**North Wales Club Youth Racing Circuit Series 2022**

**Introduction**

This competition is organised by: RYA Cymru Wales North Wales Regional Committee, RYA Cymru.Wales 8 Llys Y Mor, Plas Menai, Caernarfon, Gwynedd. LL55 1UE Phone: 01248 670814. Website [www.ryacymruwales.org.uk](http://www.ryacymruwales.org.uk)

The objective is to have 3 racing days designed to build on North Wales Winter Training. Whilst quality racing is the intention of the series, courses maybe adapted and training may be provided to suit the age and ability of competitors. The series will cater for experienced racers (wanting to practice against their squad mates!) through to novice sailors travelling to their first competition.

It is the ethos of the CYRC Series to welcome and help less experienced sailors. Experienced (Gold) fleet sailors and parents are asked to always assist less experienced sailors at these competitions e.g. check rigging, advice on how to replace unsuitable kit, where to go, launching etc.

Club boats may be available to be hired on the day of the event (check with organizing club).

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| General Handicap | To be non-foiling, including any RYA recognized classes. |
| Windsurf | Any board and rig can be used. All boards should have a daggerboard or central fin. |
| Training Fleet | > Racing & Training provided for less experienced sailors. Those taking part in their first few competitions or not yet ready for main fleet racing or non-racers.  > Those who have come from the RYA OnBoard scheme with 6 weeks experience. |

**Events will be held at:**

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| Port Dinorwic SC -Clwb Hwylio Y Felinheli | Sunday 12th June 2022 | Club Contact: cathy.goodwinpdsc@gmail.com |
| Red Wharf Bay Sailing and Watersports Club | Saturday 25th June 2022 | dafydd.griffiths@aol.co.uk |
| Shotwick Lake W & SC | Saturday 1st October 2022 | training@shotwicksailing.org |

**The Organising Authority is the host club for each competition.**

1 **Rules**

1 The Event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 Competitors should note that RYA Cymru Wales 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 <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/Pages/default.aspx>

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

**2 Advertising**

Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of competing classes.

**3 Eligibility and Entry**

1 Racing will be in General Handicap Classes. Entries will be accepted in these classes from sailors;

**a** Optimist sailors under 16 on 31/12/2022

**b** Topper sailors under 19 on 31/12/2022

**c** General Handicap and Windsurfers under 21 on 31/12/2021 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 All entries must be submitted on an official entry form for the competition along with cash or a cheque payable to the Host Club, on line or in person (see 5.1). £1.50 of each entry fee is contributed by the host club to the series prize fund; this contribution is included in the entry fee and is NOT an additional payment by the competitor.

**4 Fees**

Single hander £10 Double hander £15

Boat hire- Check with organizing club if boat hire is available for competitors and the appropriate fees.

**5 Schedule**

1 Registration.

Competitors should register intention to take part in the event at the appropriate club by 20:00 hrs on the day prior to the event, by email or online entry form.

2 Measurement

(a)Measurement certification is not required for Training or Silver Fleet Optimists, the Topper Fleet is allowed to use training sails. Other measurement concessions will be at the Race Officer’s discretion and must be obtained at registration.

(b)All optimists must pass a basic seaworthy inspection, which would include: 8m painter (towline) including 2 loops, adequately inflated buoyancy bags, mast tie down, bailers.

(c) The Race Management holds the right (but may not enforce it) to hold any competitor ashore until these requirements are met.

3 Briefings

There will be a Race Officer’s briefing for all competitors at 10:00 at the appropriate clubhouse**.**

**4** The warning signal for the first race will not be before 10:55 hrs. The last race of the day will not start after 16:00 hrs.

**6 Number of Races**

There will be a maximum of 5 races per day.

**7 Measurement**

Measurement certification is not required. Other measurement concessions will be at the Race Officer’s discretion and must be obtained at registration. **ALL BOATS MUST DISPLAY A CLEAR AND UNIQUE SAIL NUMBER OR MARK**.

**8 Sailing Instructions**

Alterations to the Sailing instructions will be issued on the day of the event.

**9 Courses**

Courses will be described in the sailing instructions, but are likely to include trapezoid, windward leeward courses, or a triangle.

**10 Scoring (amending appendix A)**

1 Each competition will be scored using Appendix A of the RRS.

2 ONE race is required to constitute a competition.

1. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores
2. When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

3 In order to qualify for the CYRC Series, boats must complete two out of three competitions. Each boat’s series score will be their result for each competition sailed (one discard allowable if three competitions are completed)

**11 Support Boats**

Only official Coaches and safety boats appointed by the Principal Race Officer may:

a Communicate with competitors afloat

b Tow competitors to or from the race area without permission from the race management team.

c Enter the race area.

**12 Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded dependent upon entry. A prize giving will be held at the end of each competition. The perpetual trophies for the series will be given out at the main prize giving which will be held at the end of the last competition in the series (if results make it possible).

**13 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. Privacy Statement**

The personal information you provide to the organizing 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 organizing authority’s privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

**15 Safety Regulations**

1 In accordance with RRS 40.1 all competitors whilst afloat shall wear adequate personal buoyancy and a wetsuit or drysuit of an appropriate standard. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy.

2 A Tally 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 disqualified, or fined at the Sailing Committee’s discretion. Boats will not launch until released by the beachmaster.

3 Tallies comprise numbered and colour coded rubber wristbands. Tallies must be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist by both helm and crew while afloat.

4 Competitors are to be aware and follow individual sailing club’s spread of covid virus prevention procedures and rules.

**16 RISK STATEMENT**

**It must be recognized that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the competition, you agree and acknowledge 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 competition;

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 competition and they are fit to participate;

e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the competition 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;

g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with risks specific to this venue or this competition drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or competition and to attend any safety briefing held for the competition.

**You will comply at all times with the instructions of the Race Officer/Beachmaster and other officials particularly with regard to handling of boats, wearing of buoyancy aids and the wearing of suitable clothing for the conditions.**

**17 Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5 million per competition or the equivalent.

**18. Covid statement**

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID19 and for complying with the [venue/OA/sailing club] COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

**19 Further Information**

For further information please contact:

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