

North Wales Club Youth Racing Circuit Series

2010

Objective

5 days racing 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 practise against their squad mates!) through to novice sailors travelling to their first event.

General Handicap	To include all 3 Laser sail sizes and any RYA recognised classes which is not included below; Please note RYA Youth and junior classes with 6 or more entries will have a class start.
Windsurf	Racing will take place in the following classes: Up to 5.5m and over 5.5m (max.7.8m) each class refers to the maximum sail size which can be used. Smaller sails can be used, especially in windy conditions. Any board and rig can be used in the 3.5m, 4.5m and 5.5m classes, although sailors are encouraged to use a Techno 293d. All boards should have a daggerboard or central fin. Board length should measure 320cm or less in the smaller sail size class. Anyone sailing a 3.5msail; small diameter masts & booms should ideally be used with junior sails.
Topper	To Provide racing for all Topper class, including Topper 4.2 Sailors. Separate prizes may be awarded for Gold and Silver, Training and 4.2 fleets.
Optimist Gold	Racing for GBR, Welsh National Squad Sailors or those Regional Squad Sailors aspiring to gain a place in next year's Welsh National Squad.
Optimist Silver	Racing for the Regional Squad Sailors or those aspiring to gain a place in next year's Regional Squad.
Please note	Gold and Silver fleets will be scored together to enable sailors to monitor their progress.
Optimist Training (including Optibats)	Racing & Training provided for less experienced sailors. Those taking part in their first few events or not yet ready for main fleet racing. Those who have come from the RYA Onboard scheme with 6wks experience.
Please note	The training fleet may sail a different course to the Gold and Silver fleet.

Ethos

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 events e.g. check rigging, advice on how to replace unsuitable kit, where to go, launching etc.

Notice of Race

The 2010 North Wales Club Youth Racing Circuit Series events will be held at

Bala SC	11/04/2010
PDSC	09/05/2010
Pennmaenmawr SC	12/06/2010
Lyn Brenig SC	18/09/2010
Shotwick SC	16/10/2010

The Organising Authority is the Welsh Yachting Association (WYA) in conjunction with the host clubs.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that WYA 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 2005-2008), or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
- 1.3 The Exoneration 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

- 3.1 Racing will be in the Optimist, Topper, Windsurfer and General Handicap Classes. Entries will be accepted in these classes from sailors;

- a) Optimist sailors under 16 on 31/12/2010
 - b) Topper sailors under 19 on 31/12/2010
 - c) General Handicap and Windsurfers under 21 on 31/12/2010
- 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 along with cash or a cheque payable to the Welsh Yachting Association.
- 4. Fees**

Single hander £5 Double hander £8
- 5. Schedule**
 - 5.1 Registration.

Competitors will register in the race office on the morning of the event from 0930-1000
 - 5.2 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.
 - 5.3 Briefings

There will be a competitors briefing at 1000 outside the clubhouse
- 6. Number of Races**

There will be a maximum of 5 races per day.
- 7. Measurement**

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- 8. Sailing Instructions**
 - 8.1 Alterations to the Sailing instructions will be issued at registration. The series Sailing Instructions will be downloadable from www.welshsailing.org
- 9. Courses**
 - 9.1 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)**
 - 10.1 Each event will be scored using Appendix A.
 - 10.2 Two races are required to constitute an event.
 - (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores
 - (b) 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.
 - 10.3 In order to qualify for the CYRC Series, boats must complete four out of five events. Each boat's series score will be the aggregate of her best four results (one discard allowable if all five events are completed)
- 11. Support Boats**
 - 11.1 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**
 - 12.1 Prizes will be awarded dependent upon entry. A prize giving will be held at the end of each event. The perpetual trophies for the series will be given out at the main prize giving which is to be held at Shotwick SC on 16/10/2010
- 13. Rights to use names and likenesses**
 - 13.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organizing 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.
- 14. Safety Regulations**
 - 14.1 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.
 - 14.2 A Tally system or sign on / off system will 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.
 - 14.3 If used 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.
- 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
 - 15.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
 - 15.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
 - 15.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

15.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities

15.5 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph

16. Insurance

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.

17. Further Information

17.1 For further information please contact

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