

Welsh Topper Championships & OnBoard Regatta Llandegfedd Lake 15th & 16th June 2024

Notice of Race

The organising authority is Llandegfedd Sailing Club

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies.

2.2 There will be a separate OnBoard fleet.

2.3 The event is limited to a maximum of 50 boats. Entries received more than these limits will be placed on a waiting list.

3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 All boats shall comply with the International Topper class rules. Any discrepancies must be agreed with the Principal Race Officer in advance.

4 ENTRY

4.1 Pre entry is required using the on-line entry form via the website

4.2 The entry fee is £45.00

4.3 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor their entry fee will be refunded, less an administration fee of £15.

4.4 Parking: - The charge is £3 a day per car. Visitors by car can pay by card or cash at the visitor centre or via the machines by credit/debit card. Parking may also be booked and paid for on a mobile device using the NexusPay-GroupNexus app (downloadable via QR codes on site).

5 REGISTRATION

5.1 Registration will be from 09:00 to 10:00 on the first day of the event. 5.2 Each competitor shall register before racing.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Racing is scheduled to take place on both days of the event.

6.2 The launch signal for the first race is expected to be made no earlier than 10.25. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

6.3 The warning signal for the first race on the second day is not expected to be before 10:25, but this may change – check SIs and Notices.

6.4 On the second day of the event no starting signal will be made after 15:30

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the [club's event website](#) prior to the event and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at the event.

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 Racing will be on Llandegfedd Lake.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The Championship courses to be sailed will be a modified loop trapezoid courses as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 The Onboard course will be explained to competitors at their briefing.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. 10.2 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 Race scores will be excluded as follows:

- a. When three or fewer races have been completed, no race score will be excluded.
- b. When four or more races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes and kindly provided by the event sponsor and will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of the host club and the sponsor.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Only support boats authorised by the Event Safety Officer will be permitted in the racing areas.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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 (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) 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 organisers 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 competitor briefing held for this event.

15 INSPECTIONS

15.1 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per incident or equivalent. Llandegfedd SC club boats are insured by the club.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact the event organiser via welshopperchamps@llandegfedd.org.uk