

An exciting end for the CYRC

October the 3rd was the season finale of the Club Youth Racing Circuit, organised by the North Wales Committee of the Welsh Yachting Association. The series welcomes youth and junior sailors of all experiences to take part in a series of races throughout the year. Today, the final race of the season was taking place at Gresford Sailing Club, a small friendly club on Gresford Flash, near Wrexham.

At 09:15 the competitors started arriving. It was clear that Toppers and Optimists are the most popular youth boats, though there were also 2 Bytes, a Mirror and Laser. As soon as everyone was ready the briefing took place and the course was explained by Nick Blore and soon after everyone started launching. The wind was picking up now, and the sailors in the Bytes went over a few times, though were up soon enough and in time for the start. After the final 5th lap, time for lunch and then on to the 2nd race. The wind had subsided a bit, and was less gusty, which meant less capsizes for some! After the final sailor had crossed the finish line, time for a short recovery before the final race of the day. Boats were pulled ashore and everyone went into the cosy galley for a snack. It was now rather rainy, but one member predicted it would stop in time for the next start, and lo and behold it did! Rather than the gusts that were experienced earlier, now it was as calm as a summer evening. Everyone had the sails out, and the second the race started the wind picked up and the Bytes capsized! After a particularly gusty start, there were few capsizes and, after a great day time to go ashore and de-rig. As soon as everyone had changed, the prize giving took place.

Results

Optimist Training Fleet, 1st Chloe Butterworth CHPSC 2nd Christopher Jones CHPSC 3rd Holly Jones GSC

General Handicap, 1st Annie Stapley and Katherine Lewis, Int. Mirror GSC 2nd Will Filby, Laser Radial CHPSC. 3rd Rudy Chadwick-Smith Byte C11, Llyn Brenig SC

Topper Gold and Silver Fleet, 1st Aled Goddard Bala SC 2nd Chelsea Jackson Llyn Brenig SC 3rd Josh Davies CHPSC

Optimist Gold and Silver Fleet 1st Gethin Owen, CHPSC 2nd Indeg Owen, CHPSC

Many congratulations to the winners and to all that took part.

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