



Llyn Brenig Sailing Club

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Nationals Success

Summer is traditionally a time for class associations to run their Nationals. Brenig club members have been around the country competing and, for some, bringing home trophy's and prizes. The first week of August saw 3 events at the same time. The Optimist Nationals were taking place on Scotland's west coast at Largs, with the Topper Nationals on the east Scottish coast at North Berwick, and the Lasers heading south to Weymouth. Those north of the border had to contend with stormy conditions, while the Lasers enjoyed sun and steady breeze for most of the week.

In the 122 junior fleet at the Optimist Nationals, Kai Wolgram, put in a steady set of top 10 results to finish 1st Junior with a 25 point lead on second place!

Over at the Topper Nationals, Harry Pulford and Benjamin Jukes-Bennett were both competing in challenging conditions. Harry continued his success in the class by finishing 8th overall, 5th junior and first Welsh sailor. He won the first race of the Final series! Meanwhile Benjamin Jukes-Bennett was experiencing his first Nationals in the 5.3 rig, and qualified for Gold Fleet, which is an impressive start in the bigger sail.

Jack Shepherd also stepped up to the Laser Standard Rig at the his Nationals in Weymouth. Jack was first under 19 (youth) for most of the week, and at one stage had a 10 point lead on the nearest youth sailor, but he got caught out with some unlucky wind shifts during the latter part of the week finishing 2nd under 19 and first Welsh Standard sailor. Not bad for his first week in the bigger rig.

Earlier, in June, Gareth Henshall was at Highcliffe Sailing Club on the south coast at the D-Zero Nationals. Showing why he is such a great Coach, Gaz finished 3rd in some difficult conditions as the Class Association reports: [click here](#).

Way to go Team Brenig!!



Kai flies the Welsh flag after finishing 1st Junior at the Optimist Nationals

New Members

We are delighted to welcome the follow new club members who were approved at the Committee meeting of 4th September:

- Philip and Clare Bennett-Lloyd
- Richard and Matthew Debicki
- Matthew Debicki
- Peter Fitzroy Smith
- John and Owen Millington
- Alistair and Mindy Moulden



Bart's Bash: 18 September

This event has taken place for the last two years in memory of Andrew 'Bart' Simpson, who was killed when one of the America's Cup catamarans capsized during practice for the last AC race series. The event raises funds to increase access to sailing for all.

Phil Watson will be organising the racing on the day, and will ensure it is a fun event open to all sailors. Please sign up now at the following web site - putting Llyn Brenig Sailing Club in the sailing details section, and please do try to raise funds for the charity. We need as many boats as possible to enter and make this a really enjoyable day! We need to get to 20+ by the date of the race, so please do sign up!

Just click here: <http://www.bartsbash.com/>



Fun event—open to all

Club racing changed to SATURDAY 29th October due to World Rally at Brenig on Sunday

All club boats now need to display a current boat tag



Dates for your Diary

- 11th September—Autumn Regatta
- 18th September—Bart's Bash
- 22nd or 23rd September—World Rally media day (site closed) TBC
- 24th September—World Rally Test Day (site may be closed)
- ***** SATURDAY 29th October—club racing—date changed *****
- Friday 7th October—Welsh Water corporate paddle board event 
- 27th November—Close down work party
- 4th November—AGM

Boat Tags

ALL boats kept at the club must now display a numbered tag on the trolley/trailer. Any cruiser trailers stored at the club also need a tag. These are available at the club. Just ask any committee member.

Duty

If you cannot make a duty date, please contact Andy as soon as possible identifying an alternative duty.

Andy Davey, Membership Secretary
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Welsh Water Paddle Board Event

On Friday 7th October we will welcome staff from Welsh Water (our landlords) for a corporate event, which will include a paddle board race. They will use our facilities for changing and we are providing Rib cover.

Chief Instructor

Gareth (Gaz) Henshall has joined us in 2011 and, working with Phil Watson, has been hugely instrumental in setting up and delivering the club training programme.

One of his first training courses was the hugely successful junior “start to race” camp that contributed to podium placings for a number of members at the RYA Onboard Festival in Bala that year. His continuation programme ensured success in the 2012 Club Youth Race Circuit (CYRC series), for individuals and in securing the Club Trophy—wrestling it from regional strong-holds of Port Dinorwic and Pwllheli. The junior club mascot, orangutan, was lovingly named after him. Gaz has supervised our young members as they obtained their coaching qualifications.

But now he needs to focus on his PhD, and gave notice earlier this summer.

Brenig juniors at 2011 RYA Onboard Festival—holding “Gaz” aloft



Thanks for everything Gaz, and good luck!

David Dorben, who also runs the Scouts activities at the club, has agreed to step into the role taking over where Gaz left off as Chief Instructor.

RYA Level 1 & 2 Training

The final course of 2016 will run on 17th and 18th September

Non-members: £70 per weekend, including voucher for reduced club membership.

Participants on courses this year have received vouchers for reduced club membership. For participants on the September course this year, and recognising that there is just over a month from the course to club close-down, we have decided to waive the 2016 membership fee.

Register online via the [training section](#).

Powerboat 2 Courses

So far this year we have run 4 PB2 courses, with 10 members successfully gaining their certificates.

We have received a couple of further enquiries and are looking at the possibility of a further Course in October on which there are currently 2 places available.

Contact Steve Kitchen:

steve.kitchen001@Hotmail.co.uk



Gaz has contributed to club and individual success

David Dorben to step into the roll

Register via the club website

Another course in October if there's enough demand

Sunday Onboard Training

The early Sunday onboard follow-up sessions have been well supported over the summer.

This programme is totally down to the initiative and commitment of our own junior members who recognised that those who have just learned to sail need regular follow-up support.

The attendees are a mix of juniors and adults. Well done to all our junior team for taking this on. They are not only our future, but are fast becoming our present!

For more information contact Phil and Abi Watson:

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Winter Feva Training

RYA Cymru has asked if we will host the National & Regional Feva squads at Brenig again on 18th/19th February next year, with the possibility of other winter training squad dates which are yet to be agreed. We need to again reflect such activities in our "close down" arrangements as we did last year.

Windsurfing

The observant among you will have noticed an increase in windsurfing activity at the club.

This came about as a result of a request from parents of the Welsh Windsurfing Squad needing a good training venue and they agreed to become members to facilitate this. They have now proposed that we work together to become an accredited windsurfing training venue. This necessitates us obtaining the right equipment and we are now looking at how this might be funded.



Totally down to the initiative of our juniors



Looking into becoming an accredited training venue

Welsh Open Challenger Championship



We hosted the annual Welsh Open Challenger Championships (Wocc) over the weekend of 16/17 of July.

It was great to see some regular competitors who comment that the lake, the sailing the area in general are all attractions—not to mention the friendliness of the club.

To show their appreciation the Challenger Association Class Chairman, Richard Johnson, awarded our club with the David Prentice Bowl, normally given to the person who, in the opinion of the competitors , has contributed most to the success of the day.

The sailing was enjoyed by all, including our new member Toby Taylor who was encouraged to join in the racing. The weather was mostly ok, lighter winds than last year and some rain on the Saturday which caused, for the first time that I can remember, lunch - normally we set up outside under the stairs—to be taken upstairs in the galley.

Graham Hall, who has been a regular visitor, won the event, in fact he won every race over the weekend which he might not have done if his main rival Val Millfield had been well enough to travel. We send our best wishes to Val and hope to see her back again next year.

The number of competitors were again down compared with last year, indeed numbers have been declining for many years. Ten or so years ago we'd regularly have more than a dozen boats, last year it was 6, this year 4. We are encouraged, however, with recent new memberships keen specifically to take up Challenger sailing and will look at what we might do to improve more to participation in the 2017 event.

Finally, many thanks to all those who helped for the weekend: OoDs, patrol boat crews and galley staff. A special mention of thanks to Karen who worked so hard in the galley over the two days as well as travelling backwards and forwards to Pwllheli running a family taxi service!

*Club awarded
David Prentice
Bowl*

*Thank you to all
who helped*



EXTREME!!! Sailing

On July 2nd and 3rd, Paul Oliver and Mike Hardie took part in the Lord Birkett Memorial Trophy at Ullswater, sailing their K6 dinghy. As Paul explains, the 230 strong fleet faced challenging conditions.

40+ mph gusts

"At the pre-race briefing, the race officer said that the wind was force 5 to 6 with very challenging conditions, and although the club will go ahead it was up to competitors to decide whether or not they participated. He also said that one of the safety boats recorded a gust of just over 40mph!!! If that wasn't enough excitement, lightening was also forecast.

Disaster!?

Despite the wind, surprisingly few had enough wisdom to sit it out on shore so there were a huge number of boats on the water which made it a nightmare jockeying for position and we had three attempts at the start. When we did get off we heard an all mighty crunch as an RS 400 capsized on the line, we think another boat had sailed into it. Trying to avoid the mayhem, we held back with a plan to plough through the slower boats in clear air and avoid the capsizes and sailors in the water. The race officer was right about the wind, but we suspect he had underestimated the strength! I have never sailed any boat in such strong winds, and of course there were lots of waves. We managed to beat about 3/4 the way up the lake with about 30 odd boats in front when the little cord holding the bottom of the jib to the bottom of the luff wire broke, so the bottom of the jib slowly went up the wire which slowed us down. Maintaining boat speed with a duff jib was difficult in the huge winds and gusts. Consequently several boats we had passed overtook us including one of the other two K6s.

Brave or mad?!

The massive gusts were, to say the least, challenging. However, at the very top of the lake we had to go around an island which provided some shelter and Mike cautiously crawled up to the bow and replaced the broken cord. Having rounded the island, we were faced with the 7 mile downward leg. Knowing what the wind was like we wondered about the wisdom of hauling up the huge K6 spinnaker! Anyway it went up and then came the adrenalin rush.

"The K6 was magnificent!"

We were broad reaching at huge speeds- in itself very testing but we also had to avoid the rest of the fleet still criss-crossing as they beat up the lake. When we were beating up we thought the Race officer had under estimated the wind speed. Going back down did not change our view on this! A brace of RS400s were close to us as we hauled up the spinnaker. On the only occasion that I was brave enough turn my head to look backwards they had disappeared in the distance behind us. The K6 was magnificent!

"Somehow managed to stay upright!"

We flew back down all 7 miles at huge speeds in what seemed like minutes and somehow managed to stay upright. The K6 that passed us on the way up when we had the jib problem broached and was wiped out, flattened with two of the three crew in the water. We gave them a royal wave as we sped past! A huge number of boats still beating up the lake gave up, dropped their main sails and sailed back under the jib. Some sailed back with no sails up! We saw one boat trapezing on jib only!

"Luckily no injuries were reported."

A new experience for us was hearing the high pitched hum of the many asymmetric boats. There were some very quick machines, including about half a dozen VX Ones (PY of 840). Some Flying fifteen boats did well but it was amazing that in such strong winds and huge gusts several trapeze boats not only survived but did well, their performance was impressive and the crews and helms must have been very skilled. One of the two 505s won the Saturday race. We were about 42nd. When we got back we learnt that out of about 200 boats starting only 80 finished. There were 5 broken masts, but luckily no injuries were reported.

"we beat the other two K6 boats!"

The race on Sunday was much calmer with winds down to force 3 or 4 but very shifty. Nothing dramatic then, which was a welcome relief as we were both exhausted after Saturday's excitement.

The most popular class was the RS400 but there were about six VX One boats, - an updated version of the K6, so we were pleased to we leave several of them behind us! The winning boat overall was a 49er from Ullswater SC and is a regular winner. Both helm and crew were in their 30s!

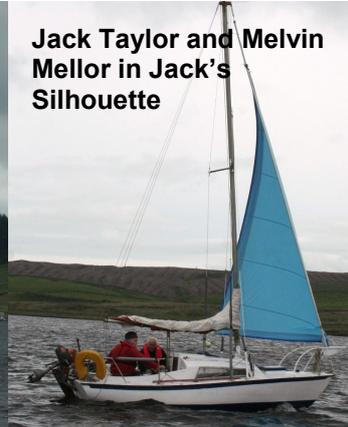
We had very poor starts - hung back too much. Overall we finished 63rd out of 230 boats; a result that we could be content with especially with our unmentionable combined age. However, we were more content when we learnt that we beat the other two K6 boats, this was particularly pleasing as it was the first time we sailed against other K6s."

Cruisers at play

We currently have about 18 cruisers at the club. We regularly have a number on the water at the same time, anything up to 12 or more. The advantage of being a cruiser member is that you can turn up and sail on any day. These photographs were taken by Will Hagan over the summer.



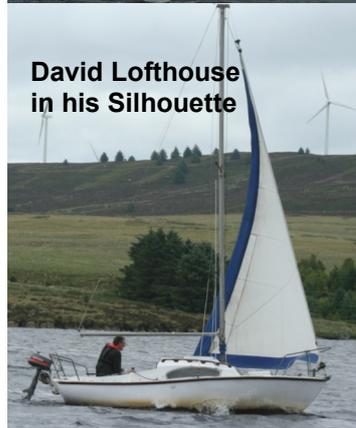
Keith Williams sailing an Express Pirate



Jack Taylor and Melvin Mellor in Jack's Silhouette



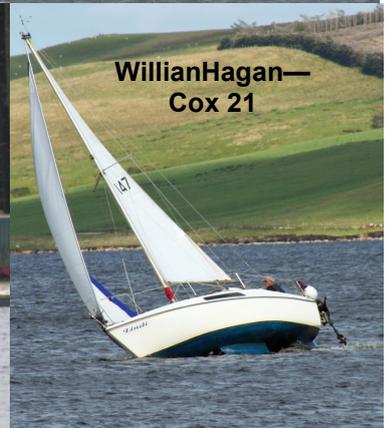
Paul Marfleet—Leisure 17 SL



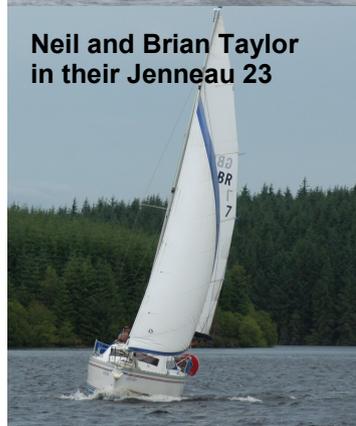
David Lofthouse in his Silhouette



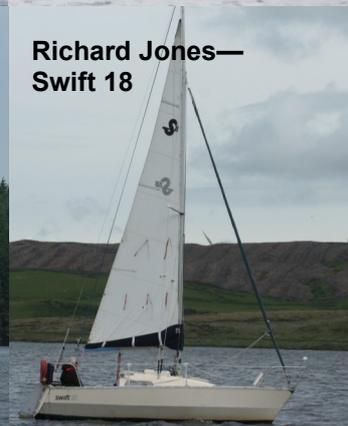
Peter Davies's new Sailfish 18



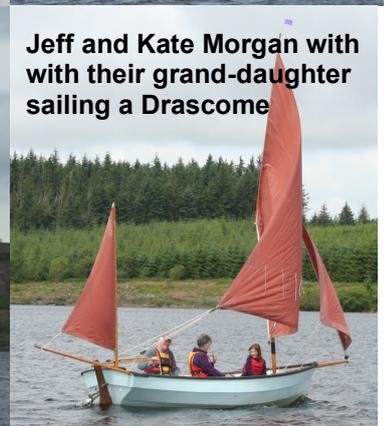
WillianHagan—Cox 21



Neil and Brian Taylor in their Jenneau 23



Richard Jones—Swift 18



Jeff and Kate Morgan with their grand-daughter sailing a Drascome

Cruisers can sail any day of the week.

Club involvement a huge success—now 2 sessions a week

Pengwern College

Pengwern College are currently in their summer recession but are so pleased with their involvement at the club, they have asked if we could run two sessions each week. Up to now we have accommodated 1 weekly session, and while we welcome further involvement we are mindful that it might be difficult to get enough volunteers mid week. We have therefore agreed that, as members, College students and staff are entitled to gate access and to club house / toilet facilities. College staff are happy to run their own programmes for one of the weekly groups now that they know the site and the sort of jobs that need doing.

Junior and Youth News

Podium places at Onboard Festival

Congratulations to the Dolder family!

Tim and Jill joined us this year, with their two boys Jack and Rhys. The boys learned to sail with us in May, and were keen to put their new found skills to the test at the annual Bala Onboard Festival held on the weekend of 3rd and 4th September.

Rhys (on the right in this photo) borrowed a club Optimist and Jack had a club Topper, they were both in the respective training fleets. Rhys came away with Gold and Jack was awarded Silver.

The weather over the weekend was as challenging as it gets, sufficient to put off new sailors. Nearly all those who did sail were in their second season.

Rhys and Jack both showed huge determination considering the weather and their relative inexperience in comparison to their competitors.



Well done boys!



Welsh Zone Champs

Cardiff Bay Yacht Club will host the RYA Welsh Zone Championships this year on the weekend of 24th and 25th September. This is the main event for anybody looking to gain places in a Welsh Regional or National Squad.

There's also a regatta fleet for where new sailors will receive coaching from RYA Wales to improve their racing skills.

Entry is now open—just [click here](#)

John Merrick Trust Boats

In conjunction with the RYA, the Trust gives free boats to eligible juniors competing at the Zone Championships. You need to enter the event (see left) and complete an expression of interest to be considered ([click here](#)).

It's got to be worth a try?

Welsh Squads

Applications for RYA Cymru 2016-17 squads will open soon—[click here](#) to find out more.

North Wales Club Youth Race Circuit 2016

This popular and fun series of races is now underway. The ethos of the CYRC series is to welcome and help less experienced sailors, while providing local friendly competition for youngsters who have been racing already. Just one event remains in the 2016 season, on **Sunday 2nd October** at Gresford Sailing Club. Entry is via the RYA Cymru.Wales website, click [here](#).

2016 Sailing Calendar

28th February		WORKING PARTY		
		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
27th March		EASTER EGG TROPHY 11:30 start 3 Handicap races 2 to count		
3rd April		APRIL FOOL TROPHY 11:30 start 3 Handicap races 2 to count		
		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
MON 2nd May		CLUB OPEN DAY		
8th May		SPRING REGATTA 11:30 start 3 Handicap races 2 to count		
15th May		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	Spring Handicap 1	Spring Pursuit 2	Spring Handicap 3
22nd May	Powerboat course	Spring Handicap 4	Spring Pursuit 5	Spring Handicap 6
29th May		Spring Handicap 7	Spring Pursuit 8	Spring Handicap 9
5th June	10am-11am Taster Sail	Spring Handicap 10	Spring Pursuit 11	Spring Handicap 12
12th June		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
10th July		SUMMER REGATTA 11:30 start 3 Handicap races, 2 to count		
16th/17th July		WOCC		
17th July		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
28th Aug		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
11th Sept		AUTUMN REGATTA 11:30 start 3 Handicap races 2 to count		
18th Sept		BARTS BASH TBC		
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
****SAT 29th Oct****		WILSON ICICLE Handicap SERIES 11:30 start 8 races, 4 to count		
		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	
27th Nov		Close down working party		

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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Lest we forget!

By now, we are in danger of taking our concrete foreshore for granted, especially as the water level is again lower than normal.

A mere two years ago, this was what it was like!



Please email articles and photographs for the November—December 2016 edition to
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