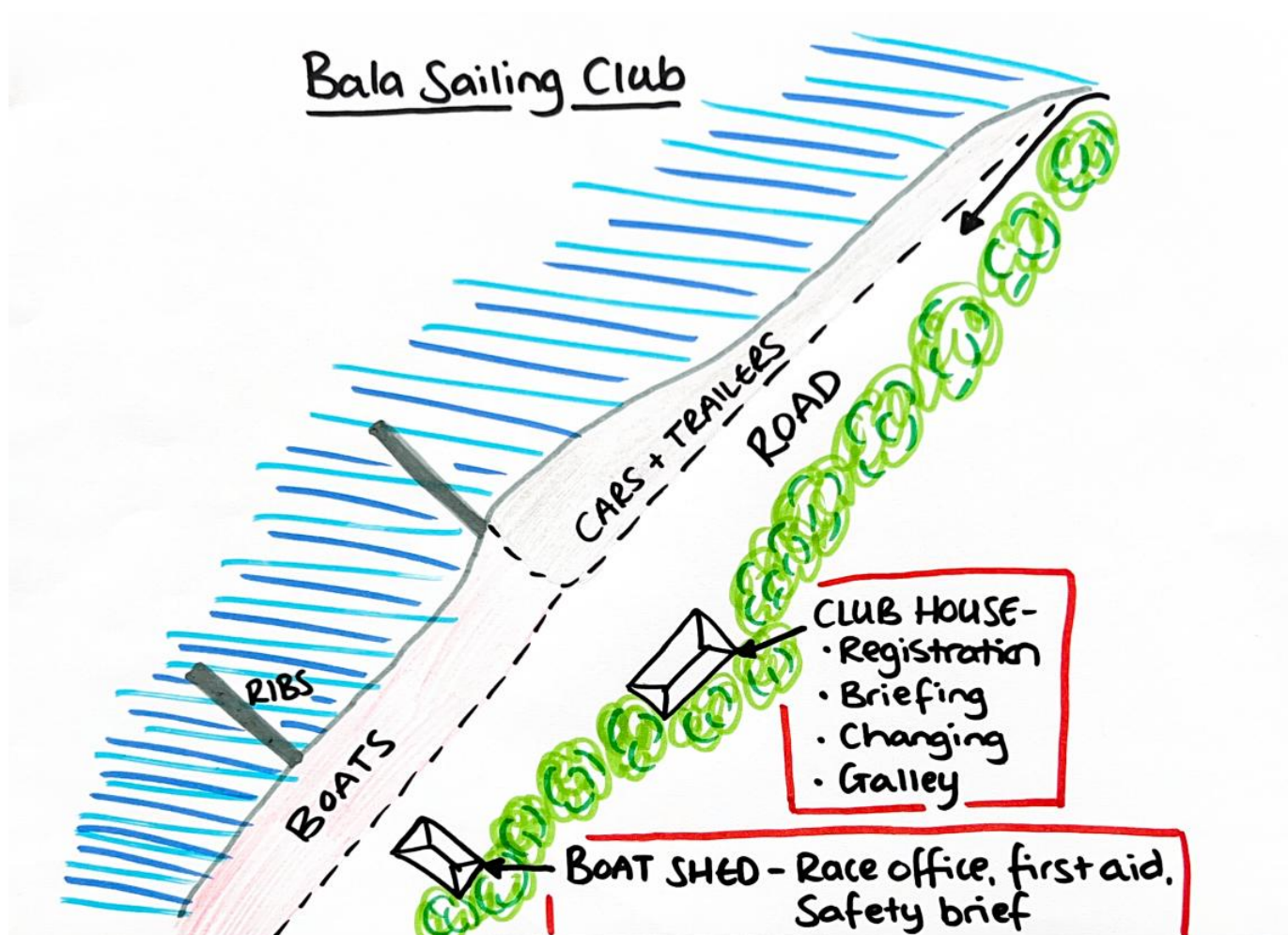


Welsh Sailing/ Hwyllo Cymru OnBoard Festival 2025

A Guide for Sailors, Parents, Race Management and Safety Fleets

Bala Sailing Club

RYA Cymru Wales and Bala Sailing Club are looking forward to welcoming you to Bala for the 2025 Welsh Sailing Hwyllo Cymru OnBoard Festival. The information below will help guide you in terms of logistical information and schedule so that the day can run as smoothly as possible.



Event Schedule

09:00	RYA Cymru Wales staff arrive to set up Registration, Race Office, Pop ups and banners
10:00-15:30	Try Winging Sessions
Saturday 30th August 2025	
08:30-09:30	Sailor and Volunteer Registration – Main Club House
08:30	Race Management Meeting – Room above the boat shed
09:00	Event Safety Briefing – Room above the boat shed
09:30	Competitors' Welcome – Main Club House
-	Training Fleet Briefing immediately after the Competitors' Welcome
09:45	Safety Fleet on the water
10:00	Main Fleet launch
10:27	Main Fleet First Warning Signal
12:30	Lunch break ashore
13:30	Estimated back afloat
16:00	Estimated back ashore
After Sailing	Diolch Hour, Sail Rail
Sunday 31st August 2025	
09:00	Race Management & Safety Briefing- room above the boat shed
09:30	Training Fleet Briefing- Main Club House
10:00	Main Fleet Launch
10:27	Main Fleet First Warning Signal
12:30	Lunch break ashore
13:30	Estimated back afloat
16:00	Estimated back ashore
ASAP After Sailing	Prize Giving

1 ARRIVAL

1.2 Boat drop off

Boats can be dropped off on Friday evening in the boat park – the gate code is **3883** please lock the gate behind you.

1.3 Parking

Cars can be parked along the trees by the club boats and along the waters edge, please be wary of boats and sailors when you are driving through the club grounds.

2 PRE-ACTIVITY

2.1 Registration

Registration will take place in the Main Club house. We will be running a paperless system. Sailors will be asked to confirm name, sail number and to verbally agree to the 'Sailor Declaration' (attached to your event email).

Registration will open at – 8:30am and close at 9.30am. Please try and register as soon as possible.

Sailors and volunteers/ coaches need to register.

2.2 Boat Parking and Tallies

Boats will need to stay in the boat park until released to launch.

Prior to the event all sailors will be allocated a tally number, this is to help identify sailors. Both helm and crew in double handed boats will be allocated a number. You will receive your tally number at registration.

2.3 Communication

A broadcast only Telegram group will be setup to communicate to sailors and parents. Scan the QR code/ click on the link below to sign up to the group. We ask that over 16's only are on the group. You will need to download the Telegram App to access the group.

<https://t.me/+Q0gV4UnLnYFkMDU0>



2.4 Briefing

There will be a 'Main Event Briefing' at 9.30am in the Club House.

2.5 Official Noticeboard

The official Notice Board will be located in the Main Club House. Here you will find any changes to sailing instructions, jury notices and results.

2.6 Toilets and Changing Facilities

Changing facilities are available downstairs in the Club House.

2.7 Launch / Recovery of Fleets

Parents are asked to help launch and recover. Please follow the beach master's instructions.

Parents will be informed via the Telegram group an ETA for sailors coming back ashore.

2.8 Catering

There will be food available to purchase at the galley, along with hot drinks etc. Please bring cash with you. Staff and volunteers will be provided with a packed lunch at the safety briefing.

2.9 First Aid

The one shore first aid point will be the Race Office – located above the Boat Shed.

2.10 Sustainability

We are working to make our events and activities more sustainable. To find out more see the RYA Environmental Policy and Sustainability Strategy: <https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/policies/environment-and-sustainability>

- Help us to reduce the impact of our event by bringing your own re-usable bottle and flask that can be re-filled.
- Please use shore side recycling facilities wherever possible, please ensure the item you are putting in the bin is recyclable.

3 AFLOAT

3.1 Coaches

We have a number of RYA Cymru Wales Coaches on hand. They will be introduced in the 'Competitor's Welcome' and are there to support all sailors. Please feel free to ask them any questions on or off the water.

3.2 Retiring

If a sailor retires from a race and it is safe to do so the sailor will be escorted back to shore.

If the safety fleet is busy with a few sailors, then a sailor's boat may be de-rigged and anchored behind the start line. The sailor will then be moved to the safety boat until the fleet is ready to sail ashore after racing. The anchored boats will then be collected and towed back in.

3.3 W flag

We have a relatively young/ new fleet of sailors this year which is fantastic to see. Our aim is to ensure all sailors get a finish even if they do not complete the whole course. We will be using the W flag to shorten the course for sailors who have found themselves quite far behind the rest of the fleet. Sailors may also be asked to only complete some of the course. Any guidance will be from the coaches/ mark layers.

4 POST ACTIVITY

4.1 Result and Race Office

The race office will be located above the Boat Shed. Please only come to the race office for general enquiries, first aid or for race forms: score review, protests etc. Results will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

4.2 Protests

The intention is for protests to be resolved through arbitration. All jury notices will be posted on the Notice Board. Should a full protest procedure be needed we will contact the individuals to let you know where the protest room will be.

4.4 Prize Giving

The prize giving will be run as soon as possible after racing. If you have any perpetual trophies from last year, please drop them at the race office.

4.3 Departure

Once packed up and ready to set off home please take a few moments to make sure you have everything and that the area around your boat is litter free.

5 SAFE-GUARDING

For any Safe-Guarding concerns or queries please contact the Event Director – Sarah McGovern
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