



Merlin Rockets Open meeting

October 3rd to 4th 2014

**Organised by the Plas Heli - Welsh National Sailing Academy
and Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club**

Glan y Don, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, LL53 5YT _ 01758 613343

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the I.A.C.A Championship Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.1 Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows:

- a) Rule 40 will be changed: see paragraph 13
- b) Rules 35, A4 and A5 will be changed to state that boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.
- c) Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that at boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- d) Further changes may appear in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2.2 Boats afloat may be required to carry GPS tracking units, on-board cameras and/or sound equipment (or an equivalent dummy) supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all Merlin Rockets

3.2 All competitors shall be financial members of their national Merlin Rocket Associations and shall produce evidence of current eligibility and membership requirements during the registration.

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fee is GBP £40 and shall be paid on registration and is non-refundable.

4.2 Entries will be valid only when the organizing authority has received the full entry fee payment.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will be held in the Clubhouse between :-
09:30 and 11:30 hours on Saturday 3rd October 2015.

5.2 There will be a competitor briefing at 11:30 hours on Saturday 3rd October in the Hall (or as announced at registration.)

The planned race schedule is as follows:

Saturday 13:00 – 17:00 (estimated) 2 Races

Sunday 11.00 – 15.00 (estimated) 2 Races

5.3 A total number of 4 races are scheduled. A maximum number of three races may be sailed on one racing day.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Measurement and equipment inspection will be conducted in accordance with Merlin Rocket Measurement Guidelines.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may also be published in advance on the Merlin Rocket Website.

8. VENUE

8.1 The event will be held at Plas Heli - Welsh National Sailing Academy, Glan y Don, Pwllheli, Gwynedd. LL53 5YT. A map is available from a link on the club's website at <http://www.plasheli.org>

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The course to be sailed will be a 'Triangle - Sausage' course; details will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Rule 44.1 applies (One-Turn Penalty).

11. SCORING

11.1 two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When 4 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top three places

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

14. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 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:

- (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 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.

15. INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent. Proof of current insurance shall be produced at registration.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information relating to accommodation, catering etc, please refer to the Plas Heli web site www.plasheli.org , or telephone: 01758 613343
