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Welsh Topper Championships & OnBoard Regatta

Llandegfedd Lake
2nd & 3rd July 2022

Notice of Race

The organising authority is Llandegfedd Sailing Club

0 SPECIAL PROVISIONS IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

0.1 All competitors and their supporters shall comply with all Welsh Government COVID-19 regulations and rules in force at the time of the event (including local lockdown rules), including not attending the event if required to quarantine, self-isolate or stay at home. Competitors that are unable to attend the event because of new local lockdown rules that were not in place at the time they entered the event, or because they have to self-isolate, will have their entry fee refunded provided that they notify the class secretary of their situation as soon as possible (so that their place may be taken by another competitor on the waiting list).

0.2 All competitors and supporters that do attend the event shall comply with Llandegfedd Sailing Club's COVID-19 procedures throughout the event – These will be made clear at the event briefing (see 0.5)

0.3 The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event, or reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76. In these cases, refunds will be issued less any costs incurred.

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 separate racing fleets for boats using 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails.

2.3 There will be a separate OnBoard course for inexperienced sailors

2.4 The event is limited to a maximum of 90 boats. Entries received in excess of 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 Principle Race Officer in advance

3.2 In the Championship fleets each boat shall display the 2021/22 Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with the class rules for Event Numbers.

3.3 Each boat trolley shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly displaying the Championship Number of the boat to which it belongs.

4 ENTRY

4.1 Pre entry is required using the on-line entry form <https://forms.gle/USKWTjpYHpTzQHbV7>

4.2 The entry fee is:

a. £30.00 for entries received on or before 30th June 2022

b. £40.00 for entries received thereafter, up to and including 2nd July 2022

4.3 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor for reasons unrelated to COVID-19 their entry fee will be refunded, less an administration fee of £5.

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. The Championship fleet will sail towards the north end and the OnBoard fleet will sail at the south end closer to the launching bay.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The Championship courses to be sailed will be a modified inner 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 are kindly provided by the event sponsors and will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of the host club and the sponsors.

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