



TATA Steel Sailing Club

End of Winter Regatta 2013



Saturday 23rd March 2013

TATA Steel Sailing Club, Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, SA13 2NS

Junior Racing Event (Under 18 on the 31/12/2013)

NB. Access to the reservoir will be open from 9 am on 23 March

Notice of Race

Objective

To build on 2012/2013 winter training by providing a racing event for sailors from clubs across South and West Wales to enjoy a friendly and relaxed event, from first time racer to competitive national squad member!

Which Fleet should I enter? **General Handicap** - RYA recognised junior or youth class not included below
Topper Training
Topper Silver - Sailors of Regional Squad
Topper Gold - Sailors of National Squad
Optimist Training
Optimist Silver - Sailors of Regional Squad
Optimist Gold - Sailors of National Squad

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Welsh Yachting Association in conjunction with TATA Steel Sailing Club.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-16* and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 This notice may be amended by a Notice to Competitors from the Organising Authority. If there is any conflict with a Sailing Instruction, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail.
- 2.3 The event will be run in compliance with the principles of the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be required to comply with this.

3. Classes and eligibility

- 3.1. Racing will be in the Optimist, Topper, and RYA Junior Pathway and Youth Classes. Classes other than these may be accepted on request at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.2. Entries will be accepted in these classes from sailors aged under 18 years on 31/12/13.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Entries will be made on the day in the Club House.
 - 4.2 Entries shall include a signed declaration by parent or guardian, to include emergency and medical information, and permission for photography.
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| Fees : | Single handed | £15 | Double Handed | £20 |
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5. Schedule

- 5.1 Registration: Competitors will register in the Club House from 9 am.
- 5.2 Briefing: There will be a briefing for competitors at 10.15 am.
- 5.3 Racing: There will be a maximum of 6 races. Warning signal for the first race will be at 10:55 am.

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on registration. These change *RRS* 41, 61, A2 and race signal AP.

7. Measurement

Measurement certification is not required but all boats should pass a basic seaworthy inspection, which may include:

- Optimists (white sail) a 7m painter with loop, adequately inflated buoyancy bags, mast ties securely fixed, bailer, removable mainsheet. The race management hold the right (but may not use it) to hold any competitor ashore until these requirements are met if the conditions were thought to be unsuitable for the condition of boat.
- Toppers and Lasers are allowed to use training sails.
- Other measurement concessions will be at the Race Officer's discretion and must be obtained at registration.

8. Courses and Racing Areas

These will be described at the briefing. Courses are likely to be trapezoidal.

9. Penalty System

Rules Advisory and Rules Arbitration and the RYA Exoneration Penalty may be available. The arrangements will be confirmed at the briefing.

10. Scoring

The event will be scored using the low points system in *RRS* Appendix A.

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. This changes *RRS* A2.

11. Prizes

A prize giving will be held at the end of the event. Leading positions in each fleet will be awarded and discretionary awards may be made.

12. Coaches and Supporters

Only official coaches and safety boats appointed by the Organising Authority may: -

- Communicate with or "coach" competitors afloat during racing.
- Tow competitors to or from the race area with permission from the race management team.
- Enter the race area.

13. Rights to use names and likenesses

Competitors automatically grant to the organising 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.

14. Risk statement

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. See *RRS* rule 4.

It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities. The provision of patrol boats cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

15. Safety

- 15.1 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy.
- 15.2 Boats may not launch until released by the Beach Master for the appropriate fleet.
- 15.3 Boats returning to shore or launching other than with the class group will be required to notify the Beach Master.

16 Insurance

Each participating boat shall carry third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million for the duration of the event.