



# Llyn Brenig Sailing Club

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## RYA Club of the Year Finalist



Did you notice our new logo at the top of this newsletter (and left). We are one of only 5 clubs in the UK, and the only club in Wales, to be nominated!

The awards ceremony will take place on 5th March at the RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace. The club will be represented at the award ceremony by Andrew Roberts, Steve Kitchen and Andrew and Harry Pulford.

Read the Yachts and Yachting article on the finalists [here](#).

## Membership Renewals

*As reported in the last newsletter, the deadline for renewing at reduced rates is 29th February*

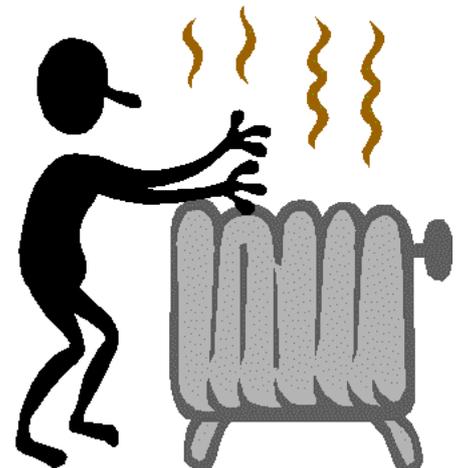
**Click [here](#) to renew on-line**

## Heated Changing Rooms

*What luxury—we won't know ourselves!*

Over the winter we've been making arrangements to install electric heaters in the changing rooms.

We are extremely grateful to Nick Evans Electrical (daughter Bronya is a member) for sourcing the heaters, undertaking the installation and ensuring compliance with relevant legislation.



Select duty from the members area of the club website

Requirement is 2 duties per season

\* Sailing commences Sunday 6th March.

For the first few weeks, duty will be allocated among those who turn up.

Formal duty commences 27th March.

Register interest early

## Duty Rota

*You can self-select your duties for the year up to 20th March.*

Once you have joined up, and fee payment has been confirmed, we will enable your access to the 'members area' on the web site. This is where you can select your duty dates.

If you have already re-joined, please visit the [members zone](#) to check you have access, and then choose your duty sessions for the year.

**All members over 16 years old are required to undertake 2 duties each year** to ensure full coverage during the main sailing season.\*

The online rota will be reviewed in the week beginning 21 March, and unfilled duty sessions will be allocated to any members who have not volunteered for their two annual slots.

Andy Davey, Membership Secretary  
email: [andy.davey@llynbrenigsc.org.uk](mailto:andy.davey@llynbrenigsc.org.uk)

## Security Codes

Security codes for all club locks and safes are being changed for the start of the sailing season. Members will be notified of the new codes separately.

## Weather Station

The Committee is looking to replace the weather station. As before, the station will be linked to the club website so members can check conditions before setting off.

Depending on cost and broadband capability, a video camera showing the lake is also being considered.

## Storage Racking

Storage racking for club boats is being considered to free up space in the boat park.

## RYA Powerboat 2 Training 2016



Two PB2 training weekends are planned for:

- \* 23 & 24 April
- \* 21 & 22 May

Cost is £80 for club members, including RYA certificate.

Places on each weekend are limited, so please register your interest early by emailing Steve Kitchen: [steve.kitchen001@Hotmail.co.uk](mailto:steve.kitchen001@Hotmail.co.uk) or call Steve on 07966203623 / 0161 973 5609

## Mark Laying Course



David Battye, North Wales Regional Rules advisor is running a session on Rules for Mark Layers and Safety Boat crews on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 @ Plas Heli, Pwllheli.

To register your interest in attending please contact David on 01758719297, or email: [david.hughes@plasheli.org](mailto:david.hughes@plasheli.org)

## Mooring Plan

As reported in the previous newsletter, **Richard Jones and David Waltho** been working over the winter to produce an official mooring plan. Difficult to see from this screen shot, but each mooring is numbered and referenced according to Latitude and Longitude. Depth information will be added. In due course, each mooring will have a named member responsible for the boat/mooring and contact number. This will help with security and maintenance for

Contact Richard or David to update your details



## Club Participation Winner

It's all good news at the moment! All clubs that submit participation figures to RYA are put into a prize draw. Our name was pulled out of the hat, and the Committee chose to purchase a Data Projector to enhance training provision.

Projector will enhance training

## Dates for your Diary

Club racing starts 6th March and runs every Sunday until 20th November (see pg 6)

28th February 2016 - club opening up work party

27th March—club committee meeting

23 & 24 April—Powerboat 2 training

2nd May—Try Sailing Day

21 & 22 May—Powerboat 2 training

16th & 17th July—Welsh Open Challenger Championship

18th September—Bart's Bash (TBC)

27th November—Close down work party

4th November—AGM

## Taster Sailing

Sessions will take place on the 1st Sunday of the month between June and August

**“Exclusive  
Access”**

## Winter Walk

Jeff Morgan kindly arranged the Clubs Winter Walk on 7 February. We set out from the Brookhouse Mill restaurant and wandered across only slightly muddy fields in sunshine. This is probably a first for the Club as last year was very muddy and a previous trip round the lake incredibly windy. We had a wander around Denbigh Castle and then a tour of the town walls. Jeff had a very impressive key which allowed us exclusive access to the top of the town walls giving a great view over the town (and some people's back gardens!). We then made a loop back behind the old North Wales Hospital beside the river and then on for a good meal at the restaurant.



I find these walks are great because you catch up with news and get to meet people and talk to people who you might not otherwise get to know. It's a pity that more members didn't come. Jeff had put quite a bit of time into reconnoitring the walk to ensure that it was not too arduous.

The photograph proves that we have sunshine! Will Johnson acted as our photographer. Winter is almost over!

**Andrew Roberts**

## Alan Barnett

Shortly before Christmas, Alan Barnett was involved in a serious accident at home.

While winching a caravan up his drive something failed, was hit to the back of the head and found semi-conscious by the police a few hours later. After a spell in hospital, Alan spent some time recuperating at his daughter's house and has recently returned home. Although making good progress, it will be some time before Alan is well enough to sail.

Alan and his wife Jean, who sadly died in 2014, were amongst the early members of the club and both separately served as club secretary.

Alan is an experienced sailor who built his own boat, a Miracle, and, with Jean sailed in Miracle open events and the Anglesey offshore race. Nowadays his boat of choice is a Comet.

We wish Alan a speedy recovery and a return to sailing.

Members can pass on their personal good wishes by contacting Peter Davies, email: [peter.davies38@sky.com](mailto:peter.davies38@sky.com)



## Winter Squad Training

Over the winter period we have been working with RYA Cymru to deliver squad training for the Welsh National & Regional Feva Squads, Welsh Regional Optimist Squad and North Wales Windsurfing Squad.



# Junior and Youth News

## Welsh Youth & Junior Championships

### 23rd and 24th April 2016

The first major Welsh youth and junior event of the year will be held on 23rd to 24th April 2016 at Plas Heli / Pwllheli Sailing Club.

The event encompasses all youth and junior classes and includes a regatta fleet for less experienced sailors who will receive support from RYA Cymru coaches. It is open to all under 19 competitors and all fleets have Open and Welsh Championship prizes.

At time of writing, registration has not opened but will be found [here](#) in due course.



*Regatta fleet for less experienced sailors*



*Tough fitness targets*

## Squad Sailors 2015/16

Throughout the winter our squad sailors have been training at venues all over the UK in preparation for the 2016 sailing season. As well as achieving the required sailing standard, all need to meet tough, age appropriate, fitness targets and undergo formal fitness tests on a regular basis. Each week they will be doing between 3 to 5 fitness sessions alongside school work, boat maintenance and spending most weekends on the water. Phew! That's a busy schedule. Hat's off to you all:

Kai Wolgram - GBR National Optimist Squad & Welsh National Optimist squad

Phoebe Roberts – GBR Intermediate Optimist Squad & Welsh National Optimist Squad

Harry Pulford – GBR National Topper Squad & Welsh National Topper Squad

Benjamin Jukes-Bennett—Welsh National Topper Squad

Jack Shepherd – GBR Laser Radial Youth Squad & Welsh Laser Performance Squad



*4 UK Optimist sailors selected*

## Pinnell and Bax Winner Optimist Team

Congratulations to **Kai Wolgram** who has been selected for the 2016 Pinnell and Bax Winner Optimist Team.

Kai is the youngest member of a team of just 4 Optimist sailors from across the UK. Read the Yacht's and Yaching article [here](#).



# 2016 Sailing Calendar

<b>28th February</b>		<b>WORKING PARTY</b>		
		ICE BREAKER SERIES 11:30 start 9 races, 5 to count		
		<i>Last handicap race of day to start back-to-back with end of pursuit race</i>		
6th March		Ice Breaker 1 Handicap	Ice Breaker 2 Pursuit	Ice Breaker 3 Handicap
13th March		Ice Breaker 4 Handicap	Ice Breaker 5 Pursuit	Ice Breaker 6 Handicap
20th March		Ice Breaker 7 Handicap	Ice Breaker 8 Pursuit	Ice Breaker 9 Handicap
<b>27th March</b>		<b>EASTER EGG TROPHY 11:30 start 3 Handicap races 2 to count</b>		
<b>3rd April</b>		<b>APRIL FOOL TROPHY 11:30 start 3 Handicap races 2 to count</b>		
		HALIFAX SERIES 11:30 start 18 races 10 to count.		
		<i>Last handicap race of day to start back-to-back with end of pursuit race</i>		
10th April		Halifax 1 Handicap	Halifax 2 Pursuit	Halifax 3 Handicap
		DERBYSHIRE SERIES 9 races, 5 to count.		
		<i>Last handicap race of day to start back-to-back with end of pursuit race</i>		
17th April		Derbyshire 1 Handicap	Derbyshire 2 Pursuit	Derbyshire 3 Handicap
Sat. 23rd April	Powerboat course			
24th April	Powerboat course	Derbyshire 4 Handicap	Derbyshire 5 Pursuit	Derbyshire 6 Handicap
1st May		Derbyshire 7 Handicap	Derbyshire 8 Pursuit	Derbyshire 9 Handicap
<b>MON 2nd May</b>		<b>CLUB OPEN DAY</b>		
<b>8th May</b>		<b>SPRING REGATTA 11:30 start 3 Handicap races 2 to count</b>		
<b>15th May</b>		Halifax 4 Handicap	Halifax 5 Pursuit	Halifax 6 Handicap
		SPRING MIXED HANDICAP AND PURSUIT SERIES 11:30 start 9 races, 5 to count		
		<i>Last handicap race of day to start back-to-back with end of pursuit race</i>		
Sat 21st May	Powerboat course			
22nd May	Powerboat course	Spring Handicap 1	Spring Pursuit 2	Spring Handicap 3
29th May		Spring Handicap 4	Spring Pursuit 5	Spring Handicap 6
5th June	10am-11am Taster Sail	Spring Handicap 7	Spring Pursuit 8	Spring Handicap 9
<b>12th June</b>		Halifax 7 Handicap	Halifax 8 Pursuit	Halifax 9 Handicap
		BRENIG BOWL 11:30 start 9 races, 5 to count		
		<i>Last handicap race of day to start back-to-back with end of pursuit race</i>		
19th June		Brenig Bowl 1 Handicap	Brenig Bowl 2 Pursuit	Brenig Bowl 3 Handicap
26th June		Brenig Bowl 4 Handicap	Brenig Bowl 5 Pursuit	Brenig Bowl 6 Handicap
3rd July	10am-11am Taster Sail	Brenig Bowl 7 Handicap	Brenig Bowl 8 Pursuit	Brenig Bowl 9 Handicap
<b>10th July</b>		<b>SUMMER REGATTA 11:30 start 3 Handicap races, 2 to count</b>		
<b>16th/17th July</b>		<b>WOCC</b>		
<b>17th July</b>		Halifax 10 Handicap	Halifax 11 Pursuit	Halifax 12 Handicap
		SUMMER SERIES 11:30 start 15 races 8 to count		
		<i>Last handicap race of day to start back-to-back with end of pursuit race</i>		
24th July		Summer Handicap 1	Summer Pursuit 2	Summer Handicap 3
31st July		Summer Handicap 4	Summer Pursuit 5	Summer Handicap 6
7th Aug	10am-11am Taster Sail	Summer Handicap 7	Summer Pursuit 8	Summer Handicap 9
14th Aug		Summer Handicap 10	Summer Pursuit 11	Summer Handicap 12
21st Aug		Summer Handicap 13	Summer Pursuit 14	Summer Handicap 15
<b>28th Aug</b>		Halifax 13 Handicap	Halifax 14 Pursuit	Halifax 15 Handicap
		AUTUMN SERIES 11:30 start 9 races 5 to count		
		<i>Last handicap race of day to start back-to-back with end of pursuit race</i>		
4th Sept	10am-11am Taster Sail	Autumn Series 1 Handicap	Autumn Series 2 Pursuit	Autumn Series 3 Handicap
<b>11th Sept</b>		<b>AUTUMN REGATTA 11:30 start 3 Handicap races 2 to count</b>		
<b>18th Sept</b>		<b>BARTS BASH TBC</b>		
25th Sept		Autumn Series 4 Handicap	Autumn Series 5 Pursuit	Autumn Series 6 Handicap
2nd Oct		Autumn Series 7 Handicap	Autumn Series 8 Pursuit	Autumn Series 9 Handicap
		JOE GARSIDE SERIES 11:30 start 6 races, 3 to count		
		<i>Last handicap race of day to start back-to-back with end of pursuit race</i>		
9th Oct		Joe Garside Handicap 1	Joe Garside Pursuit 2	Joe Garside Handicap 3
16th Oct		Joe Garside Handicap 4	Joe Garside Pursuit 5	Joe Garside Handicap 6
23rd Oct		Halifax 16 Handicap	Halifax 17 Pursuit	Halifax 18 Handicap
		WILSON ICICLE Handicap SERIES 11:30 start 8 races, 4 to count		
30th Oct		Wilson Icicle 1	Wilson Icicle 2	
6th Nov		Wilson Icicle 3	Wilson Icicle 4	
13th Nov		Wilson Icicle 5	Wilson Icicle 6	
20th Nov		Wilson Icicle 7	Wilson Icicle 8	
<b>27th Nov</b>		<b>Close down working party</b>		

**AGM Friday 4th November**

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## Committee Members 2015/16

If you have a query or suggestion for the club, these are the people to contact:

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Inclusion Officer	VACANT
Junior Representative	Alex Watson
Committee Members:	John Blythyn, Paul Oliver, Matthew Seddon, Dennise Shepherd , David Waltho

## Committee Vacancies

We still have two vacancies on the committee for **Sailing Captain** and **Inclusion Officer**. The latter is a broadening of the disabilities representative role that was suggested at the AGM to look at opportunities and issues not only for persons with disabilities but wider groups who may face barriers to engaging in our sport.

**Interested parties should contact David Blood - Email: [secretary@llynbrenigsc.org](mailto:secretary@llynbrenigsc.org)**

Please email articles and photographs for the May-June 2016 edition to by Saturday  
17th April to:

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