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Welcome to the World Championships!

The International Topper Class Association is very pleased to welcome you all to Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli for the Zhik Topper World Championships 2014.

This year's championship promises to be a very successful event, with competitors spanning 3 continents and 8 countries. We are delighted to welcome competitors from Japan, Malta, and Thailand this year, along with India, France, South Africa, Ireland and Great Britain.

The friendly nature of the Topper Class precedes itself, and competitors of all ages and stages are welcomed with warmth. A special welcome is extended to those sailors who are participating in their first World Championships. We trust you will find other sailors, families and organisers very helpful if you have any questions.

Parents and supporters, thank you for making it possible for sailors to attend! If you can help for the World Championships in any way, please contact the registration desk / race office. We have lots of opportunities for you to get involved.

A number of coach trips have been organised to add interest to the event for supporters. Please sign up at the registration desk or race office.

A huge thank you to all our event sponsors and supporters – Zhik, our Title Sponsor; Harken, the Technical and Hardware Sponsor; Firmhelm, the Official Chandlery for the event, Topper International, Funky Starfish, The Green Blue and Sailing Solutions. The fantastic prizes and support given to the event have been extensive and are highly valued. Firmhelm will have extended opening hours to cater for any requirements during the World Championships.

Should you require any assistance during the event, please call in to the Race Office. We are happy to help!



Club Welcome

I would like to extend a warm invitation to you all to Pwllheli on behalf of the sailing club. We are delighted to be chosen to host the Topper World Championships 2014.

The Welsh National Sailing Academy and Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club are an established events centre with a proud record of hosting World, European and UK National Championships. Situated close to beautiful scenery of Snowdonia on the Lleyn peninsula, our sailing waters are open to the prevailing winds with minimal tidal influences. It is a short sail from our sheltered launching beach to the race area which can be seen from the shore. Our club forms part of the Hafan Pwllheli marina complex, which provides secure boat and trailer compounds, chandlery shops, parking for motorhomes and all the facilities associated with a modern sailing club.

I know you will have a memorable World championship in Pwllheli – both on and off the water – and I look forward to greeting you all.

Bob Lowe

Rear Commodore
Events Committee Chairman.

What's On?

Below please find the proposed schedule for the week. Times are subject to change, so please check the notice board in the marquee regularly for any amendments or updates.

Saturday 9th	10:00 – 17:00	Registration
	10:00 – 17:00	Harken Pit Stop Van
	10:00 – 17:00	Climbing Wall
	13:00 – 17:00	Measurement

Sunday 10th	10:00 – 15:00	Registration
	10:00 – 12:30	Measurement
	12:00	Masters Championship
	13:00 – 15:00	Measurement
	15:30	Annual General Meeting
	18:00	Support Boat Briefing (Plas Menai Room)
	19:00	Finger Buffet

Monday 11th	Launch Team	South and South West
	11:00	5.3 and 4.2 World Championships Racing

Tuesday 12th	Launch Team	East and South East
	09:30	Coach Trip to Caernarfon, Llanfair & Beaumaris
	11:00	5.3 and 4.2 World Championships Racing
	Afternoon	The Oakley Challenge brought to you by Sailing Solutions
	18:00 - 20:00	Evening at Hafan y Mor

Wednesday 13th	Launch Team	Ireland
	09:30	Coach Trip to Conwy & Llandudno
	10:30	Lifeboat Flag Day (Quay Wall)
	11:00	5.3 and 4.2 World Championships Racing
	Morning	The Oakley Challenge brought to you by Sailing Solutions

Thursday 14th	Launch Team	Scotland, North East and North West
	09:30	Coach Trip to Portmerion
	11:00	5.3 and 4.2 World Championships Racing
	19:00	Traditional Lamb Roast

Friday 15th	Launch Team	Wales and Midlands
	11:00	5.3 and 4.2 World Championships Racing
	After Racing	Auction, Prizegiving and Closing Ceremony
	19:00	Curry Night

Briefings will be held at the following times:

	Sunday	Monday - Friday	Location
Race Committee	10:30	08:30	Marquee
Launch Team	—	09:15	Marquee
Competitors	11:00	09:30	Marquee

Who's Who at the Worlds

ITCA President	Bill Brassington	Race Officer	Peter Saxton
ITCA Secretary	Michelle Hill	International Judge	Tonny Jensen NOR
ITCA Safety Officer	Andy Millington	International Judge	Benno Loske GER
ITCA Measurer	Ian Cox	International Judge	Trevor Lewis GBR
PSC Commodore	Steven Tudor	National Judge	Owe Lundbladh SWE
PSC Events Manager	Gareth Roberts	National Judge	Graham Lough GBR
Official Photographer	Peter Newton	Official Photographer	Simon McIlwaine

Arrival

Boats are to be unloaded in the designated area on arrival. Once unloaded, trailers are to be moved to the road trailer parking area. Cars will not be permitted in the events compound. If you have chartered a boat, please see the Registration desk for collection details. Campervan parking is only for pre-registered vehicles. Please follow the signs to your allocated pitch number.

Car Parking areas are indicated on the site map.

The Topper Class is the friendly class, and what better a place to show it than in the dinghy park.

Please be courteous to all sailors in the Dinghy Park. Please do not move a competitor's boat without their permission.



1. Pwllheli Sailing Club
2. Events Dinghy Compound
3. Visitor Car Park
4. Site for Welsh National Sailing Academy
5. Dinghy Events Slip

6. Events Pontoon
7. Events Marquee
8. Events Motorhomes (pitched)
9. Rib Trailer Storage
10. Dinghy Events Slip

11. Marina Office
12. Fuel Pontoon
13. Private Berths
14. Berth Holders Car Pak
15. Commercial Slip

RIBs

Accompanying ribs must be launched by tractor only from the Pwllheli Marina Slipway. There is a £25 charge for launch and recovery. Details on recovery will be confirmed at the last day's safety briefing.

All ribs must be registered at Registration.

During the event, registered ribs can be moored at the designated event berthing area.

Registration

Registration will take place at the Plas Menai room from 10am – 5pm on Saturday 9th and 10am – 3pm Sunday 10th. Please ensure your Parental Declaration form has been downloaded and completed. (Available from the ITCA World website)

Please also see registration to sign up for Coach Trips.

Volunteers

Volunteers play a vital role at the World Championships. Can you help on shore or on the water? We would greatly appreciate your support! Please contact the ITCA Secretariat, by phone or at reception / race office if you can help for a few hours, a day, a few days or the whole week. There are many ways in which you can participate, all of which promise to provide a rewarding experience.

Measurement

Measurement will be open in the boat park from 1pm – 5pm on Saturday 9th and from 10am – 12:30pm and 1pm – 3pm on Sunday 10th.

All sailors will be required to sign a self-certification measurement form. This form is available from the ITCA World website and should be completed in advance and handed to the measurers during the specified times. At the same time the sail should be presented for checking and stamped with the event stamp.

A sample of boats will be selected for checking during measurement and at other times during the event. Any changes to boats and sails during the event must seek the approval of the Chief Measurer before returning to the race area.

The measurers will assist by measuring any boat at the sailor's request or by advising on any matter of concern.

Opening Ceremony

ITCA invites all competitors and parents to participate in the Opening Ceremony for the Topper World Championships, which will take place at 6:30pm on Sunday 10th August.

All competitors should assemble in your national groups at in the main dinghy compound. The Opening ceremony and parade will be followed by a finger buffet. This a fun event and we look forward to your participation.

Event Clothing

Event clothing must be ordered online and can be collected from the Race Office. The final date to order clothing for collection at the event is Monday 11th August. Please collect clothing from the race office while sailors are on the water, to avoid congestion.

Catering

The Club Galley serves a full menu and daily specials throughout the day.

The Traditional Lamb roast will be held at 7pm on Thursday 14th July. Competitors have a complimentary ticket. Additional tickets can be obtained from Registration or at the Bar at £7.50 each.

Launching and Recovery

A tag will be provided on registration and should also be affixed to the trailer throughout the course of the event. This tally number will be used to tag in and out. Launching trolleys should also be tagged or marked with championship numbers. Trolleys will be organised on the beach in by championship numbers.

Launching Teams have been organised by areas for each day of racing. However the more hands we have, the smoother the launching and recovery will be! Parents and supporters are requested to assist as many sailors as possible by taking trailers to and from the beach. Many sailors will not have assistance as their supporters are volunteering on the water or onshore. Please be prepared to get a bit wet if conditions demand!

Competitors may be required to use any trolley offered on return to shore, for safety reasons. On the final day of racing, trolleys will be reunited with their boats.

Weather and Tides

Weather and tidal information can be obtained from the event website

Tide Table for this week (BST):

	High Water		Low Water		High Water	
	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Sunday 10th	08:20	5.0m	15:45	0.8m	20:41	5.5m
Monday 11th	09:04	5.3m	16:33	0.4m	21:25	5.7m
Tuesday 12th	09:47	5.4m	17:18	0.3m	22:08	5.8m
Wednesday 13th	10:30	5.4m	18:00	0.4m	22:53	5.6m
Thursday 14th	11:15	5.2m	18:40	0.6m	23:39	5.3m
Friday 15th	12:03	4.8m	19:19	0.9m		

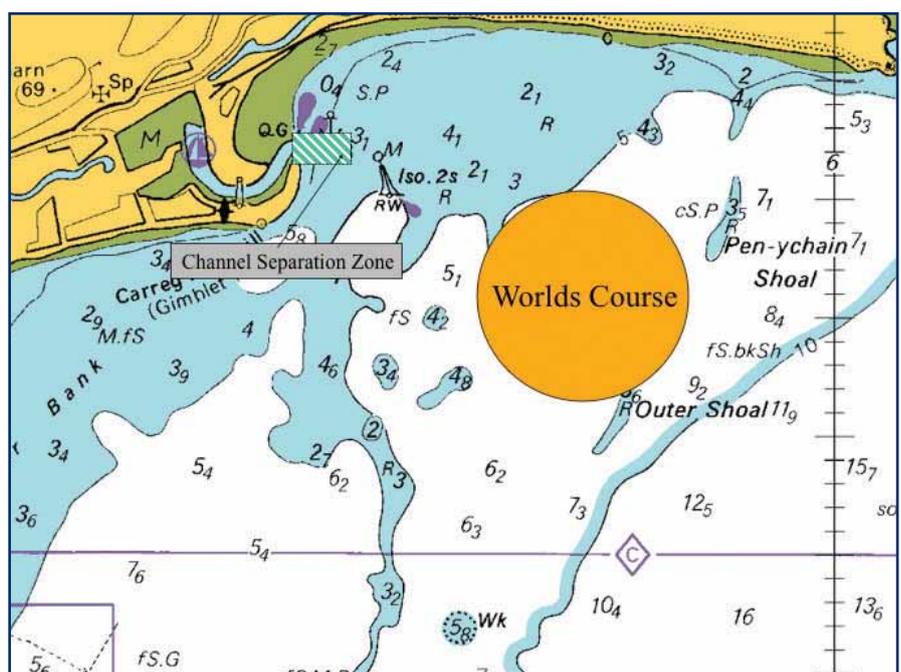
Tallies

The Tally board will be located at the ramp onto the beach. Sailors should obtain their tally band and wear it prominently. Please do not move your boat from the dinghy park to the beach until the Tally board has been opened. Please be patient – launching is controlled for everyone’s safety!

Once the tally board has been opened, sailors should proceed to the beach to prepare for the launching signal.

On arrival back on shore, please remember to return your tally band to the tally board helpers as soon as possible. This is essential for safety reasons and saves a lot of confusion – not to mention that there is a penalty if not returned in time!

Race Area





Go Green at the Zhik International Topper Class World Championships 2014

It goes without saying that we all like to race in clean, healthy waters, so it is in our interests to minimise the impact of boating on the environment. With five top tips from The Green Blue – the joint environment project of the Royal Yachting Association and the British Marine Federation - we hope that all competitors in this year's Zhik International Topper Class World Championships will do their bit to keep the sea in great shape, not just for the week, but for generations to come.

- Remember Rule 55 – nothing overboard – so tie down all loose items and let nothing blow into the water.
- Dispose of all waste carefully on shore and recycle as much as possible.
- Don't let the hose run for too long when you're washing down your boat and sails – use what you need then turn off the tap!
- It's good practice to check your boat, trailer, equipment and clothing for biofouling (weed and alien species) before you set off for Pwllheli and after you race. Alien species can harm local wildlife and commercial shellfish beds so do your bit to stop the spread.
- Any old sails? Have a word with Funky Starfish and they may take them off your hands and upcycle them into great new products!

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Gwynedd Hospital	Bangor	01248 384384
Police		101
Dentist		01758 613341
Official Chandlery and Leisureware Supplier	Firmhelm	01758 612251
Boat Repair Facilities	Partington Marine	01758 612808
Sail Repairs	JKA Sailmakers	01758 613266
Electronics	Rowlands	01758 613913
Gas	Pwllheli Gas & Leisure	01758 613717
Garage Services	Bridge Garage	01758 612022
Garage Services	Llyn Tyre Services	01758 612368
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