



# **RYA YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **Welsh National Sailing Academy (Plas Heli)**

**2nd to 8th APRIL 2016**

[www.rya.org.uk/racing-events](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing-events)

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

*The Organising Authority is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA)*

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that RYA events 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 (*The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*), or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)
- 1.3 The exoneration 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.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 Racing will be for boys in Laser Standards, girls and boys in Laser Radials and Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 with a 600mm fin, all-boy/mixed crews and all-girl crews in 420s and 29ers and open crews in Spitfire catamarans.
- 3.2 Competitors in all classes shall hold or be entitled to hold a British passport and be eligible to compete for GBR at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2016 (subject to the conditions in 3.4 and different age requirements below for some classes).
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete at the RYA Youth National Championships sailors shall be under 21 on 31st December 2016 with the exception of the following class:  
420: Sailors of any age are eligible provided that they have also entered 2016 GBR 420 Class Association World and Junior European Championship selection events.
- 3.4 To be eligible for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2016 sailors shall be under 18 on 31st December 2016 or 18 years of age and born between 1st September and 31st December 1998 inclusive. i.e. **be born on or later than the 1st September 1998.**
- 3.5 To be eligible to compete at the EUROSAF European Sailing Championships sailors shall be under 19 on 31st December 2016
- 3.6 Selected MNAs have been invited to nominate a team to attend the regatta with the approval of the RYA Youth Racing Manager. Nominated sailors, if accepted, are not required to comply with 3.2 but shall comply with all other eligibility criteria. MNAs wishing to receive an invite should liaise with the RYA Youth Racing Manager via; [mark.nicholls@rya.org.uk](mailto:mark.nicholls@rya.org.uk).
- 3.7 Entries will only be accepted on the event on-line entry form.
- 3.8 For the Laser Radial, 29er and 420 classes the entries shall be received, together with the entry fee, on or before midnight on Sunday 13th March 2016, entries received after this date and before midnight on Sunday 20th March 2016 will incur a late entry fee. Entries will not be accepted after this time.
- 3.9 For the Laser Standard, RS:X and Spitfire classes the entries shall be received, together with the entry fee, on or before midnight on Sunday 28th February 2016, entries received after this date



and before midnight on Sunday 6th March 2016 will incur a late entry fee. Entries will not be accepted after this time.

Additionally there will be a minimum entry level of 12 boats in all classes.

3.10 Where any class has insufficient entries by the entry closing date, then the class may be cancelled with a full refund of the entry fee.

3.11 All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age during the event are required to present a signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at registration. (Download the form from the web site).

3.12 Medical forms as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.

#### 4. FEES

4.1 The entry fees are as follows:

	Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee
Single Hander	£155	£185
Double Hander	£195	£235

4.2 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Before 20th March 2016	80%
After 20th March 2016	0%

#### 5. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The Laser Radial and 29er Championships may consist of a qualifying series and a final series with racing for Gold and Silver fleets, providing sufficient entries are received. Details will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

6.1 **Registration:** Competitors shall register at the Event Office on Saturday 2nd April from 0930 to 1700 and on Sunday 3rd April from 0900 to 1600. Competitors may be able to register outside these times by prior arrangement with the RYA.

6.2 **Equipment Inspection:** Equipment Inspection will take place on Saturday 2nd April from 1000 to 1700 and on Sunday 3rd April from 0900 to 1600. Competitors may be able to present their equipment for inspection outside these times by prior arrangement with the RYA.

6.3 **Dates of Racing:** Racing for each class will run from Monday 4th April to Friday 8th April 2016.

6.4 **Number of Races:** 29er Class: 18 Races. All other Classes: 14 Races

Although the event is the RYA Youth National Championships, it is also the primary selection event as part of the selection processes as described in the Selection Notices for the British Youth Sailing Team for the EUROSAF European Championships, the selection event for the British Youth Sailing Team Selection trials for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships 2016 and for the RYA National Youth Squads. Therefore the racing programme may be subject to change at short notice to meet the needs of the selectors. Additional races may be arranged if required for selection purposes.

The warning signal for the first races on Monday 4th April will not be before 11.25.

#### 7. EQUIPMENT LIMITATION AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Equipment limitation stickers or marks shall be applied as required by the Pre-Event Equipment forms.

7.2 Any item of equipment may be checked for rule compliance as part of the equipment limitation process.

7.3 Random equipment inspection checks of boats and equipment, including personal equipment, may be made at any time during the Championships.



- 7.4 RS:X Divisional identification shall be displayed for RS:X Youth - Boys and RS:X Youth - Girls. See RS:X Class Rule C.9.2(b).
- 7.5 420 Class Rule C.10.3.1(c) shall apply for any all-female 420 entry.
- 7.6 Laser Radial Class rule 4(g) shall apply for any female Laser Radial entry.
- 7.7 Any all-female 29er entry shall display a red rhombus of minimum height 150mm immediately below batten 3 (counted down from the head of the sail) and within 100mm from the leech of the sail.
- 7.8 Digital sail numbers are not permitted.
- 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
The sailing instructions will be available on the event website from Tuesday 29th March 2016. Questions on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may be emailed to [youthnationals@rya.org.uk](mailto:youthnationals@rya.org.uk)
- 9. VENUE**
- 9.1 The Championships will be held at the Welsh National Sailing Academy, Hafan, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, LL53 5YT North Wales
- 9.2 Races will be sailed in the waters off Pwllheli
- 9.3 Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of the race areas.
- 10. THE COURSES**  
The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward and/or trapezoid.
- 11. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 11.1 For the 29er and Spitfire classes, rules 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 11.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 12. SCORING**  
The scoring system will be detailed in the sailing instructions.
- 13. SUPPORT BOATS**
- 13.1 Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters may not communicate with competitors' afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.
- 13.2 Specified visiting coaches from selected international MNA's, whose names (and coach boat description) will be posted on the official notice board, are permitted to communicate with sailors within their own team while afloat before and after races.
- 14. BERTHING**  
Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.
- 15. RADIO COMMUNICATION**  
A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.
- 16. PRIZES**
- 16.1 Trophy Definitions
- 16.1.1 Wales - Both helm and crew need to originate (born in) from Wales or be members of the relevant (Welsh) home country squad.
- 16.1.2 Northern Ireland - Both helm and crew need to originate (born in) from Northern Ireland.
- 16.1.3 Scotland - Both Helm and crew need to originate (born in) from Scotland.

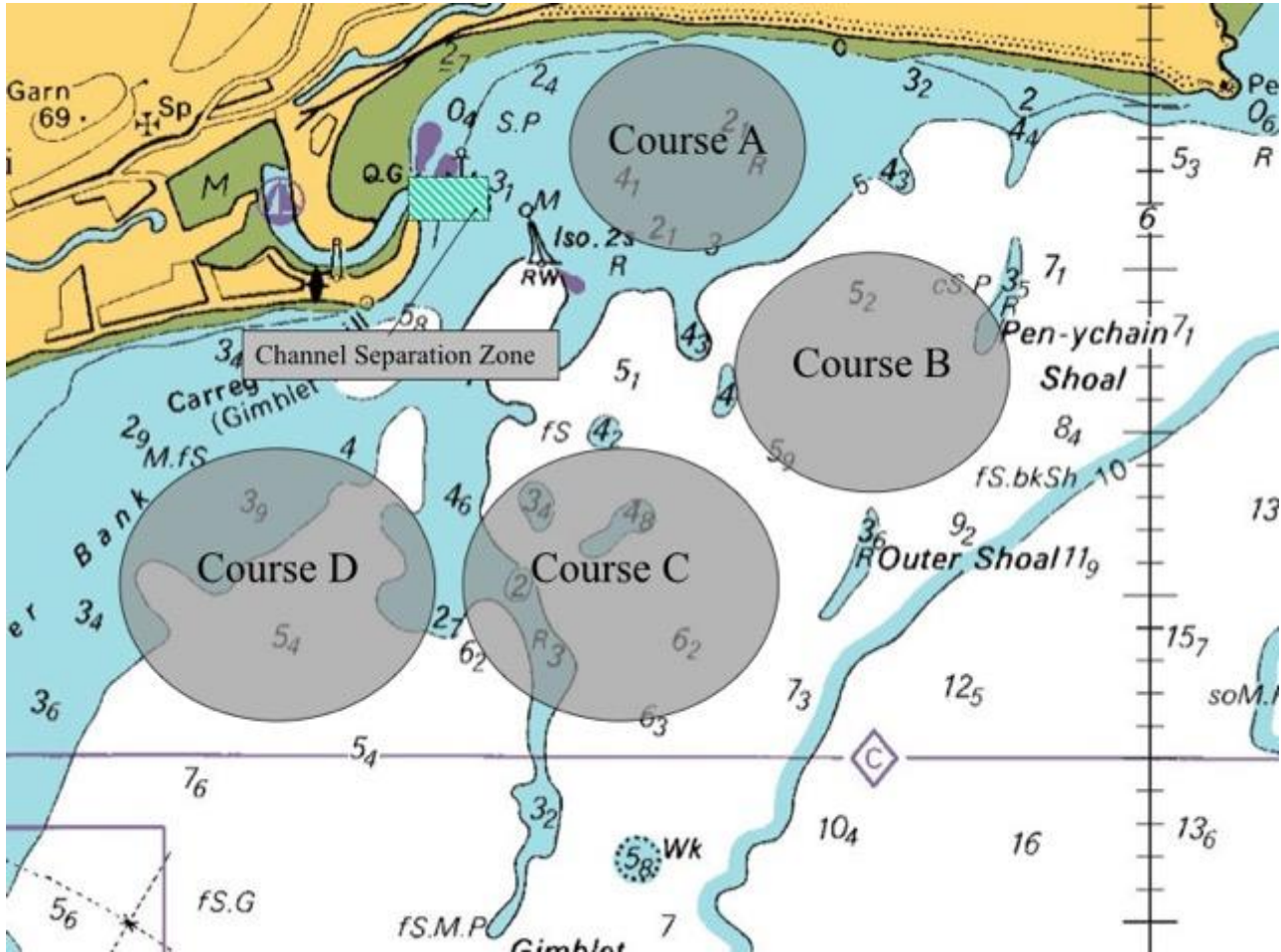


- 16.1.4 England - Both Helm and Crew need to originate (born in) from England.
- 16.2 Mementoes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class. Mementoes will also be awarded to the highest ranked under 19 year teams in each class.
- 17. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS**  
Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.
- 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**  
All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat.
- 19. RISK STATEMENT**  
RRS 4 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."  
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 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;
  - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
  - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 20. INSURANCE**  
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.
- 21. FURTHER INFORMATION**
- 21.1 For information on accommodation, including lists of local hotels, holiday rentals, B&B's, campervans, caravans and camping please check the website [www.plasheli.org](http://www.plasheli.org)
- 21.2 It is intended to hold the prize giving on the evening of Friday 8th April.
- 21.3 To be considered for the RYA National Youth Squad all sailors must complete the online application process, details of which can be found in the relevant selection policy which is online in the Youth Racing section of the RYA website.
- 21.4 There will be a welcome and briefing on the local sailing area for all competitors on Sunday 3rd April at 1800 hrs.
- 21.5 Drug testing may take place during the event.



Attachment 1

RACING AREAS



**Initial** course areas are suggested as follows but will be subject to change;

Course A - RS:X

Course B - 29er

Course C - 420 and Spitfire

Course D - Laser Radial and Laser Standard



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