



RYA Cymru Wales OnBoard Festival

Notice of Race

22nd– 23rd August 2026

Bala Sailing Club

Fleets

Any class of boat so long as the sailor is under 19 on the 31/12/2026

Gold	Racing for Welsh National Squad sailors.
Silver	Racing for sailors aspiring to gain a place in next year's Welsh National Squad and have been attending the Dragon Series.
Training	Coached racing for less experienced sailors attending their first few events/ not yet ready for main fleet.

Racing will be held in three fleets:

General Handicap Fleet: 420s, 29ers, ILCA 4, 6 & 7, RS Feva and any other double hander boat.

Junior Handicap Fleet: Optimist, Tera Sport & Pro, Topper 4.2 & 5.3 and any other single hander.

Training Fleet: Any class of boat. This fleet is for sailors who are taking part in their first few events.

If a class has 10 entries or more, they may race as a separate fleet.

Please Note

- Gold and Silver fleets will race together and be scored together to enable sailors to monitor their progress. Prizes will be separate for these fleets.
- The training fleet will sail a different course to the Gold and Silver fleets.



The organising authority is RYA Cymru Wales in conjunction with Bala Sailing Club

1. Rules

- 1.1** The Event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*
- 1.2** Competitors should note that Welsh Clubs 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
- 1.3** The Post Race Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

2. Advertising

- 2.1** Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of the competing classes.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1** Racing will be in the Optimist, Topper, RS Tera, Windsurfing and General Handicap classes. Entries will be accepted in these classes from Sailors;
 - 3.1.1** Optimist Sailors under 16 on 31/12/2026
 - 3.1.2** Topper Sailors 16 or under on 31/12/2026
 - 3.1.3** RS Tera Sailors under 16 on the 31/12/2026
 - 3.1.4** Windsurfing / BIC Techno under 19 on the 31/12/2026
 - 3.1.5** General Handicap under 19 on 31/12/2026
- 3.2** All competitors must attend registration on the day and, if under 18



must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to confirm their entry.

3.3 All entries must be submitted by Midnight 19th August 2025.

4. Entry Fees

Single Hander £54, Double Hander £64 (includes £4 booking fee)

4.1 Entry will open from 6pm Friday 17th July until Midnight Wednesday 19th August.

5. Schedule

5.1 Registration – competitors will register at the race office on the morning of the event. Registration will be open from 08:30–09:30

6. Measurement

6.1 Random measurement checks of boats and equipment, including personal equipment, may be made at any time during the events.

7. Briefings

7.1 There will be a competitor briefing at 10:00 in or around the club house.

8. Format

8.1 There is no maximum number of races however, the aim is to spend no more than 4 hours without a break on the water. The intention is for sailors to come ashore for lunch.

9. Sailing Instructions

9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Welsh Sailing/ Hwyllo Cymru Hwb the week of the event [OnBoard Festival | Welsh Sailing](#)

10. The Course

10.1 The course will be described in Attachment A of the Sailing Instructions and at the competitor's briefings. The intention is to use a trapezoid, windward leeward, square or triangle sausage.

11. Scoring

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

11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute the series for all fleets.

11.3 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. A second discard will be applied after 6 or more races have been completed, and a third after 9 or more completed races.

12. Support Person Vessels

12.1 Only official Coaches and Safety boats appointed by the Event Organiser may:

- 12.1.1 Communicate with competitors afloat
- 12.1.2 Tow competitors to or from the race area without permission from the race management team
- 12.1.3 Enter the race area

12.2 If you would like to bring a support boat please contact the event organiser noted in the further information below.

12.3 When afloat, all persons on a support vessel shall wear a personal floatation device at all times. 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.

13. Rights to use names and likenesses

13.1 "Event images". 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.

14. Prizes

14.1 A prize giving will be held at the end of the event. Discretionary Merit awards may be given to sailors who have shown significant improvement or have helped others the most.

15. Safety

15.1 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.

15.2 A tally system will be used to record each boat going afloat, and to record its safe return. A boat not complying with the system may be given a verbal



warning for their first offence. Repeated failure to comply may lead to disqualification.

15.3 Boats will not launch until released by the Beach Master.

16. Risk Statement

16.1 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.

16.2 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:

16.2.1 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;

16.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

16.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

16.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

16.2.5 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;

16.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

16.2.7 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;

17. Insurance

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

18. Privacy Statement

18.1 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.

19. **Further information**

For further information please see below:

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