

# Notice of Race

## South Wales Dragon Series 2024

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| <p><b>Dates and venues</b></p> <p>TBC – Tata Steel Sailing Club<br/>         11<sup>th</sup> May – Llandegfedd Sailing Club<br/>         1<sup>st</sup> June – Mumbles Yacht Club<br/>         17<sup>th</sup> August – Cardiff Bay Yacht Club</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compete in 3 out of 4 to qualify for the series</li> <li>• £20 Single Handers</li> <li>• £25 Double Handers</li> <li>• 3 to 6 races a day</li> <li>• Prize giving at each event</li> <li>• Overall Series prizes</li> </ul> |
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### Objective

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;

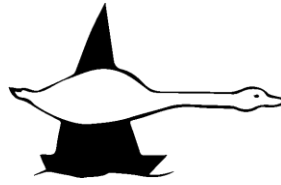
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| <b>General Handicap</b>                       | Any class of boat so long as the sailor is under 19 on the 31/12/2024.<br><br>Please note RYA Youth and junior classes with 6 or more entries may have a class start.                    |
| <b>Topper 5.3 Gold</b>                        | Racing for Topper 5.3 Welsh National Squad sailors   |
| <b>Topper 5.3 Silver</b>                      | Racing for Topper 5.3 sailors who are aspiring to gain a place in next year’s Welsh National Squad.  |
| <b>Topper 4.2</b>                             | Racing for all Topper 4.2 sailors who are regularly training and racing at National events.  |
| <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 RYA OnBoard scheme |
| <b>Optimist Gold</b>                          | Racing for GBR, Welsh National Squad Sailors or those sailors at the top of RYA Cymru Wales Open Training aspiring to gain a place in next year’s Welsh National Squad.                  |
| <b>Optimist Silver</b>                        | Racing for those new to RYACW Open Training (1st winter)   |
| <b>Optimist Training (including Optibats)</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 RYA OnBoard scheme |

**Please Note**

- Gold and Silver fleets will race together to enable sailors to monitor their progress
- The Topper 5.3 and 4.2 rigs will race as one fleet and may be scored as separate fleets
- The Training fleets may sail a different course to the Gold and Silver fleets

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### ***The organising authorities are the host clubs.***

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The Event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Welsh Clubs 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 2021 - 2024*), or at RYA Racing Charter | Racing | RYA - Royal Yachting Association
- 1.3 The Post Race 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;
  - 3.1.1 Optimist Sailors under 16 on 31/12/2024
  - 3.1.2 Topper Sailors 16 or under on 31/12/2024
  - 3.1.3 General Handicap under 19 on 31/12/2024
- 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** £20      **Double hander** £25

#### **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.

#### **6 Measurement**

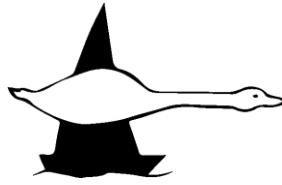
- 6.1 Random measurement checks of boats and equipment, including personal equipment, may be made at any time during the events.

#### **7 Briefings**

- 7.1 There will be a competitor briefing at 1015 in or around the club house

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## 8 Format

- 8.1 There will be a maximum of 6 races per day.

## 9 Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 Draft sailing instructions will be downloadable from the RYA Cymru Wales website. Questions on the sailing instructions may be emailed to – [sam.thomas@ryacymruwales.org.uk](mailto:sam.thomas@ryacymruwales.org.uk)
- 9.2 Each event will have a set of Supplementary Sailing Instructions

## 10 The Courses

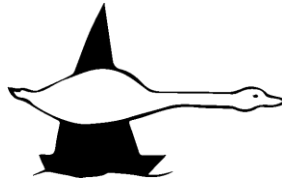
- 10.1 The course will be described in Attachment A of the Sailing Instructions and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions and at the competitor's briefings. The intention is to use a trapezoid, windward leeward courses, square or triangle sausage.

## 11 Scoring

- 11.1 For all classes, the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A (RRS) will apply, Rule B8 is deleted (RRS).
- 11.2 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
- 11.3 In order to qualify for the Dragon series, boats must compete in 3 out of 4 events. Each boat's Series score will be the aggregate of her best three overall results (one discards allowable if all four events are completed).

## 12 Support Person Vessels

- 12.1 Only official Coaches and Safety boats appointed by the Event Organiser may:
- 12.1.1 Communicate with competitors afloat
  - 12.1.2 Tow competitors to or from the race area without permission from the race management team
  - 12.1.3 Enter the race area
- 12.2 If you would like to bring a support boat please contact the event organiser noted in the further information below.
- 12.3 When afloat, all persons on a support vessel shall wear a personal floatation device at all times. When the engine is running the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord at all times. If you fail to do so you may be asked to leave the racing area.



### **13 Rights to use names and likenesses**

- 13.1 “Event photography”. Competitors should be aware that photographs and or film may be taken at the event, which may or may not include the competitors. By entering the event, competitors acknowledge that they may appear in such pictures or film, and grant the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, or taped film or television of or relating to the event.

### **14 Prizes**

- 14.1 A prize giving will be held at the end of each event. Discretionary Merit awards may be given to sailors who have shown significant improvement or have helped others the most.

### **15 Safety**

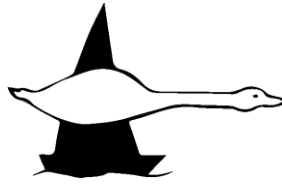
- 15.1 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits, drysuits and windsurfing harnesses are not considered personal flotation devices.
- 15.2 A Tally system or sign on / off system may 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 comply may lead to disqualification.
- 15.3 Boats will not launch until released by the Beach Master.

### **16 Risk Statement**

- 16.1 Rule 3 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 16.2.1 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;
- 16.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 16.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 16.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 16.2.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

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16.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

16.2.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held at the venue;

## 17 Insurance

17.1 Boats are required to be adequately insured, including insurance against third party claims of at least £3,000,000.

## 18 Privacy Statement

18.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## 19 Further information

For further information please see below:

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