

Notice of Race

Welsh Dragon Series 2026

Dates and venues

North

- 26th April- Gresford SC
- 10th May- Port Dinorwic SC
- 11th July- Llandudno SC
- 1st August- Shotwick SC
- 15th August- Llyn Brenig SC

West

- 9th May – Neyland Yacht Club
- 28th June – Tenby SC
- 19th July- Fishguard Bay YC

South

- 18th April- Tata Steel SC
- 16th May- Llandegfedd SC
- 6th June- Cardiff Bay YC
- 5th July- Mumbles YC
- 18th July- Merthyr Tydfil SC

22nd –23rd August OnBoard Festival- Bala SC

- North & South- Compete in 3 events to qualify for the series and get a FREE Welsh Dragon Series prize.
- West- Compete in 2 events to qualify for the series and get a FREE Welsh Dragon Series prize.
- 3 to 6 races a day.
- Prize giving at each event.
- Overall Series prizes presented at the OnBoard Festival.

Objective

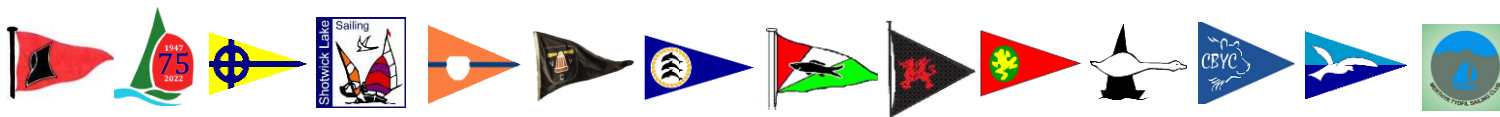
Racing events for youth sailors designed to build on winter training. Whilst quality racing is the intention of the series, courses may be adapted and training may be provided to suit the age and ability of competitors. The series will cater for experienced racers (wanting to practise against their squad mates) through to novice sailors travelling to their first event.

Prize Categories;

Any class of boat so long as the sailor is under 19 on the 31/12/2026.

Gold	Racing for Welsh National Squad sailors.
Silver	Racing for sailors who are aspiring to gain a place in next year's Welsh National Squad and have been taking part in open training or have attended another Welsh Sailing event.
Training	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.

Racing will be done in three fleets:



General Handicap: 420s, 29ers, ILCA 4, 6 & 7, RS Feva, and any other double hander boat.

Junior Handicap: Optimist, Tera Sport & Pro, Topper 4.2 & 5.3.

Training Handicap: Any class of boat. This fleet is for sailors who are taking part in their first few events.

If a class has 10 entries or more, they will race as a separate fleet.

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 2025 - 2028*), 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, RS Tera and General Handicap classes. Entries will be accepted in these classes from Sailors;
 - 3.1.1 Optimist Sailors under 16 on 31/12/2026
 - 3.1.2 Topper Sailors 16 or under on 31/12/2026
 - 3.1.3 RS Tera Sport Sailors under 16 on the 31/12/2026
 - 3.1.4 RS Tera Pro Sailors Under 16 on the 31/12/2026
 - 3.1.5 General Handicap under 19 on 31/12/2026
- 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 (unless already paid online).

4 Fees

Entry fees are to be determined and paid to each Dragon Series host club.

5 Schedule

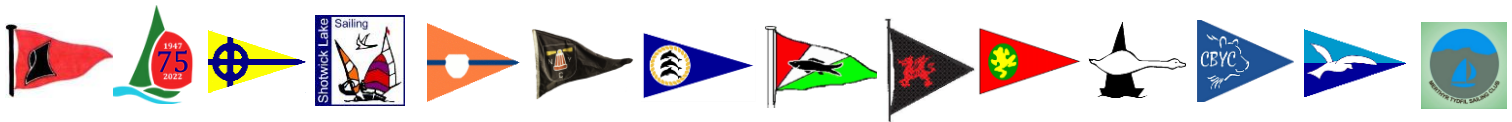
Registration – competitors will register at the race office on the morning of the event. Each club will aim to hold registration from 0930-1000.

6 Briefings

- 6.1 There will be a competitor briefing in or around the club house.

7 Format

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



8 Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 Draft sailing instructions will be downloadable from the Welsh Sailing Hub [Dragon Series | Welsh Sailing](#)
- 8.2 Each event will have a set of Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

9 The Courses

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

10 Scoring

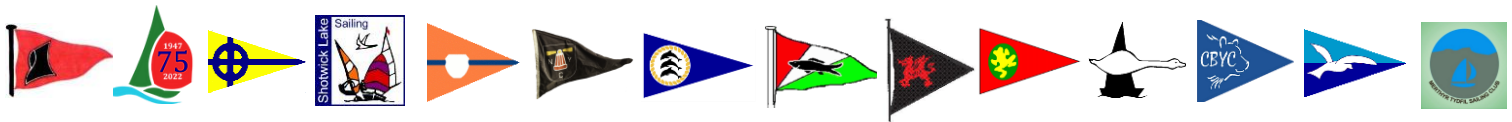
- 10.1 For all classes, the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A (RRS) will apply, Rule B8 is deleted (RRS).
- 10.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute the series for all fleets.
- 10.3 Each boat's event score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 3 or more races have been completed.
- 10.4 All fleets will be scored using a boats average lap time and the Portsmouth Yardstick (PY).
- 10.5 To qualify for the Dragon series, boats must compete in 3 events in the North and South and 2 events in the West. Each boat's Series score will be the aggregate of her overall results (one discard allowable if all events are completed in each region).

11 Support Person Vessels

- 11.1 Only official Coaches and Safety boats appointed by the Event Organiser may:
 - 11.1.1 Communicate with competitors afloat
 - 11.1.2 Tow competitors to or from the race area without permission from the race management team
 - 11.1.3 Enter the race area
- 11.2 If you would like to bring a support boat, please contact the event organiser noted in the further information below.
- 11.3 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.

12 Rights to use names and likenesses

- 12.1 "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.

13 Prizes

- 13.1 A prize giving will be held at the end of each event and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each fleet. 1st girl and 1st boy will be awarded if not placed 1st–3rd.
- 13.2 Discretionary Merit awards may be given to sailors who have shown significant improvement or have helped others the most.

14 Safety

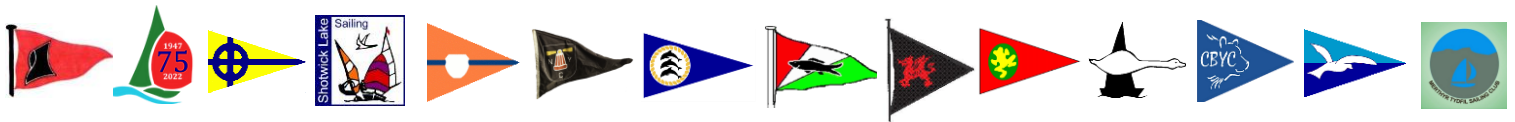
- 14.1 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits, drysuits and windsurfing harnesses are not considered personal flotation devices.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 Boats will not launch until released by the Beach Master.

15 Risk Statement

- 15.1 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".
- 15.2 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:
 - 15.2.1 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.
 - 15.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - 15.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 15.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - 15.2.5 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.
 - 15.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 15.2.7 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.

16 Insurance

- 16.1 Boats are required to be adequately insured, including insurance against third party



claims of at least £3,000,000.

17 Privacy Statement

- 17.1 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.

18 Further information

For further information please see below:

[Dragon Series | Welsh Sailing](#)

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