



**Academi Hwyllo Genedlaethol a Chanolfan Ddigwyddiadau
Welsh National Sailing Academy and Events Centre**

19th/25th August, 2017

**Plas Heli, Pwllheli, Wales
XX International Canoe World Championships**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 To be held at Plas Heli – The Welsh National Sailing Academy and Events Centre, Pwllheli, North Wales, under the burgee of Pwllheli Sailing Club (PSC), from 19-25 August 2017, organised by Plas Heli and the British Canoe Union (BCU) Sailing Committee.

1.2 This regatta will be governed by the International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Sailing Competition Rules 2017 (the ICF Canoe Sailing Rules) and the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Sailing Instructions and any notices subsequently issued by the Competition Committee.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 The Championship is open to sailing canoes of the ICF Canoe Sailing Rules conforming to the ICF Rule Appendix 2 and 4.

2.2 Subject to a minimum of 6 entries being received by July 30 2017, a separate championship will be held concurrently for Asymmetric Spinnaker Equipped International Canoes (AC) complying with ICF Canoe Sailing Rules Appendix 3.

2.3 Helms must be members of a National Federation recognised by the ICF.

2.4 Canoes not conforming to the ICF Canoe Sailing Rules may be accepted at the discretion of Organising Committee and the Jury, who will determine whether any such canoe shall be eligible for any prize.

2.5 A boat chartered or loaned for the event may carry national letters or sail number in contravention of ICF Canoe Sailing Rules, subject to prior written approval of the Competition Committee.

2.6 There will be a Classic IC division for One Design ICs and older canoes within the IC fleet: qualification requirements are below.

2.7 a/All entries are to be made on the accompanying entry form. Entries must be made through National Federations, and must be received by the Organiser, Tony Marston, 28 Rigby Drive, Greasby, Wirral. CH49 1RF U.K. (anthonymarston@sky.com) from the National Federations by 30

July 2017. Late entries cannot be accepted. If National Federations send entries by electronic means, hard copies of the entry forms signed by competitors must be forwarded to the Organiser or presented at Registration.

b/ The Entry Fee for the event is £250 which includes a ticket for the Championship Dinner and some social events. Payment should accompany the form in the case of all competitors who are resident within the UK (cheques, or postal orders made payable to the 'BCU Sailing Committee') and, if possible, from those entering from abroad. However, competitors who are not resident within the UK may delay payment until Registration at the Plas Heli to avoid currency transfer charges. Facilities to pay by credit or debit card will be available at Registration.

c/ Cleared funds in GB Pounds Sterling may be transferred to the BCU Sailing Committee, Account: Swift: ABBYGB2L, IBAN: GB68ABBY09015509015535483708
Account No. 35483708 Sort Code 09-01-55,
Santander Bank, Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside L30 4GB
by 30 July 2017 with email notification to the Organiser Tony Marston, (anthonymarston@sky.com).

d/ Individual Helms must complete the on-line entry form at www.icworlds2017.com by 30 July 2017.

3 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

Early measurement will take place at Plas Heli from 1100 Thursday 17th August, Registration and Measurement from 10:00 Friday 18th August and Registration and Measurement from 09:00 on Saturday 19th August 2017. When registering, competitors must come prepared to provide evidence of the following:

- a. Proof of membership of an ICF National Federation,
- b. Proof of measurement of their International Canoe and sails, including sail measurement forms.

4 MEASUREMENT POLICY

- a. All canoes, equipment and sails are to be fully measured prior to the Championships with certificates available for inspection at Registration.
- b. Checks will be carried out at Registration and during the event to ensure continued compliance.
- c. Any part of the canoe / sails etc. which does not comply with the rules at Registration will require correction to comply with the rules and must be re-submitted for verification before taking part in any racing.
- d. A maximum of 2 sets of sails (2 jibs and 2 mainsails) may be registered for use during the championships. There are no restrictions on the number of spinnakers for AC's.
One centreboard/dagger board and one rudder may be used, except in the case of breakage if dispensation from the race committee is granted.
- e. The Measurement Committee will not be providing a service for the measurement of hulls, sails or equipment at the event. It is the responsibility of owners to make their own arrangements for initial measurement of equipment etc. and to obtain certificates prior to Registration.

The Competition Committee, the BCU Sailing Committee and the Jury reserve the right to inspect or measure any boat and/or sail(s) at any time.

5 SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING

An event sponsor is being sought and it is possible that canoes will be required in that connection to display advertising approved by the event organiser.

6 CLASSIC DIVISION

Helms of IC's built to one design rules and/or previous international rules are invited to enter the Classic Division, whose aim is to encourage participation of canoes not optimised to the current international rule. Each boat applying for Classic status will be judged on its merits.

7 PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

The sailing schedule may change subject to weather conditions.

Thursday August 17	Early measurement from 11:00
Friday August 18	Registration & Measurement from 10:00
Saturday 19 August	Registration & measurement from 09:00 Practice Race pm; Opening ceremony
Sunday 20 August	Race 1 & 2
Monday 21 August	Race 3 & 4
Tuesday 22 August	Race 5 & 6
Wednesday 23 August	New York Canoe Club International Challenge Cup
Thursday 24 August	Race 7 & 8
Friday 25 August	Race 9, (A warning signal will not be made after 15:00) Championship Dinner

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available after August 1st 2017 at the www.icworlds2017.com web site and will be available at Registration. The Sailing Instructions will include a maximum allowable capacity of a beverage container worn on the body of 1.5 litres.

9 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

RRS 40 and the Part 4 preamble will be changed as follows: Personal Flotation Devices RRS 40 shall apply at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

10 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area will be on the waters of Tremadog Bay, Pwllheli. The courses will be according to ICF Rule 11 for IC's; marks will be described in the sailing instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 and 44.2 will apply but changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. Rule 44.3 shall not apply.

12 APPEALS

A Jury will be appointed in accordance with ICF Canoe Sailing Rules. Appeals against a decision of the protest committee will be heard and decided upon by the Jury, whose decision will be final.

13 SCORING

The scoring system will be in accordance with ICF Canoe Sailing Rules. 9 races are scheduled with 5 races required to be completed to constitute a valid Championship.

14 PRIZES

ICF medals will be awarded to the first 3 canoes in each fleet (ICs and ACs) attaining the requisite number of entries to achieve World Championship status under ICF rules. Other prizes will also be awarded, including for the best performing Classic ICs.

15 NEW YORK CANOE CLUB INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP

- 15.1 Races for the NYCC Challenge Cup will be sailed on Wednesday August 23, 2017
- 15.2 The challenging country will be determined at the end of completion of three races by the addition of results (no discards) of the first three boats from each respective country.
- 15.3 The Nation with the lowest cumulative result then has until midday of the following day to issue a challenge to the current Cup Holders (USA).
- 15.4 Should the Nation with the lowest cumulative result at the end of three heats choose not to issue a challenge, the next lowest scoring nation may challenge.
- 15.5 The Challenging Nation can select any of its competing members to sail their International Canoes in the New York Canoe Club International Challenge Cup.
- 15.6 The canoes competing must comply with the International Canoe Federation - Canoe Sailing Rules, Appendix II.
- 15.7 The cup is to be held as a perpetual challenge trophy.
- 15.8 The competition is open to an authorised representative of any canoe club sailing under foreign colours. A maximum of six (6) canoes may sail in any race – three (3) from the challenging club and three (3) from the club holding the cup.
- 15.9 Two victories are necessary to either win or hold the cup, and therefore three races may be sailed - the same canoes competing in each.
- 15.10 The races are to be sailed on the waters of the club hosting the World Championships.
- 15.11 The distance sailed over in each race must not be more than ten miles and within a time limit of three hours.
- 15.12 International Canoe Federation Canoe Sailing rules shall govern the races.

16 Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. Any change to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Class website at www.icworlds2017.com

17 Risk Statement

17.1 RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

17.2 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:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore, and will carry adequate lifesaving equipment for all persons on board: They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue of the event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

18 NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS – effective from 1 January 2017

Where the ICF Rules cover the same matter as the National Prescriptions or are not applicable, the prescriptions are not included here for clarity. The National Prescriptions can be viewed on the RYA website at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/the-rules-and-rya-prescriptions.aspx>

References in this sub section to rules and rule numbers are references to RRS, unless otherwise specified.

Rule 3 Acceptance of the Rules: Add new rule 3.6: 'Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their *support persons comply with the rules.*'

Rule 5 Anti-Doping - See ICF Canoe Sailing Rule 15

Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices: When a *rule* requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

Rule 67 Damages: 1 - Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the UK courts and not considered by a protest committee. 2 - A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a *rule*.

Rule 70.5 Right of Appeal – See ICF Canoe Sailing Rule 10

APPENDIX G IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS - See ICF Canoe Sailing Rules Appendix II and IV 12f

WORLD SAILING REGULATION 20 – ADVERTISING CODE (see also ICF Canoe Sailing Rule 14)

20.2.3 Right to Display Advertising on a Boat

When the right to display advertising on a boat is subject to prior authorisation by the national authority in accordance with regulation 20.2.3.3, the approval of the RYA is automatically granted provided that such advertising is permitted by the relevant rules of the class, rating system or handicapping system.

20.8.2 Fees

When the person in charge of a boat chooses to display advertising, the RYA will not impose a fee as permitted by regulation 20.8.2.