



North Wales OnBoard Festival 2022

17 September 2022 CH Bala SC- Llyn Tegid

The North Wales OnBoard Festival is a sheltered water event for new sailors and aspiring racers (sailors and windsurfers). It is a junior event and competitors need to be under 16 on the 31/12/2022.

Objective

To build on club and centre training by providing a sheltered water coached environment for sailors, windsurfers and parents from clubs across Wales to enjoy a friendly relaxed event, from those who have just learnt sail and would like to try something new, to keen first time racers to competitive National Squad aspiring regional squad member!

Ethos

It is the ethos of the North Wales OnBoard Festival to welcome and help less experienced sailors. Experienced (Gold) fleet sailors and parents are asked to always assist less experienced sailors at this event with tasks such as - check rigging, advise on how to replace unsuitable kit, what to do at the event, launching etc.

Which Fleet should I enter?

OnBoard Fleet:

- **OnBoard Supplied Boat**
- Ideal for those who have recently learnt to sail, are unable to borrow a boat from their club or centre, and want to take part in their 1st event. Limited spaces.
- **OnBoard: Own or loan arranged with own club/ centre.**
- Ideal for those who have recently learnt to sail and want to take part in their 1st event

Main fleet:

- **Silver Fleet** - Ideal for those trying Main fleet sailing for the first time
- **Gold Fleet** - Ideal for established Main fleet sailors.

Notice of Race

Organising Authority

1. The organising authority is the RYA Cymru Wales in conjunction with Clwb Hwyllo Bala Sailing Club.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2 Competitors should note that RYA CW and CH Bala SC events will be run in compliance with the principles of the RYA Racing Charter as applicable to both the organisers and competitors, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book. If there is any conflicts of instructions the Sailing Instruction (SI) shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

3. Classes and eligibility

3 Entries will be accepted from sailors/windsurfers aged 16 years old or younger on 31/12/22

4. Entries

Entries can be made via the online booking website, and shall be received together with the entry fee on or before 14th September. The online booking website is to be found at;
(Please make sure you have all your boat, personal and medical details to hand before commencing the process). Entries later than this may be accepted on the day, however a late entry fee maybe applied, the cost to enter is;

Single handed/Windsurfers	£15
Double Handed	£20

Entries after the 14th September may incur a £10 late entry fee.

5. **Schedule**

Registration: Competitors will register in the Club House at Bala Sailing Club

- Saturday 17th September from 0830 - 0930.

Measurement: See below

5.1 Briefing: There will be a competitors briefing for all fleets outside the Boathouse, 10:15 on Saturday 17th September.

Fleets (including windsurfers) may be further divided into separate class briefing based on ability.

5.2 Racing: There will be a maximum of 6 races in the series for the Main fleet.

5.3 Number of races for the OnBoard fleet will be at the discretion of the OnBoard Fleet Coaches/ Race Officer.

5.4 Number of races for windsurfers will be at the discretion of the Windsurf coaches.

6. **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be posted on the online official noticeboard.

7. **Measurement**

Measurement certification is not required but all boats should pass a basic seaworthy inspection, which would include

- Optimists (white sail) a 7m painter with loop, adequately inflated buoyancy bags, mast ties securely fixed, inclusion of bailers, removable mainsheet. The race management hold the right (but may not use it) to hold any competitor ashore until these requirements are met if the conditions were thought to be unsuitable for the condition of boat.
- Topper and Laser fleets are allowed to use training sails. Other measurement concessions will be at the Race Officer's discretion and must be obtained at registration.

8. **Courses and Racing Areas**

Courses will be announced at the briefing, but are likely to include trapezoid, windward leeward or triangle courses.

9. **Penalty System**

Rules Advisory and Rules Arbitration / Exoneration Penalty may be available. The Penalty system will be confirmed at the briefing.

10. **Scoring**

The event will be scored using the low points system in Appendix A,

Each boat's event score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 3 or more races have been completed.

11. **Prizes**

A prize giving will be held at the end of the event. 1st to 3rd in each fleet will be awarded and discretionary awards may be made.

12. **Coaches and Supporters**

Only official Coaches and safety boats appointed by the Event Organiser may: -

- a. Communicate or "Coach" competitors afloat during racing
- b. Tow competitors to or from the race area with permission from the race management team.
- c. Enter the race area.

13. **Rights to use names and likenesses**

Competitors automatically grant to the organisers 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. **Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility.

It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers 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 organizers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

15. **Safety**

15.1 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Rule 40.1 applies. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy.

- 15.2 A Tally system will be in operation for the safety of competitors
- 15.3 The tally system (known as tally control) will be located in the by the Boathouse.
- 15.4 Tally numbers will be issued at registration and both helms and crews must tally out before racing and tally-in immediately on returning to shore by personally returning their tally to the tally control specified for them at registration. Tallies must be worn visibly by both helm and crew whilst afloat.
- 15.5 Failure to tally correctly may incur a points penalty of 20% of the total number of competitors entered in that fleet for each race which takes place between the tally on tally off infringement.
- 15.6 Boats may not launch until released by the Beach Master for their respective fleet and course area.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges 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 event;
- 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 event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event 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 any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing for the event.

17. INSURANCE

Each Participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million for the duration of the event or equivalent.

Notes

Event info Info relating to the event, including, entry form, NOR and SI and results will be posted on the event website which can be found at <https://www.rya.org.uk/gbni/rya-cymru-wales/racing/racing-events/north-wales-onboard-festival>

Area info See the Bala Sailing Club website links - www.balasc.org.uk/accommodation.html

For directions and full accommodation list of alternative campsites and B&B's in the area as well as other visitor attractions during your stay

Windsurfing Dependant on numbers, racing will take place in the following classes: Up to 5.5m and over 5.5m (max.7.8m) this is the **maximum** sail size which can be used. Smaller sails can be used, especially in windy conditions. Any board and rig can be used, 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

Contacts

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General Help - Which fleet to enter info, or help getting there, need to borrow a boat or board etc.

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Clubs Bringing Ribs and Coach Support

Contact Ruth Iliffe to book in ribs and lead coaches/persons to secure event allocation.