

2008 – Welsh Sailing looks towards 2012

Welsh Sailors during 2008 have continued to deliver results across the programme with ongoing excellent performance from the best of the Welsh and increase in depth and talent coming through the junior program. This report highlights key achievements, identifies our key performing athletes and shows the strength across the programme from Junior to Olympic level.

Welsh Sailors who are members of Skandia Team GBR, RYA Performance and Development Squads - (July – September 2008)

Class	Name	Level
Sonar (Paralympic)	Stephen Thomas	A
Finn	Ed Wright	B
470	Chris Grube	C
470	Dave Evans	C
470	Hannah Mills	D
Laser	Dyfrig Mon	DT
Laser	Eifion Mon	DT
Laser	Sarah Williams	DT

Welsh Sailors in RYA GBR National Youth Squads – (Oct 2008)

Class	Name	Squad
Laser Radial	Gareth Henshall	GBR Radial
Laser Radial	Stevie Beckett	GBR Radial
Laser Radial	Anna Piggott	GBR Radial
29er	Bleddyn Mon	GBR 29er
29er	Tom Humphries	GBR 29er
420	Nia Jones	GBR Transitional
420	Hannah Jones	GBR Transitional

Welsh Sailors in RYA GBR National Junior Squads (October 2008)

Class	Name	Squad
Topper	Micky Beckett	GBR National
Topper	Tom Piggott	GBR National
Topper	Hannah Tilley	GBR National
Topper	Ross Moreton	GBR National
Topper	Ellie Meophan	GBR National
Topper	Jack Preece	GBR Intermediate

Class	Name	Squad
Optimist	David Pain	GBR National
Optimist	Toby Moresley	GBR National
Optimist	Matthew Whitfield	GBR National
Optimist	Josh Burgess	GBR National
Optimist	Will Creaven	GBR National
Optimist	Myles Jackson	GBR Intermediate
Optimist	Tom Collins	GBR Intermediate
Optimist	Gareth Viney	GBR Intermediate
Optimist	Oliver Harrison	GBR Intermediate
Optimist	Molly Frost	GBR Intermediate

Key 2008 season results from Welsh sailors:

Olympic:

Sailor	Event	Venue	Entries	Result
Ed Wright (Finn)	World Championship	Victoria, Australia	83	13 th (2 nd GBR)
	Kiel Week Grade 1 Olympic Regatta	Kiel, Germany	33	1 st
Hannah Mills (470 women)	World Championships	Gdynia, Poland	35	1 st (Junior World Champion)
	Sail for Gold	Weymouth, UK	17	5 th (1 st GBR)
David Evans (49er)	World Championships	Melbourne, Australia	72	16 th (3 rd GBR)
	Sail for Gold	Weymouth, UK	32	2 nd
Chris Grube (470 men)	World Championships	Melbourne, Australia	85	18 th (3 rd GBR)
	Sail for Gold	Weymouth, UK	22	3 rd (2 nd GBR)

Youth Classes (U19):

Sailors	Event	Venue	Entries	Result
Bleddyn Mon & Tom Humphreys (29er Class)	World Championships	Melbourne, Australia	25	4 th (3 rd Youth)
	UK Youth National Championships	Pwllheli	37	3 rd
	29er Europeans	Medemblik, Holland	83	2 nd
	UK National Championships	Llandudno,	25	1 st

Youth Classes (U19):

Sailor	Event	Venue	Entries	Result
Gareth Henshall (Laser Radial)	UK National Championships	Abersoch	155	14 th (7 th Youth)
Tom Pain & Nathan Bailey (420)	Inland Championships	Grafham	44	4 th (3 rd Youth)

Junior Classes

Topper Class (U16):

Sailor	Event	Venue	Entries	Result
Doug Lloyd Haines	World Championships	Tralee, Ireland	176	7 th
Hannah Tilley	World Championships	Tralee, Ireland	176	21 st Junior Girl World Champion)
Mickey Beckett	National Championships	Paington, UK	278	8 th

Optimist Class (U16):

Sailor	Event	Venue	Entries	Result
Mathew Whitfield	National Championships (Junior fleet)	Pwllheli	162	2 nd
David Pain	National Championships (Senior Fleet)	Weymouth	147	7 th
Tomas Pain	National Championships (Senior Fleet)	Weymouth	147	8 th

World & European Team Selection

Sailor	Event	Venue	Entries	Result
Gareth Henshall	European Championships	Niiewport, Belgium	82	14 th (Silver)
Nia Jones	GBR Optimist European Team (3 Girls)	Lake Garda Italy	95	58 th
Nia Jones	GBR World Team Racing Championships (3 Girls)	Lago di Ledro, Italy	(Nations)	4 th
Tom Pain	GBR Optimist European Team (5 Boys)	Lake Garda Italy	142	91

Boat Provision allocations:

The following table shows sailors supported with boats and equipment through the provision scheme for the 2008 season. Boats are allocated for a 1 year period to cover preparation during training sessions just before the season starts and until the end of the competition season.

Class	Name	Criteria for support
Optimist	David Pain	Optimist GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Optimist	Tomas Pain	Optimist GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Optimist	Nia Jones	Optimist GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Optimist	Toby Morsley	Optimist GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Topper	Mickie Beckett	Topper GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Topper	Hannah Tilley	Topper GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Topper	Ross Moreton	Topper GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Topper	Tom Piggott	Laser GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Topper	Doug Lloyd Haines	Laser GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Laser	Gareth Henshall	Laser GBR Transitional Squad 2008 Season
Laser	Stevie Beckett	Laser GBR National Squad 2008 Season
Laser	Andy Joseph	Laser GBR National Squad 2008
Laser	Eifion Mon	Laser GBR National Squad 2008 Season
29er	Bleddyn Mon and Tom Humphreys	29er GBR National Squad 2008 Season
420	Nia Jones Hannah Jones	Working towards GBR 420 Squad selection following Optimist sailing

*Full breakdown of costs will be available from the accounts.

Talent Support

Sailors listed below have been receiving talent support as GBR Youth Squad members for the period April – September 2008

Sailor	Class	Level
Bleddyn Mon	29er	GBR National Squad
Tom Humphries	29er	GBR National Squad
Gareth Henshall	Laser Radial	GBR National Squad
Stevie Beckett	Laser Radial	GBR Transitional Squad
Anna Piggott	Laser Radial	GBR National Squad (trial)

Event support spending:

During the 2008 season the Welsh Yachting Association has increased the number of days of event support and event training from 55 to 74 days. This increase is due to some support being provided to regional squad sailors at major events. Concomitantly Wales has seen a large increase in the number of sailors attending these events.

W.Y.A Event Support 2008	
National Squad	Regional Squad
Optimist Selections X 2 Optimist Inlands Optimist Nationals Optimist EOS	Optimist Inlands Optimist Nationals Optimist End of Seasons
Topper Nationwide X 3 Topper Inlands Topper Nationals	Topper Nationwide X2 Topper Inlands Topper Nationals
Laser Qualifier X 2 Laser Nationals	74 Days Coached Event Support Total
Eric Twiname	
UK Youth Nationals	

*Total spend and breakdown is available in the accounts

Coaching spending:

The funding for coaching is being used during the main squad coaching sessions which run from November to March, so these will be reported at the end of this training period.

Squad breakdowns and associated budgets are contained within the 2008 2009 Squad budget.

Iwan Basten High Performance Manager, October 2008

Associated Documents

1. Wales High Performance Plan
2. Squad and Event Support Budgets
3. Squad lists 2008 – 2009

Available on request