



# NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

## CLUB RACING

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### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The programme of racing will be organised by Dovey Yacht Club ~ Clwb Hwyllo Dyfi (DYC~CHD) This Notice of Race will refer to the published club programme of racing for the each season and any subsequent updates.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The appropriate Class Association standard Rules.
- 1.3 The Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system will be used for handicap racing.
- 1.4 The current Safety and Operating Procedures (SOPs) of DYC-CHD

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be displayed along with any amendments to the Sailing Instructions on the Official Notice Board in the Look out of DYC ~ CHD.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board located in the Look-out of DYC-CHD.
- 3.2 All Competitors are encouraged to be part of the 'DYC Sailing' WhatsApp group, where most of the up to date race organisation is advised but not confirmed. Membership of this group is for only club members over 18 as per the club's 'Social Media Policy and Code of Conduct'. Please contact a club official to be included. Information is also displayed on the front page club website, such as the sailing programme for the season. See [www.doveyyachtclub](http://www.doveyyachtclub)
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All participants must be full or temporary members of DYC~CHD. Visiting helms and or crews are very welcome to race but must become members.
- 4.2 All competitors are asked to register their intention to compete in any racing scheduled for the coming weekend (or weeks) by the previous Wednesday via the clubs electronic signing on entry system WebCollect to assist in race organisation. If there is an issue with this then please contact a club official or the Race Officer directly.
- 4.3 All competitors must sign on and off manually, on the Signing on Sheet provided at least 15 minutes before the start of racing. In so doing each competitor is confirming that they agree to be bound by the RRS, The Sailing Instructions, relevant club policies, the Safety and Operating Procedures and that their boat is adequately insured, see below - 17.1 (b) and 18.
- 4.4 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form.

### 5. FEES

All entrants must be paid up members of DYC~CHD. Some races clearly identified in the season's racing programme require an additional paid fee. In such cases the fee must be paid in advance of racing.

### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

As per the Class Association of the boat participating. The helm should race each race in a series. In double handers the crew may change for each race.

### 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The Programme of all racing will be posted on the DYC~ CHD Website [www.doveyyachtclub](http://www.doveyyachtclub) and displayed on the Club Notice Board
- 7.2 The racing programme identifies the start time for each race. Sailors intending to participate in a race should "sign on" for that race no later than 15 minutes before the published start.
- 7.3 A Competitors' Briefing will be held daily prior to going afloat to race each day outside the Clubhouse or in the Look out. Subsequent briefings may be held prior to further races that day.

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### 8. **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Sailors are reminded that they it is their responsibility to ensure their equipment is in compliance with their class rules. For classes such as ILCA that do not have measurement certificates, sailors who “sign on” for a race shall be deemed to be conforming that their boats conform to class rules. All other boats competing in club racing shall have a valid measurement certificate issued under their relevant class procedures. Boats may be inspected at any time.

### 9. **CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 40.1 (The wearing of Personal flotation Devices) shall apply at all times while afloat.

### 10. **VENUE**

The Venue is Dovey Yacht Club, The Wharf, Aberdyfi, Gwynedd, LL35 OED [www.doveyyachtclub.org.uk](http://www.doveyyachtclub.org.uk)

### 11. **COURSES**

The Courses may be sailed within the estuary or offshore, over the bar in Cardigan Bay.

### 12. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty applies or One-Turn Penalty for only breaking rule 31.)

### 13. **SCORING**

Race points will be allocated as follows:

Position:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	etc
Points:	1	2	3	4	5	etc

Retirement (RTD) will score points equal to the number of race entrants plus 1.

Non-starters (DNS) will score points equal to the number of series entrants.

Disqualifications (DSQ) will score points equal to the number of series entrants + 10%.

When a Race Officer officiates over a race which is part of a series in which he is competing, he will score points for that race equal to the average of all his other results (including did not start/retirement/disqualification) in that series. The same will apply those who do OOD and safety boat duty for a race.

Some races have specific criteria which must be complied with. For example the age of the helm, where such criteria has not been complied with a boat shall not be scored.

### 14. **RACES TO COUNT**

In normal club series the following will apply: A series (two races or more) will be scored using RRS low points. For 2 races there is no discard. For 3 races there is 1 discard. Thereafter the races to count = number of races completed divided by 2, adding 1 or rounding up. So in 5 races there would be 3 to count. 8 races - 5 to count, 9 races - 5 to count, 10 races – 6 to count etc. See table below.

<b>Races to Count - Normal club series</b>									
Number of races	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Discard allowed	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4
Races to count	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6

### 15. **USE OF BOATS OWNED BY THE CLUB**

Club boats can only be booked out by Full Members (not temporary or social) who have paid the annual craft fee. Contact the membership for fees see

[https://doveyyachtclub.org.uk/tinymce/plugins/jsplus\\_file\\_manager/alphamanager/uploads/App\\_Form\\_2024\\_Full\\_Membership.pdf](https://doveyyachtclub.org.uk/tinymce/plugins/jsplus_file_manager/alphamanager/uploads/App_Form_2024_Full_Membership.pdf) Competitors must adhere and follow the six step procedure for booking a club boat. Boats Once a boat is authorised the borrower and a club official must sign ('in' and 'out') the 'A4 Boat Borrowing Form'. Full details are in the "Use of Club Boats" section of the 2023 Safety and Operating Procedures.



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### 16. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash into the water. Trash may be placed aboard safety boats and race committee boats.

### 17. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park area.

### 18. DATA PROTECTION (Privacy Statement)

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. It will be stored and used in accordance with the Club's privacy policy. The 'DYC~CHD GDPR Data Protection Policy' is available on the club website.

### 19. RISK STATEMENT

19.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the events covered by this Notice of Race, 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 insured for racing risks against third party claims in respect of themselves to the minimum of £3,000,000;
- (c) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (d) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (e) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (f) The provision of a race management team, safety boats and officials and volunteers by DYC~CHD does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (g) The provision of DYC~CHD safety boat cover prioritises 'people' ahead of 'property';
- (h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event 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.

19.2 It may be necessary for Dovey Yacht Club ~ Clwb Hwyllo Dyfi to impose special conditions following changes to statutory regulations and advisory guidelines which may or may not be of a temporary nature. Every opportunity will be taken to give as much advance warning to competitors of the timing and detail of such changes. An example of such changes would be the recent COVID 19 Pandemic.

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a DYC~CHD official. Failure to comply may be considered misconduct and would be dealt with under the DYC~CHD 'Disciplinary and Complaints Policy and Procedure' available on the Club website.

### 20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident.

### 21. PRIZES

There will be a Prize Giving ceremony at the end of the season or after specific events.

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