



North Wales
Christmas Regatta Nadolig
Gogledd Cymru
CH Pwllheli SC
13/12/2008
Registration 10.30-11.00

Objective

The Objective of the Xmas Regatta is to build on North Wales Winter Training. Whilst quality racing is the intention of the event, courses may be adapted and training may be provided to suit the age and ability of competitors. The event will cater for experienced racers (wanting to practice against their squad mates!) through to novice sailors traveling to their first event.

Fleets

General Handicap - 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.

Laser -To provide racing for all Laser class sailors

Topper -To provide racing for all Topper class Sailors; 4.2's will race with the Topper fleets, however separate prizes will be awarded.

Silver - Non Squad Sailors- Club sailors and or Open Training sailors.
Gold - Sailors who are members of the GBR/ Welsh National Squad/ NW Performance Squad.

Optimist - To provide racing for all Optimist Class sailors; from club level through to GBR/ Welsh Squad level.

Optibat - Sailors participating in Rota- moulded plastic Optibats
Training - 1st year young sailors in any "wooden or glass fibre" Optimist competing at their first event.
Silver - Sailors who have completed a winters training and /or the CYRC series or equivalent events.
Gold - Sailors who are members of the GBR/ Welsh National Squad/ NW Optimist/Topper Squad.

Please note all class starts will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Ethos

It is the ethos of *Hwyllo Gogledd Cymru* North Wales Sailing 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, advise on how to replace unsuitable kit, where to go, launching etc.

The Organising Authority is the Welsh Yachting Association (WYA) in conjunction with Clwb Hwylheli Sailing Club

1. Rules

- 11 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 12 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.

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, Laser and General Handicap Classes. Entries will be accepted in these classes from sailors under the age of 19 years on 31/12/08 (Optimist sailors under 16 on 31/12/08).
- 3.2 Those that are pre-entered for the event; Open Training Participants and those that have entered in advance must attend registration accompanied by a parent/guardian to confirm their entry.
- 3.4 Entries if at all possible should be submitted in advance via email to aid the club in pre-planning for the event; Entry forms should be emailed to Eifion Owen. For contact details; see below.
- 3.5 Entries on the day should be submitted accompanied by an official entry form for the event along with cash or a cheque payable to the CH Pwllheli SC.

4. Fees

- 4.1 Entry on the day will cost £10 per Boat inc. Doublehanders
- 4.2 Entry to the Xmas Regatta for Open Training participants is Free.
- 4.3 Entries are welcomed from Squad Sailors (GBR/ Welsh and Performance) and Club level sailors not participating in Open Training; however and an 'on the day' entry fee will apply.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 **Registration.**
Competitors will register in the race office (The main club house on the morning of the event from 10.30- 11.00.)
- 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 if conditions were thought unsuitable for the condition of the boat.
- 5.3 **Briefing**
There will be a competitors briefing at 11.00 in the Plas Menai Room.
- 5.4 **First warning signal**
The first warning signal will be at 11.55. All races will be held back to back and competitors will not be coming ashore between races. Any changes to these times will be noted in the sailing instructions.
- 5.5 **Prizegiving**
A prize giving will be held at the end of the event at 1700 followed by the Christmas Party and Disco. A prize will be awarded to the most embarrassing Dad dance.

6. Number of Races

There will be a maximum of 4 races.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 Sailing instructions will be issued at registration.

8. Courses

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

9. Scoring (amending appendix A)

- 9.1 Each event will be scored using Appendix A.
9.2 One race is 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. Support Boats

- 10.1 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.

11. Prizes

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded dependant upon entry. A prize giving will be held at the end of the event.

12. Rights to use names and likenesses

- 12.1 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.

13. Safety Regulations

- 13.1 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.
13.2 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.
13.3 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.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 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.
14.2 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.
14.3 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.
14.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities
14.5 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

15. Insurance

- 15.1 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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