

International Canoe British National Championship incorporating The Europa Cup

August 31st to September 4th 2016

Pwllheli, North Wales

Plas Heli Cyf, Yr Hafen, Pwllheli, Gwynedd. LL53 5YT

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Plas Heli Cyf and Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club (CHPSC).

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2012-2016 and the International Canoe Federations (ICF) canoe sailing rules 2009.
- 1.2 Rule 40.1 will be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices approved for use in Competitors country, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3 Plas Heli and Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club implement the [RYA Racing Charter](#) which requires both competitors to sail, and organisers to provide, racing in compliance with the [Charter](#), which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
- 1.4 Hydration systems with a maximum capacity of two liters will be allowed as per ICF SAR rule 6.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to boats of the International 10 Square Metre Canoe Class whose helms are members of the UK International Canoe Class Association or other national authority recognised by the ICF. There will be separate concurrent Championships for International Canoes (ICs) and for asymmetric spinnaker-fitted ICs (ACs) conforming to the ICF Rule Appendix 3. Canoes not conforming to the IC Rules may be accepted at the discretion of the BCU Sailing Committee who will determine whether any such boat will be eligible for any prize. There will be a 'One Design' division which will include 'Nethercot' and 'Slurp' One-Designs.
- 3.2 All canoes of the International 10 Square Metre Canoe Class whose helms are members of the UK International Canoe Class Association or other national authority recognised by the ICF are eligible to compete for the Europa Cup.
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4. ADVERTISING

The event will be Category C for advertising purposes. An event sponsor is being sought and it is possible that canoes will be required to display advertising chosen by the event organiser.

5. ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries by post or email to Tony Marston, 28 Rigby Drive, Greasby, Wirral, England. CH49 1RF UK. Email: anthonymarston@sky.com. Entry fees shall be payable by cash, cheque or bank transfer (payable to BCU Sailing Committee). The entry fee is £150 and for entries received and paid before the 1st July 2016 £140. Also, entries received before 1st July will qualify for a free event T Shirt otherwise available for £10 each. T Shirts will be available on registration. Entry form below.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes social functions: BBQ on Thursday night and Informal Dinner on Friday night following ACM (see separate notice)– extra tickets £12.50 for each event. There will be a Reception given by the Commodore of Pwllheli SC (probably Thursday evening). There will be a Dinner on Saturday night. Class Association Membership (or that of another national authority).

6. REGISTRATION, BRIEFING & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Registration will take place at Plas Heli on Tuesday 30th August between 16:00 and 17:00 and on Wednesday 31st August from 09:00 till 10:00. The Sailing Instructions will include a maximum allowable capacity of a beverage worn on the body of 2 litres as per ICF SAR rule 6. A Briefing will take place at Plas Heli just prior to the first race, which will be not before 12.00pm on Wednesday 31st August.
- 6.2 Sailing instructions will be available at registration and after August 15th 2016 on the event web page.
- 6.3 If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 6.4 IC Measurement Certificates are to be available for inspection at registration. The Race Committee or the UK IC Class Association will be carrying out inspections and weighing canoes during the regatta.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The intended programme of races is:

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| Day 1 | Races 1 (PM), 2 (PM) The warning signal Race 1 will not be before 14:00 |
| Day 2 | Races 3, 4 |
| Day 3 | Races 5, will be a long distance race |
| Day 4 | Races 6 (AM 1 st start not before 10.00am), Race 7 (PM) |
| Day 5 | Race 8 (AM), Race 9(AM) The warning signal for the last race will not be after 12:00 noon. |

All races will count towards the Europa Cup & National Championships. One discard will be allowed provided at least 6 races are completed. Two discards will be allowed provided all 9 races are sailed. A minimum of 5 races to be sailed to count as a championship. The long distance race may be re-programmed to another day subject to weather conditions.

8. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PRIZES

9.1 Europa Cup:

The Europa Cup will be awarded to the overall IC winner.

There will be prizes for the first five IC's

There will be prizes for the first five Sailing Canoes (IC's or AC's) on personal handicap.

9.2 British National Championship:

Prizes to be awarded to ICs include the Quincey Cup for the overall winner, the Eric Freeman Trophy, the Alan Perks Trophy, the Campkin Cup, the Baden Powell Veteran Bowl, the Vintage Walking Stick, and the Sailing Challenge Cup for the Long Distance Race. The winner of the One Design category will be awarded the Lough Erne Trophy.

Prizes to be awarded to ACs include the Knowles Challenge Bowl for the overall winner, the Worcester trophy and the Old Man's Trophy for 1st AC sailor over 55.

Prizes to be awarded on handicap include the:

Murphy Howard Cup for 1st canoe on handicap in the Long distance race (but the winner of the Sailing Challenge Cup is not eligible), the Ken Davies Trophy for the first sailor aged under 25, the Mate's Average Cup for the last boat completing all races, and the Novices Cup for the first canoe sailor who has not won a Royal Canoe Club trophy or a canoe Open Meeting.

The oldest canoe completing a race will be awarded the Andrew Eastwood Old Boat Trophy.

Details of handicapping will be contained in the sailing instructions but will include Personal Handicaps based upon previous performance data, the Personal Handicap will be adjusted on a daily basis using the RYA NHC system

10. RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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:

- (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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their own actions or omissions;

- (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 organiser 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) The organisers accept no liability whatsoever for loss, damage, death or personal injury of any description whatsoever that may be sustained by boats, owners, crews or guests taking part in this series of races using jetties, ramps, moorings, parking premises or any other facilities or using or accepting assistance from launches or boats by them or otherwise, however occasioned – whether by negligence of their members or servants or not.
- 10.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

12. TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

Competitors in the IC National Championships and Europa Cup and their guests shall be Temporary Members of Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club for the duration of the Regatta and shall be bound by the rules of the Club who reserves the right to withdraw the Temporary Membership.
