



WELSH OPEN CHALLENGER CHAMPIONSHIP



12-13 September 2026

Llyn Brenig Sailing Club

Cerrigydrudion, Conwy, LL21 9TT

Programme

Friday	
Afternoon	The gate to the club will be open.
17:00	Welsh Water, Dwr Cymru, close the whole Llyn Brenig site. To leave your Challenger at the club overnight you must arrive before 16:45.

Saturday	Sunday
Registration on arrival	
10:30 Briefing	10:30 Briefing
11:00 Races 1 and 2	11:00 Races 5, 6 and 7
13:00 Lunch	13:30 Lunch
14:00 Races 3 and 4	14:30 Prize giving
Evening meal to be arranged	Departure by 17:00

The entry fee is £25 and payable at registration or by BACS transfer.

If you intend to compete at the Welsh Open Challenger Championship you must email challenger.class.association@gmail.com no later than 3 September (though late entries will be considered). Ideally you will attach a completed entry form (available from www.challenger-sailing.org.uk/events.php#wocc) but if necessary this can be completed at registration.

In your email you must say if you:

1. intend to arrive late morning or early afternoon on Friday as you will need the gate code (which also gives access to the changing rooms);
2. want to stay at the Tyddyn Bychan Bunkhouse where there is a group booking. Bunks are limited and offered on a first come first served basis;
3. want to join the fleet for an evening meal on either the Friday or Saturday evening (these meals **must** be booked in advance).

The contact at Llyn Brenig Sailing Club is Alex Watson, email Alex.watson@brenigsailing.club or phone 07412 738246.

There is no catering available at the club. You will need to bring your own lunches. Tea and coffee will be available.

Trophies

Welsh National Challenger Trophy (first overall and Welsh Champion)
David Prentice Memorial Trophy (sailor contributing most to the event)



CHALLENGER NOTICE OF RACE (2026)



The organising authority is Llyn Brenig Sailing Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028), the Challenger Class Design Rules, the Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions and any local sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the Challenger Class Association implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules.
- 1.3 All Challengers must comply with Design Rules F2.3(g&h):
 - F2.3(g) Tow line of free specification. Recommended 5 metres minimum length. Shall reach from a secure bow point back to the helmsperson
 - F2.3(h) Sponson Grab Lines of free specification. Shall be fixed near the outer ends of both front and rear crossbeams
- 1.4 The Class Design Rules and Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions are available from the Challenger Class Association website www.challenger-sailing.org.uk. Standard and local sailing instructions will also be available and on display at registration.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all marks of Challenger.
- 2.2 All participating helms should be a standard, family, junior or affiliated member of the Challenger Class Association or a member of Llyn Brenig Sailing Club.

Competitors enter in one of the following fleets:

- **Gold:** Experienced racers.
- **Silver:** Less experienced racers and most sailors competing in their first Challenger event.
- **Syndicate:** Two (or more) sailors share a boat during the event.
- **Bronze:** Sailors **must** have a buddy onboard.

Details of how sailors are assigned to fleets are given in the document "Challenger Racing Fleets" available from www.challenger-sailing.org.uk.

Challenger events rely on volunteers so:

- **Where possible visiting helms, particularly those who are unable to rig the boat and take it to the water's edge, should bring someone to help them.**
 - **Visiting helms who require personal care must be accompanied by someone able to provide that care.**
 - **Competitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or individual acting in *loco parentis* who must remain at the venue at all times.**
- 2.3 Entries, using the standard event entry form (available from www.challenger-sailing.org.uk/events.php), should be emailed to challenger.class.association@gmail.com by 3 September (late entries will be considered).

3 FEES

Entry fees should be paid to the organisers **at registration**. Competitors should also complete a standard event entry form at this point if they have not already done so.

4 PRIZES

Details of prizes are shown above. At the discretion of the organising authority a fleet may need at least two boats for prizes to be awarded.

5 SCHEDULE AND OTHER VENUE SPECIFIC DETAILS

The schedule of races is shown above. Other details will be shown in the Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions or their supplements.

6 PENALTIES

As an alternative to protests, an Exoneration Penalty (and an Advisory Hearing or RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure will be available. Details to be posted on the official notice board.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions will be used. They are available to download from www.challenger-sailing.org.uk and will be displayed on the official notice board at each event.

8 VISUAL IMAGES CONSENT

By entering the event, competitors grant the organising authority or their agents and the Challenger Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show or publish any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded coverage in any media of, or relating to, the event, unless they advise the organisers otherwise in writing prior to the event.

9 DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

10 SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding of adults at risk and, children and young people is the responsibility of the organising authority. Anyone with any concerns about safeguarding should, in the first instance, talk to one of the class association's Welfare Officers: Annie Molyneux (phone: 01476 593611 or 07732 781776; email: annmolyneux157@btinternet.com) or Liz Newton (phone: 07812 694132; email: lizziej.newton@gmail.com).

11 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the RRS 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, including survival in the water, taking into account any disability they might have;
- (e) The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race
- (f) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats or other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (g) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks; specific to their disability if any, at a particular venue or event or drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event **and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;**
- (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1** Further information about the Challenger Class Association is available at www.challenger-sailing.org.uk and www.facebook.com/ChallengerClassAssociationCommunity/.
- 12.2** Information may also be available on the organising club's website or social media.