OB Windsurfing

Fleet Colour Flag(s) as described at the briefing

8.0 COURSE AREAS

The course areas to be used will be announced at the briefing. It will be the intention of the race committee to sail the Main Fleet towards the middle of the lake, and sail the OnBoard Fleet near the launch sites.

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9.0 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The courses are described in Appendix A
- 9.2 Course signals will be displayed on a board on the race committee signal boat. If no signal is displayed the courses shall be as Appendix A.
- 9.3 OnBoard Regatta fleet course configuration and ordering of roundings will be announced at briefing.

10.0 MARKS



- 10.1 Course marks to be used will be notified at briefing.

11.0 THE START


- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag  or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the starting Mark as shown in the course diagram.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.3 In the event of General Recall  the warning signal for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute  is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.
- 11.4 If flag U  has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.
- 11.5 The start sequence will be:
- 5 minutes – Warning signal up
 - 4 minutes – Preparatory signal up
 - 1 minute – Preparatory signal down
 - 0 minutes – Warning signal down
- Subsequent starts will start as soon as possible

12.0 THE FINISH

12.1 Finishing Line

- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag  on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 12.2 The position of the finishing line will be explained at the briefing and displayed on the official notice board.
- 12.3 After finishing and clearing the finishing line boats shall avoid the finishing area and all boats not yet finished.
- 12.4 **Alternative Finishing Positions**
- a) After the first boat has finished the Race Committee may score other boats at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.
 - b) When a committee boat displays flag W  with two sounds, boats may be scored by this committee boat.
 - c) When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction she shall be given a score after all boats which complete more legs of the course and then finish. This alters A4.2
- 12.5 Where 20% or fewer of the boats that have started the race have not finished in a reasonable time of the finish of the winning boat, the Race Committee may award a score to those boats that have not finished. The Race Committee's decision is final and no application for redress can be made. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.0 SHORTENING COURSE (AMMENDING RRS 33)

- 13.1 Courses 1, 2, 3 and 4 may be shortened at any mark. When Flag S  is displayed with 2 sounds signals, the course is changed the intended leeward mark is the last mark of the course. Pass to Port and finish.

14.0 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 A Race time of 1 hour and Mark 1 time limit of 20 minutes shall apply to the lead boat in each class.

15.0 PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in their class. If races are sailed back-to-back protests shall be lodged within 30 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat in their class.
- 15.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 15.3 All boats intending to Protest, must report to the appropriate Committee Boat at the end of each race. Failure to do so will render the Protest invalid. This changes rule 61
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- 15.5 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details.

16.0 SCORING SYSTEM

- 16.1 The event will be scored using Appendix A Low point scoring system.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 Two races shall constitute a series.

17.0 PRIZES

- 17.1 The regatta perpetual Welsh trophies will be awarded to the overall winner in each class, who satisfies Welsh eligibility. Other overall prizes may be awarded depending on entry.
- 17.2 The Inter Club Perpetual Prize for the OnBoard Training fleet shall be awarded to the overall winning club that satisfies Welsh Eligibility. Details of criteria will be displayed on the Official Notice Board
- 17.3 The Inter Club Perpetual Prize for the all the fleets shall be awarded to the overall winning club that satisfies Welsh Eligibility. Details of criteria will be displayed on the Official Notice Board

18.0 OUTSIDE HELP

At the discretion of the race committee official support boats only may help competitors. This amends Rule 41. The application of this SI shall not give grounds for redress. The extent of help will be dependent on ability; examples may include shortening courses for these boats, providing alternative courses to suit the conditions, coaching etc.

19.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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Competitors participate in the event (s) entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to race and item 15 of the Notice of Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior, during, or after racing.

19.1 Risk Statement

RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

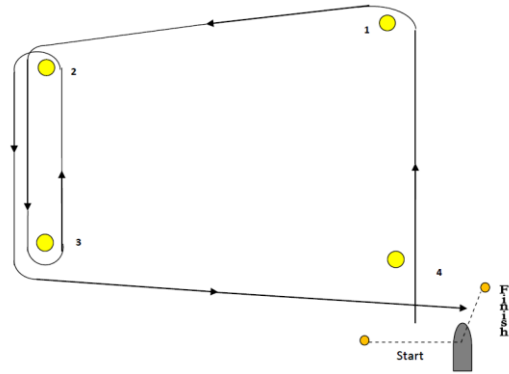
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

APPENDIX A – NORTH WALES ONBOARD FESTIVAL FLEET COURSE DIAGRAMS

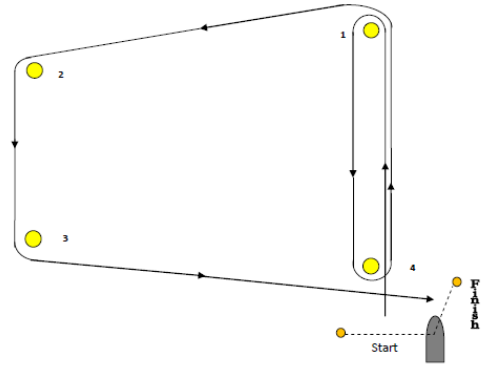
Course O - Outer Loop

Optimist
Start-1-2-3-2-3-finish



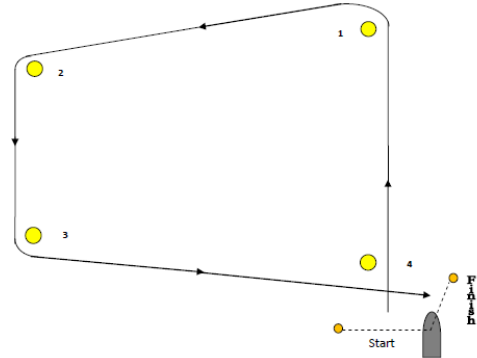
Course I - Inner Loop

Topper & General Handicap
Start-1-4-1-2-3-5-finish



Course B - Box

1 Lap
Start-1-2-3-finish
2 Laps
Start-1-2-3-4-1-2-3-finish
3 laps
Start-1-2-3-4-1-2-3-4-1-2-3-
finish



Course LA – Windward/Leeward

Signal	Marking Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish

