



1. Organising Authority & Rules

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club
- 1.2 All Club Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS)
- 1.3 **RYA Racing Charter** Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club implements 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 2009-2012) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board is located on the North wall in the foyer of Pwllheli Sailing Club nearest to the bar entrance.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to Sailing Instructions will be posted by 09.30hrs on the day it will take effect and may be repeated on Pwllheli Sailing Clubs Web Page

4. Signals Made Ashore (at the Club house)

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be made from the flag staff in front of Pwllheli Sailing Club.
- 4.2 Flag "L" with one sound signal "A notice to competitors has been posted"
- 5.3 When the flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with 'not less than 60' minutes in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

The schedule of races will be displayed on the Official Notice Board on the relevant Notice of Race and may be repeated on the PSC Web page. A programme of events/races is also published on the PSC web page but the 'Notice of Race' on the Official Notice Board takes precedence.

6. Class Flags

Class 1 IRC 1	(TCC range at the discretion of the Race Committee)	ICF numeral pennant 1 (White with Red spot)
Class 2 IRC 2	(TCC range at the discretion of the Race Committee)	ICF numeral pennant 2 (Blue with White spot)
Class 3 PY	(PY range at the discretion of the Race Committee)	ICF numeral pennant 3 (Red White and Blue vertical stripes)
Class 4 PY	(PY range at the discretion of the Race Committee)	ICF numeral pennant 4 (Red with white cross)
Class 5 SBR	(all numbers)	ICF numeral pennant 5 (Yellow and Blue halved vertically)
Flags The class must be flown in a prominent position on the stern pushpit or backstay.		
Classes may be altered, amalgamated or divided at the discretion of the Race Committee		

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be the waters of Cardigan Bay. Please refer to the PSC 2009 Chart of Marks and the 2009 List Of Marks with coordinates.
Windward/Leeward and Olympic courses will normally start in the vicinity of Pwllheli Sailing Club mark 8 or mark 4.

8. The Course

- 8.1 **Fixed Course** will be displayed on the PSC Bridge. Courses 1 to 68 are available in the PSC 2009 Racing Pack or PSC web page. Courses 70 to 99 (if used) will be posted on the official notice board and may be repeated on the PSC Web page. A multiplier number, (black on a white background) may follow indicating all marks to be repeated.
- 8.2 **Variable course.** The course will be displayed on the PSC Bridge using numbers with a red or green background denoting whether a mark is to be passed to port or starboard respectively. A multiplier number, (black on a white background) may follow indicating all marks to be repeated.

- 8.3 Windward /Leeward and Olympic Triangle courses** and detail of course, marks, starting and finishing procedure are in the attached see Addendum's 1 & 2.

9. Marks

- 9.1 For 'Round the Cans' racing see the 'PSC 2009 Chart of Marks' and the PSC 2009 List Of Marks
- 9.2 For Windward/Leeward and Olympic triangle courses see The specific Sailing Instructions for that event.
- 9.3 Replacement marks may be used and will be noted by amendments to this SI.

10. The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Individual Recall, - one sound signal and flag X displayed until all OCS boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line, but not later than 4 minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. Offending sail numbers may be hailed on channel 17. This changes RRS29.1.

General Recall, - two sound signals and flag first substitute displayed. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

- 10.2 The Start Line is a transit of the orange pole on the PSC Bridge, a white mast with an orange top section on the foreshore and the ODM (mark O) The seaward end of the line is bounded by an ODM (mark 0). The shore end may be bounded by an IDM. Boats shall pass between these marks (when both are present), in the direction of the first mark of the course, to start.
- 10.3 Windward/Leeward and Olympic courses see the specific Sailing Instructions for that event..
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5 When competitors have arrived at the starting area at the PSC Bridge the Race Officer may for any reason postpone (display flag AP, AP over H, or AP over A, with two sounds) or abandon the race (display flag N over H, or N over A, with three sounds). If a race is postponed the race sequence will usually start 5 minutes after the AP is lowered (with one sound). This changes RRS.

11. The Finish

- 11.1 The finish will be between the white stripe on the PSC Bridge widow and the ODM.
- 11.2 Shortening of course will be in accordance with RRS32. The Shortening of the course will be announced by two sound signals and Flag S as the first boat approaches the last mark to be rounded. The Race Officer may announce his intention to shorten course on VHF Channel 17. The fleet will then proceed to the PSC Usual Finishing Line (defined in 11.1) which will be crossed from the direction of the last mark.
- 11.3 For Windward/Leeward and Olympic courses see the specific Sailing Instructions for that event.
- 11.4 Competitors are requested to record their own finish time and the name of the boat finishing before and after them.

12. Time Limit

The time limit for all Classes is 3 hours. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4. This time limit will not apply by temporary amendments when races are scheduled as 'long' races.

13. Protests, Arbitration and Request for Redress

- 13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 2 hours of the last boat to finish.

- 13.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.
- 13.3 As an alternative to a full Protest hearing an Arbitration system may be used if all parties to an incident are present and agree to accept the Arbitration Decision as final.

14. Scoring and Time Correction Factor

- 14.1 The Pwllheli Sailing Club scoring system will be used as follows:

DNC	number of boats entered in the series plus 1
DNS	number of boats starting in the race plus 2
DNF, RAF, OCS, OOT	Number of boats starting in the race plus 1
DSQ	Number of boats starting in the race plus 4

Other boats will be scored points equal to their finishing position.

Lowest score at the end of the series wins. This amends RRS Appendix A

- 14.2 Discards. A minimum of 3 races must be sailed to constitute a series. Discards will be as follows;

3 or less races	no discard	(three or less races are sailed all races will count.
4 races	one discard.	(four, five or six races are sailed there shall be one discard)
7 races	two discards.	(seven or eight races are sailed there shall be two discard)
9 races	three discards.	(nine or more races are sailed there shall be three discard)
These Amend RRS A2		

- 14.3 **IRC** Valid and current IRC rating certificates must be presented with the race entry form. Yachts that do not hold a valid IRC certificate may, at the request of the owner, be issued with a temporary TCF number to enter racing.

15. Radio Communication

- 15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, while *racing*. PSC Bridge may be contacted on channel 17 subject to RRS 41 but absence of a reply shall not be grounds for redress.

16. Prizes see relevant Notice of Race

17. Disclaimer Of Liability

- 17.1 The safety of a yacht and its entire management, including insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/skipper. Every owner warrants the suitability of his yacht for racing. Yachts shall carry insurance protection for third party and passenger liability of not less than £2,000,000.
- 17.2 PSC 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 a race or using any other PSC facility including the Club House and parking facilities or accepting assistance from PSC support boats by them or otherwise however occasioned — whether by negligence of the members or servants or not.
- 17.3 (i) A yacht is entirely responsibility for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility
- (ii) It is for the yacht to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself by going to sea. The yacht confirms it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

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