



## Welsh Topper Championships 2021

Llandegfedd Lake

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### 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 Competitors are asked to register BEFORE they arrive at the venue and provide the names of all persons attending the event with them, together with their home address and contact telephone number. This information will be retained for 21 days in case needed for contact tracing purposes.

0.4 A competitor briefing, which all competitors should read/view before the event, will be via Zoom on the Thursday before the event. The link will be emailed to all competitors prior to the briefing.

0.5 There will be NO changing facilities available at the venue – please come prepared.

0.6 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 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 Each boat shall display the 2020/21 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 system at [gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/index\\_v1.php](http://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/index_v1.php)

4.2 The entry fee is:

a. £30.00 for entries received on or before 30th June 2021

b. £40.00 for entries received thereafter, up to and including 4th July 2021

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.

### **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 11:15. 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 15:00.

### **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the club's event website ([www.llandegfedd.org.uk/racing/topper21](http://www.llandegfedd.org.uk/racing/topper21)) 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 courses to be sailed will be a modified inner loop trapezoid courses as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

## **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 between four and eight races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.

c. When nine or more races have been completed, two race scores will be excluded.

## **12 PRIZES**

12.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of the host club and the event sponsor(s).

## **13 SUPPORT BOATS**

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

## **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.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

17.1 For further information please contact the event organiser via [welshoppers@llandegfedd.org.uk](mailto:welshoppers@llandegfedd.org.uk)