

ABERSOCH KEELBOAT WEEK
20 – 25 AUGUST 2017
SOUTH CAERNARVONSHIRE YACHT CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE



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Abersoch Keelboat Week 20-25 August 2017 Notice of Race**INTRODUCTION**

South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club (SCYC) is delighted to be organising and hosting Abersoch Keelboat Week in 2017, sponsored by Conwy Land Rover, part of Rybrook Cars Ltd.

Keelboat Week has been an established event in the calendar for over 40 years and is renowned as being a fun regatta with a serious edge - a relaxed atmosphere off the water compliments the competition on it.

SCYC offers stunning views of Cardigan Bay, Snowdonia and the Llyn Peninsula; the waters are pristine, there is no commercial traffic and tides, such as they are, are fair. For families ashore, the beaches offer clean sand with warm and clear waters - on calm days you may even see dolphins playing close inshore. Abersoch village offers a wide variety of shops, bars and restaurants and there are many other attractions in the surrounding countryside.

Keelboat Week 2017 - Summary.**Waterside:**

- Small Keelboats (Maximum LOA circa 25 feet, to include e.g. Beneteau 211/21.7, Pandoras, Squibs, Sonatas, J24, Hunter19 and Sports Boats - SB20, K6, Sunscape18 etc. (If we have enough Sports Boats or the 211 and 21.7's we may arrange a separate fleet). All boats will be allocated NHC Base numbers for the week and these will remain fixed.
- IRC (IRC1, IRC2 and Sigma 33 fleets)
- White Sails **Sport** (Non Spinnaker) fleet. A new class aimed at the faster boats wishing to sail without spinnakers. NHC base numbers will be used to score all results.
- White Sails **Cruise** [Non Spinnaker] fleet. A new class aimed specifically at the cruising boats without spinnakers. NHC base numbers will be used.
- IRC classes will race "offshore" whilst the other classes will race inshore using SCYC Club marks.
- Sunday 20th August will be a practice day, with an expert post-race analysis and coaching session.
- Very reasonable entry fees.
- A limited number of moorings will be available to visiting yachts, free of charge – book early to avoid disappointment!

Shoreside:

- The Keelboat Week "kick-off" dinner on Saturday evening, plus Fleet suppers in SCYC's highly-commended Cove Restaurant during the week: Monday - White Sails Fleets' Supper; Wednesday – IRC Supper; Thursday - Small Keelboats Supper and Friday - Final Prize-giving Party and Curry Night. There will be a variety of evening entertainment with bands, karaoke and the "not-to-be-missed" daily prize-giving.

We look forward to welcoming you to this fantastic event and will do all we can to ensure that you have a memorable and enjoyable week And some great sailing!

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Event is organised by and sailed under the burgee of South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club (SCYC) Abersoch, in the waters of Tremadog Bay, Admiralty Chart 1971.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the IRC rules, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 RRS52 is amended for White Sails' class to the extent that powered winches or other sail or rig handling equipment may be used by all boats in the class.
- 2.3 IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitation on crew numbers or weight.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 3.2 In participating in this event a competitor expressly grants the right for Organising Authority and any sponsors

4 ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to all boats and Classes listed below and to any other Classes accepted by the OA
- 4.2 IRC – IRC will be divided into IRC1, IRC2 and Sigma 33 Class
- 4.3 White Sails Sport and Cruise fleets (Non Spinnaker) - foresails must be attached to the forestay meaning that Spinnakers, Cruising chutes, Bloopers and Gennakers will not be allowed. The split will be determined by the Club Handicapping Team
- 4.4 Small Keelboats (Maximum LOA circa 25 feet, to include e.g. Beneteau 21.7, Pandoras, Squibs, Sonatas, J24 and Sports boats)
- 4.5 Final class splits will not be decided until after the closing date of 16th August 2017
- 4.6 Depending on the number of entries, the OA reserves the right to, merge or subdivide any class, combine the starts of classes, or cancel racing for any class.
- 4.7 A minimum entry of 7 boats per class is required for a start. Consideration will be given to entries from other classes to those listed above, subject to a minimum entry of 7 boats from such a class or at the discretion of the OA.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Sunday 20th August will be a practice race day.
- 5.2 There will be racing for all classes each day from Monday 21st to Friday 25th August 2017.
- 5.3 IRC classes will race Offshore - The type of racing may be chosen from Windward/Leeward, Triangle and "round the cans" courses within Tremadog Bay.
- 5.4 All other classes will race Inshore (using SCYC Club marks).
- 5.5 A coastal race may be added to the programme.

6 SCORING SYSTEM

- 6.1 There will be a maximum of 10 races for all IRC classes.
- 6.2 There will be a maximum of 10 races for the Small Keelboats class
- 6.3 There will be a maximum of 6 races for all other classes.
- 6.4 3 races will constitute a series in all classes.
- 6.5 The low point scoring system described in Appendix A of the RRS will apply except that one discard is available once 4 races have been completed and 2 discards once 7 races have been completed.
- 6.6 IRC will also be scored under NHC base numbers and dual results will be posted.
- 6.7 All other classes will be scored under NHC base numbers and / or an event handicapping system (to be determined by the OA).

7 ENTRY

- 7.1 All entries must be made on the attached entry form accompanied by the correct entry fee no later than Sunday 30th July 2017.

Entrants are encouraged to use the online entry facility (the online entry form is also accessible via the SCYC and Abersoch Keelboat Week websites). Click here to enter:

<https://webcollect.org.uk/scyc/event/keelboat-week-entry-20th-25th-august-2017>

Late entries accompanied by a late entry fee will be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion until 16.30 hrs. on Sunday 20th August 2017. Yachts may enter for the whole series or single days. Entries for a single day's racing may be accepted on that day up to 10.00 hrs

- 7.2 In the event of a race being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded.
- 7.3 IRC entries must be accompanied by a photocopy of the boat's valid rating certificate or its class certificate, duly signed and valid for the duration of the regatta. The OA reserves the right to refuse an entry, to reclassify or to disqualify any boat if its Measurement Certificate is not in order.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 These will be available to each competitor on receipt of a completed entry form and entry fee. They will be available at the Abersoch Keelboat Week Race Office on registration and also on the official Abersoch Keelboat Week Website.

9 MOBILE TELEPHONES

- 9.1 The race committee may text courses and other information to a single mobile telephone number that has been registered to the boat. To enhance this service, telephones should use a UK based service provider.

10 REGISTRATION.

- 10.1 Registration must be made at the Abersoch Keelboat Week Race Office on Saturday 19th August 2017 (10.30 hrs to 13.30 hrs) or on Sunday 20th August 2017 (09.30 hrs to 12.00 hrs and again for 30 minutes after the skippers' briefing). Race packs, sponsors' flags and/or bow decals when applicable will be issued at registration.
- 10.2 Skippers Briefing will be on Sunday 20th August at SCYC, Abersoch at 12.00 noon.

11 DISCLAIMER AND RESPONSIBILITY.

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 11.2 RRS Appendix J Addendum A (RYA) 'Risk Statement' will also apply.
- 11.3 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the regatta, 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 regatta.
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the regatta and they are fit to participate.
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - g) The wearing of personal flotation devices is strongly recommended at all times.

12 INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 HEALTH AND SAFETY

13.1 All yachts in IRC and White Sails classes shall have a suitable working engine irrespective of class rules.

13.2 All yachts in IRC and White Sails classes must ensure that their anchor is NOT positioned forward of the stem. For all other classes, if the anchor is positioned forward of the stem it must be fixed on a bow roller and / or windlass.

13.3 IRC yachts shall comply with ORC safety regulations Category 4.

13.4 All yachts in non-IRC classes must comply with the following minimum requirements:

- i. Adequate sails for heavy weather.
- ii. One lifejacket for each crew member.
- iii. Orange smoke and white flares.
- iv. Paddle
- v. One bilge pump.
- vi. Bailer or bucket.
- vii. First aid kit with provision for burns.
- viii. Two fire extinguishers.
- ix. Anchor with 15 fathoms chain and/or warp.
- x. Marine compass.

13.5 All competitors are required to abide by SCYC's Health & Safety Policies and Procedures as summarised in Appendix 1 to the Notice of Race. (Full details are available on the SCYC website scyc.co.uk)

14 SAIL NUMBERS

14.1 Sail numbers which are clearly visible at all times when under sail, must be carried in accordance with RRS Appendix G and where carried on a spinnaker or headsail must correspond with that carried on the main sail.

15 ST TUDWALS ROADS' MOORINGS

15.1 Swing moorings are available for all sizes of visiting boats. Requests for a mooring, stating requirements, should be submitted on the entry form no later than 13th July 2017. Moorings are limited in number, and will be allocated strictly on a 'first come, first served' basis.

15.2 A launch service between SCYC and St Tudwals Roads moorings will operate each day during Keelboat week.

15.3 Late launches may be arranged with the Bosun at SCYC.

16 BERTHS AT PWLLHELI

16.1 Competitors should make private arrangements with Hafan Pwllheli for any marina service. Telephone: 01758 701219. VHF Channel 80.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class. The number of prizes will depend on the number of entries.

17.2 Classes will compete for their own division trophy as well as for the overall trophies which include:

- **The Kearns Trophy** for the boat achieving best performance over the series, in the opinion of the Principal Race Officer.
- **The Sarah Ridgway Trophy** for the boat showing best endeavour over the series, in the opinion of the Principal Race Officer.
- **The Hardcastle Trophy** for the visiting boat whose skipper is not a member of SCYC and who has not won the Kearns Trophy in 2017 and which in the opinion of the Principal Race Officer has achieved the best performance overall.

17.3 Yachts entered for single days are not eligible to win overall class prizes. They are eligible to win day prizes.

18 CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE.

18.1 Changes and additions to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Abersoch Keelboat Week website www.abersochkeelboatweek.org up to the closing date for entries.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION.

Enquiries and entries should be addressed to:

The Secretary, Abersoch Keelboat Week, South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club (SCYC), The Headland, Abersoch, Gwynedd. LL53 7DP. Tel: 01758 712338 or Email: jude@scyc.co.uk

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20 ENTRY FEES.

ENTRY FEES	Paid Before 15th June	Paid After 15th June
Series entry - SCYC Member	£140.00	£190.00
Series entry – Non SCYC Member	£150.00	£200.00
Day Rate - all classes - 1 day	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
Day Rate - all classes - 2 days	£100.00	£100.00
Day Rate - all classes - 3 days	£150.00	£150.00

21 ONLINE ENTRY

Please enter online if possible – click on this link:

<https://webcollect.org.uk/scyc/event/keelboat-week-entry-21st-25th-august-2017>

Alternatively print or download the document “Entry Form Abersoch Keelboat Week 2017.docx,” complete the form and:

Email it to: jude@scyc.co.uk

or

Post to:

**The Secretary,
Abersoch Keelboat Week,
South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club (SCYC),
The Headland,
Abersoch,
Gwynedd.
LL53 7DP.**

Tel: 01758 712338

APPENDIX 1

SCYC Health and Safety Policies and Procedures - Summary

Policy Summary for Members and Visitors

1. General Policy

The Club places a high priority on the safety of its operations, both onshore and afloat, and has set out a detailed Health and Safety Policy to promote this objective. Club Employees, Members and Guests all have a role to play in ensuring that the Club maintains the highest standards for Health and Safety for all.

2. Visitors and Guests

It is the responsibility of Club Members to ensure that their guests / visitors comply with and are conversant with the Health and Safety policy of the Club.

3. The Club House

a) Fire Precautions

Those using the Club House should familiarise themselves with the emergency exits, and must not interfere with or misuse any fire fighting equipment. Fire Check Doors must not be propped open.

b) On Discovering a Fire

Sound the alarm using the nearest call point and evacuate the building. Take care to help any who may be anxious, infirmed or disabled.

c) General Safety

The spectacular location of the Club House and jetty has inherent risks. All members and visitors should take care on steep and/or slippery steps and on balconies overlooking steep rock faces and cliffs.

Swimming, diving and fishing from the jetty is not permitted.

Observe all warning signs, and do not enter any store or machinery rooms. Please keep to the public areas only.

Children under the age of 16 should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

d) Events

All events held in the Club House will be supervised by an SCYC Employee "Responsible Person". The Event Organisers are also required to nominate a Lead Organiser. Those attending events are asked to follow any instructions and guidance given by those in charge.

e) Club House Safety – General

Members and visitors are encouraged to notify the Secretariat if they notice any unsafe, damaged or defective parts of the Club.

f) Smoking.

Members and guests must observe the "No Smoking" signs where they are posted.

4. Club Power Craft and Rescue Crew

Only those duly authorised by the Club may use the Club's power craft. No one may act as Rescue Crew unless approved and authorised by the Club. The Club's Policy also provides that kill cords and buoyancy aids will be used at all times when operating club Craft.

5. Privately Owned Sailing Boats and RIBs

Owners/Helms are responsible for the seaworthiness and the comprehensive insurance of their boat(s) at all times. They are also responsible for ensuring that they are competent to helm / drive in any prevailing weather and sea conditions.

7. Club Safety Boats / Rescue Fleet – Racing

For any race, or other sailing event organised by the Club, the Club will provide a sufficient number of safety / rescue boats manned by competent crew.

(NOTE: Members should be aware that the role of the Rescue Fleet is to provide cover for Club organised races and other Club supported events afloat. It may not therefore, be possible or practicable to provide assistance at other times and in other areas.)

8. Appropriate Clothing

Members, guests and visitors should wear appropriate footwear and clothing at all times on Club premises. Lifejackets, appropriate footwear and clothing (minimum T-shirt and shorts) should be worn at all times when on the water.

9. Accidents and Near Misses

It is the Club's Policy to investigate all accidents and near misses (defined as an incident that had the potential to cause serious injury or damage), with a view to continuously improving our health and safety performance.

Members, guests and visitors are requested to report to the Secretariat any accident or near miss (either on shore or afloat) so that the appropriate investigation may be conducted, and procedures be amended accordingly.

10. Suggestions and Proposals

Suggestions and proposals for the enhancement of Health and Safety will be welcomed by the Club. Any such suggestion should be made either to a member of the Council or to the Secretary.

11. Health and Safety Policy

A complete version of the Club's Health and Safety Policy is available for inspection via the Secretary.