



**RYA Cymru.Wales WELSH ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Fishguard Bay Yacht Club**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

*The 2017 RYA Cymru.Wales Welsh Zone Championships will be hosted by Fishguard Bay Yacht Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The Organising Authority is the Royal Yachting Association Cymru.Wales (RYACW) in conjunction with Fishguard Bay Yacht Club.*

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-21)*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that RYA events will be run in compliance with the principles of the RYA Racing Charter as applicable to both organisers and competitors, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020), or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).
- 1.3 Communication with Topper (Main Fleet) sailors will be by their Championship number. Toppers in the main fleet will be expected to use their 2017 Topper Championship Number. (This changes RRS Rule 77) Those without such numbers will be allocated a number at registration to use for this championship. It is the responsibility of the competitor to position this number on their sail in the required place. All identifications of Toppers, including scores and protest notices, will be by championship number. This excludes Toppers in the Regatta fleet.
- 1.4 Female participants will be required to display a red diamond on their sail for the duration of the championships. Topper, Optimist, RS Feva and Bic Techno will be provided with diamonds. Laser Radial, 420, 29er and RS:X will be required to purchase diamonds before the championships.

**2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 Racing will be for nominated dinghy and windsurfer classes. Fleets may be combined in the event of low entries. Fleets with entries of fewer than 5 boats by the closing date will be reviewed.
- 3.2 The classes will include Optimists, Toppers and General Handicap. (RYA National Class rules apply). There will also be Regatta Optimists, Regatta Toppers and Regatta General Handicap. Windsurfers will complete in 4 classes within one fleet.
- 3.3 Competitors in junior classes (Optimist, Topper, RS Feva) shall be 16 or under on 31 December 2017. Competitors in youth classes (Laser, Laser Radial, 420 and 29er) shall be under 19 on 31 December 2017.

- 3.4 Entries will only be accepted via the event on-line entry form [www.welshsailingevents.org](http://www.welshsailingevents.org), and shall be received, together with the entry fee, on or before 20<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. Thereafter, entries will be accepted on the day.
- 3.5 **Regatta fleet racing** at the RYACW Welsh Home Zone Championships is open to less experienced club sailors in Optimists, Toppers (including 4.2 sailors) and RS Teras and Fevas. The racing will be organised by coaches and run on an informal basis, starting at around the same time as the main fleets, on both days. The coaches will brief the regatta fleet sailors on the format for the day, immediately after the main competitor briefing on Saturday.
- 3.6 All helms and crews are required to present a signed Entry/Parent/Guardian Declaration at registration. (Competitors will receive this by email when they complete entry [www.welshsailingevents.org](http://www.welshsailingevents.org) and bring it with you).

Medical forms as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors. Data Protection Act: This is a safety requirement and no data on this will be retained after the event

#### 4. FEES

The entry fees are as follows:

Double-hander	£48.00
Single-hander	£40.00

#### 5. SCHEDULE

##### 5.1 Registration

Competitors shall register at the Event Office on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 16:30– 19:30 and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 08:30 –10:00. There will be a competitor briefing at 10:30.

##### 5.2 Measurement:

Class measurement certificates may be required at registration.

##### 5.3 Racing Programme:

The detailed programme will be published in the Sailing Instructions. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September not before 11:55. The Race Committee will endeavour to complete the Championship by mid-afternoon on Sunday.

#### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available for all competitors at registration at the venue.
- 6.2 Draft sailing instructions will be available on/before the event website from 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

Please note that these are DRAFT and may be subject to change. Questions on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may be emailed to paul.simes@ryacymruwales.org.uk . These together with answers will be posted on the event website.

## **7. VENUE**

Races will be sailed in Fishguard/Goodick Bay area for all classes.

## **8. THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward and/or trapezoid. The courses to be sailed for each class will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9. PROTESTS**

The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

## **10. SCORING**

The scoring system will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

## **11. SUPPORT BOATS**

Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters may not communicate with competitors' afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.

## **12. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

## **14. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES**

Competitors automatically grant to the organising 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**

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.1

## **16. LIABILITY**

### **Risk Statement**

- 16.1 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."
- 16.2 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:
- 16.3 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;
- 16.4 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 16.5 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 16.6 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 16.7 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;
- 16.8 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

## **17. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Zone Championships Website: <http://welshsailingevents.org/welsh-sailing-events-home/welsh-zone-championships-2017/>

Arrival information and information for the weekend will be posted here closer to the event. Any queries to [paul.simes@ryacymruwales.org.uk](mailto:paul.simes@ryacymruwales.org.uk).

Fishguard Bay Yacht Club website: <http://www.fbyc.co.uk/>

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The RYA CW Welsh Zone Championships is a key indicator for selection into one of the RYACW's National & Regional Sailing Squads. To complete an application, please complete process on <http://welshsailingevents.org/welsh-squads-application-home-page/squad-application/>

**End of Notice of Race**