



Notice of Race

RYA Cymru Wales Welsh Youth & Junior Championships 2026

12th - 13th September 2026

Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by the RYA Cymru Wales in conjunction with

Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The rules and byelaws of Plas Heli will apply.
- 1.3. Competitors should note that RYA Cymru Wales Events 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 2025 - 2028), or at [RYA Racing Charter](#) | [Racing](#) | [RYA - Royal Yachting Association](#)
- 1.4. During racing, competitors within the Coached Regatta Fleet may request and receive outside help from coaches appointed by the Organising Authority (OA). The OA coaches will be identified at the briefing. This changes RRS 41.
- 1.5. The Post Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration, of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

2. Communication

- 2.1. The official notice board will be located in the Main Hall in Plas Heli.
- 2.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 2.3. There will be an official Telegram group for the event.



3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. Racing will be for nominated dinghies and windsurfer classes. Fleets may be combined in the event of low entries. Fleets with entries of fewer than 5 boats by the closing date will be reviewed.

3.2. The Main Fleet

Class	Age as of 31 st December 2026
Optimist	Under 16
Topper 4.2 & 5.3	16 and under
RS Tera Sport & Pro	Under 16
RS Feva	Under 17
ILCA 4	16 and under
ILCA 6 & 7	Open
BIC Techno	Under 19
420	Under 19
29er	Under 19

Dinghies in the Main Fleet will be Optimist, Topper 5.3 & 4.2, ILCA 4,6 & 7, RS Tera Sport, RS Tera Pro, RS Feva, 29er, 420, other double hander General Handicap, BIC Techno.

3.2.1.1 Competitors in the Topper fleet using the 5.3m² or 4.2m² sails shall race as a combined fleet and will be scored as separate fleets.

3.2.1.2 Competitors in the RS Tera fleet using the Sport or Pro sails shall race as a combined fleet and will be scored as separate fleets.

3.2.1.3 Competitors in the ILCA fleet using the 4,6 or 7 sails shall race as a combined fleet and will be scored as separate fleets.

3.2.2 Windsurfers will compete on a Bic Techno 293 board.

3.2.2.1 Either 4.5 or 5.8 rig (open mast/boom and a sail that must have a maximum of 6 battens and 2 cams).

3.2.2.2 Bic Techno 6.8 or 7.8 rig – age limitations within the International Bic Techno Class Rules apply.

3.2.3 Competitors in the Optimist, Topper, RS Tera Sport & Pro, RS Feva shall be under 16 on the 31st of December 2026, ILCA 4 shall be 16 and under on the 31st of December 2026. Competitors in 29er, 420 and General Handicap double hander shall be under 19 on 31st December 2026. ILCA 6 & 7 is an open category (competitors can be any age).

3.2.4 For organisational and safety reasons all entries must be entered **by 9th September 2026**.

3.2.5 There will be an Open and Welsh category. To be eligible for the Welsh category sailors must be a member of a Welsh club and: -

1. Live in Wales (Primary residence)

2. Have been selected into an RYA Cymru Wales Squad Programme

In the double-handed classes only one sailor needs to satisfy the criteria above to be eligible.

3.3 The Coached Regatta Fleet



- 3.3.1 Dinghies in the Coached Regatta Fleet will be Optimist, Topper 5.3 & 4.2, RS Tera Sport, RS Tera Pro, RS Feva, all sailors in these classes shall be Under 16 on the 31st of December 2026.

4. Cancellation

- 4.1. The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes, and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76. In the event that the Organising Authority decides to cancel the event, cancel a class, or reject an entry they shall give at least 36 hours' notice to the affected competitors, and shall refund the entry fee, less any costs already incurred.

5. Fees

- 5.1. Entry Fees are as follows: -

Main Fleet Double-hander	£75.00
Main Fleet Single-hander	£65.00
Coached Regatta Fleet Double-hander	£75.00
Coached Regatta Fleet Single-hander	£65.00

6. Format

- 6.1. The intention is to run the racing for all classes as a single series.
6.2. The Main Fleets may require dividing into flights, if entry numbers dictate this. Details will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

7. Schedule

Registration

- 7.1. All competitors will need to register by letting us know you have arrived, confirming class, sail number and helm/crew and agreeing to the self-declaration statement.
7.2. An event welcome will take place on Saturday morning – timing to be confirmed in the event programme.
7.3. **Racing Programme Main Fleet.** (2-day event)
The detailed programme will be published in the Sailing Instructions. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday 12th and Sunday the 13th September will not be before 10:00am.
7.4. **Racing Programme Coached Regatta Fleet**
The intention is to inform the Coached Regatta Fleet of the racing format at the morning briefing which will be held at 10am on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th in the Main Hall.

8. Measurement

- 8.1. Random measurement checks of boats and equipment, including personal equipment, may be made at any time during the championship.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1. Sailing instructions will be downloadable from the RYA Cymru Wales Events Hub the week prior to the event [Welsh Youth & Junior Championships | Welsh Sailing](#), any questions can be emailed to hatty.morsley@ryacymruwales.org.uk. Questions and answers will be on the Official Notice Board at the event.



10. Venue

10.1. Races will be sailed in Cardigan Bay

11. The Courses

11.1. The course will be described in attachment A of the Sailing Instructions. The intention is to use a Trapezoid course and a Windward Leeward course (with windward finish)

12. Scoring

12.1. For all classes, the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A (RRS) will apply, Rule B8 is deleted (RRS).

12.2. Details on Scoring will be issued in the Sailing Instructions.

13. Support Person Vessels

13.1. Support Person Vessels shall register with the Organising Authority with details of support boats (colours, size, Owner/driver name) and may be required to carry identification flags. If you would like to bring a support boat please email hatty.morsley@ryacymruwales.org.uk.

13.2. When afloat, all persons on a support vessel shall always wear a personal floatation device. When the engine is running the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord at all times. If you fail to do so you may be asked to leave the racing area.

14. Berthing

14.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

15. Prizes

15.1. A participation medal will be awarded to each sailor and overall prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

There is also a trophy for the female with the lowest scoring total points overall in the largest fleet.

16. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

16.1. "Event photography"

Competitors should be aware that photographs and or film may be taken at the event, which may or may not include the competitors. By entering the event, competitors acknowledge that they may appear in such pictures or film and grant the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, or taped film or television of or relating to the event.

17. Safety Regulations

17.1. RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits, drysuits and windsurfing harnesses are not considered personal flotation devices.

18. Risk Statement

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 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 omissions.
- 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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 competitors briefing held at the venue.

19. Insurance

19.1. Boats are required to be adequately insured, including insurance against third party claims of at least £3,000,000.

20. Privacy Statement

20.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21. Further Information

21.1. All material relating to the event including news, detailed schedules, entry lists etc. will be published on the event site in due course.

22. Membership & Liability

22.1. All visiting competitors and families will be deemed as visiting yachtsmen during the event and as such shall abide by both Club's rules and byelaws.

22.2. Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club; the Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club, or out of participating in any race organised by the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the Club.

