



ABERSOCH KEELBOAT WEEK 2026

The Organising Authority is South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club with support of the Abersoch Keelboat Week Committee

1. RULES

1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 (RRS). The prescriptions of the RYA and Class rules shall apply unless any of these are altered by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Racing will be provided under handicapping for IRC, including IRC Limited Validity TCC and the RYA YTC National Rating System.

1.3 IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitation on crew numbers or weight.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors and race results will be posted on the official notice board located on the middle deck at South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club (SCYC).

2.2 There will be two skippers' briefings at SCYC one at 12:00hrs (Offshore) and one at 12:15hrs (Inshore) on Sunday 23rd August 2026 on the middle deck.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Bridge.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 International Code Flag L (Black & Yellow Quarters) will be flown from the main mast of SCYC only. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 10:00hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES & COURSE INFORMATION

5.1 There will be one race area and one Committee Boat for IRC1, IRC2 and Small Keelboats. The course diagrams are contained in Appendix 1.

5.2 There will be one race area and a Club line start for Cruiser Class & White Sails. The courses will display on the Bridge.

5.3 Courses will be displayed on the committee boat before the warning signal for each class. The marks indicated are rounding marks and shall be rounded in the order indicated. Courses may also be transmitted on WhatsApp.

5.4 On Friday a warning signal will not be displayed after 14:30hrs.

5.5 It is intended that IRC 1, IRC 2 and Small keelboats will sail windward leeward courses Monday to Friday. Cruisers and White Sails will race around the cans.

5.6 Two bay races incorporating for IRC1, IRC2 and Small Keelboats are an option. Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line. Class results will be extracted from the overall race results.

5.7 Schedule of races:

DATE	FLEET	WARNING SIGNAL	START	COURSE
Sunday 23rd August 2026 Practice Race Prize giving 17:30hrs	IRC1	13:55hrs	14:00hrs	Club Line start, inshore course one race
	IRC2	14:05hrs	14:10hrs	Club Line start, inshore course one race
	Small Keelboats	14:15hrs	14:20hrs	Club Line start, inshore course one race



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	Cruiser Class	14:25hrs	14:30hrs	Club Line start, inshore course one race
	White Sails	14:35hrs	14:40hrs	Club Line start, inshore course one race
Monday 24th August 2026 Prize giving 17:30hrs	IRC1	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	IRC2	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12:15hrs	12:20hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Cruiser Class	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line
	White Sails	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line
Tuesday 25th August 2026 Prize-giving 17:30hrs	IRC1	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	IRC2	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12:15hrs	12:20hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Cruiser Class	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line
	White Sails	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line
Wednesday 26th August 2026 Prize-giving 17:30hrs	IRC1	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	IRC2	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12:15hrs	12:20hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Cruiser Class	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line
	White Sails	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line
Thursday 27th August 2026 Prize-giving 17:30hrs	IRC1	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	IRC2	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12:15hrs	12:20hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Cruiser Class	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line
	White Sails	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line
Friday 28th August 2026	IRC1	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1



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Prize-giving 17:30hrs	IRC2	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Small Keelboats	12:15hrs	12:20hrs	Committee Boat start, Race 2 B to B with Race 1
	Cruiser Class	11:55hrs	12:00hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line
	White Sails	12:05hrs	12:10hrs	Club Line start, Race 2 commences immediately after crossing finishing line

5.8 Number of races

Class	IRC1	IRC2	Small Keelboats	Cruiser Class	White Sails
# Races	10	10	10	10	10

5.9 Discards

All fleets:

8 races 2 discards

7 races 2 discards

6 races 2 discards

5 races 1 discard

4 races 1 discard

Less than 4 races 0 discard

6. MARKS OF THE COURSE

6.1 Inshore course. The starting mark for the offshore courses will be an orange inflatable buoy. The starting mark for the inshore courses will be the one of the SCYC club lines.

6.2 Offshore course. Mark 1 will be a blue inflatable; Mark 1a will be a black trapezoid spreader mark. Mark 2 will be an orange inflatable. Mark 4s and 4p will be blue inflatables. See Appendix 1.

6.3 To accommodate changing wind direction, Marks 1, 1a and 2 may be moved during the course of a race and after the last boat has rounded that mark. This changes RRS 33 and shall not give grounds for redress.

6.4 The marks for the inshore course will be selected each day from the SCYC club marks by the race officer. See Appendix 2.

7. WIND STRENGTH

7.1 Racing will not be started unless there is a reasonably consistent wind speed of at least six knots across the race area. The Race Officer will postpone or abandon racing if conditions are unsuitable.

8. CLASS FLAGS - DIVISIONS

8.1 Each boat racing shall conform to one of the following divisions and shall carry her appropriate class flag, prominently displayed when not on her mooring or berth.

IRC1	IRC2	Small Keelboats	Cruiser Class	White Sails
Numeral 1	Numeral 2	Numeral 5	Numeral 3	Numeral 7
White with Red Spot	Blue with White Spot	Yellow and blue Spilt vertically	Red, White & Blue Split vertically	Yellow, Red Halved horizontally



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9. RACING AREA

9.1 The Racing Area will be Tremadoc Bay. The local chart is Admiralty Chart No.1971.

9.2 Beware rocks between Carreg Y Trai Buoy and St Tudwal's Island East. Competitors are reminded that standard navigation procedures should be observed for their avoidance.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The Start Line for all classes for the Sunday practice race will be the SCYC club line.

10.3 The Start Line for IRC1, IRC2 and Small Keelboats will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the starting Mark for all other days. The buoy will be orange.

10.4 The Start Line for Cruisers and White Sails will be the SCYC club line for all other days.

10.5 When an inner limit buoy is laid adjacent to the starting line near a Committee Boat, no part of any boat shall cross a line from the buoy to the nearby mast or staff displaying an orange flag whilst racing. Neither the buoy nor the line is an obstruction. The penalty for breaking this sailing instruction is disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

10.6 The attention of competitors is drawn to the provisions of RRS 23. This Rule will be strictly enforced at the start of every race.

10.7 Any boat which has not reached the vicinity of the Starting Line when the warning signal is made may proceed under power until it nears the Starting Line. The engine must be stopped before it crosses the line, and the boat must make a 360-degree turn under sail prior to crossing the line to start racing. To qualify as a starter, a boat must cross the line no later than 10 minutes after the starting signal for its class. This alters RRS 42.1.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The offshore course finish line will be between the committee boat flying a blue flag and the finishing damn buoy flying a blue flag indicated in Appendix 1.

11.2 The round the cans finish line will be the SCYC club line.

12. SHORTENED COURSE

12.1 For all races, when IC Flag 'S' (white with blue square centre) is flown and accompanied by two sound signals from a Committee Boat at any mark of the course then the Finishing Line will be between that mark and the mast flying a blue flag on that Committee Boat.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for the IRC1, IRC2 races and the Small Keelboat classes will be two hours from the time the class starts at the discretion of the Course Race Officer. The race shall be valid for all those boats finishing within the time limit. Boats failing to finish within one hour after the second boat in their class, or within the time limit, whichever is the later; will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35.

13.2 The time limit for the Cruiser Class and White Sails classes will be approximately four hours from the time the class starts at the discretion of the Course Race Officer. The race shall be valid for all those boats finishing within the time limit. Boats failing to finish within one hour after the first boat in their class, or within the time limit, whichever is the later; will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 Protests must be lodged with the Race Committee at the Race Office at SCYC, on the correct forms available at that office, within 90 minutes after the last boat in the last race of the day of their class crosses the finish line.



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14.2 A boat intending to protest must inform the Finish Committee Boat at its earliest opportunity.

14.3 In the event of a Protest between two boats, Arbitration is available instead of a full Protest Hearing. Such mediation shall replace the Protest Hearing required under RRS 63. This system may only be used if before the Hearing all the parties involved agree to accept all mediation decisions as final. The penalty for the losing boat is 25% of the place penalty. No penalty shall result in a score which would exceed that of disqualification.

14.4 Protests will be heard at the earliest opportunity after the race in accordance with RRS 63.

14.5 Notices of protests will be posted on the official notice board.

15. PROHIBITED AREAS

15.1 It is forbidden for any competitor to sail:

- Inside the beacon marking the surface water drainage outfall approximately 500 metres NE of the SCYC clubhouse
- Inside the beacon marking the end of the SCYC slipway

16. SAFETY

16.1 In the interest of safety all yachts must ensure that their anchor is NOT positioned forward of the stem or with any part outboard whilst racing.

16.2 Any boat not intending to finish a race should inform the committee boat at their first opportunity.

17. POINT SCORING

17.1 Point scoring for all races will be as specified in the Notice of Race 6.5.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 Radio communications between Committee Boat and competitors on the offshore courses will be on VHF Channel M2 (ICOM P4)

18.2 Radio communications between the Bridge and competitors on the inshore course will be on VHF Channel 69.

18.3 Channel 37 (Channel 'M1') is reserved for communication with SCYC.

18.4 Competitors should restrict transmissions on these Channels to urgent matters.

18.5 For the convenience only of competitors, information relating to daily racing courses and boats recalled due to being OCS may be given by the PRO on Channel M2 (ICOM P4).

19. MOBILE PHONES

19.1 The race committee may send WhatsApp messages 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.

20. DISCLAIMER AND RESPONSIBILITY

20.1 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.

20.2 RRS Appendix J Addendum A (RYA) 'Risk Statement' will also apply.

21. INSURANCE

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

22. PRIZES

22.1 List of trophies to be awarded in addition to the Daily Prizes.



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22.2 Individual classes

IRC1 Class	The Force Tension Cup: for the winning IRC1 boat overall
	The Abersoch Keelboat Week Cup: for the winning IRC1 boat in Sunday's Practice Race
IRC2 Class	The David Fawcett Trophy: for the winning IRC2 boat overall.
	The Will Parc Memorial Trophy: for the winning IRC2 boat in Sunday's Practice Race
Small Keelboats	TBA: for the winning Small Keelboat overall
	TBA: for the winning Small Keelboat in Sunday's practice race
Cruiser Class	The Haulfryn Cup: for the winning Cruiser Class boat overall
	The Nat West Salver: for the winning Cruiser Class boat in Sunday's practice race
White Sails	The Charles Hancox Gentleman's Race Trophy: for the White Sails boat overall
	The Ewart Jones Memorial Trophy: for the winning White Sails boat in Sunday's practice race

22.3 All classes

Additional prizes will be awarded for overall series performances. The number and allocation of these prizes will be determined once final class entry numbers are known and will be announced during Abersoch Keelboat Week



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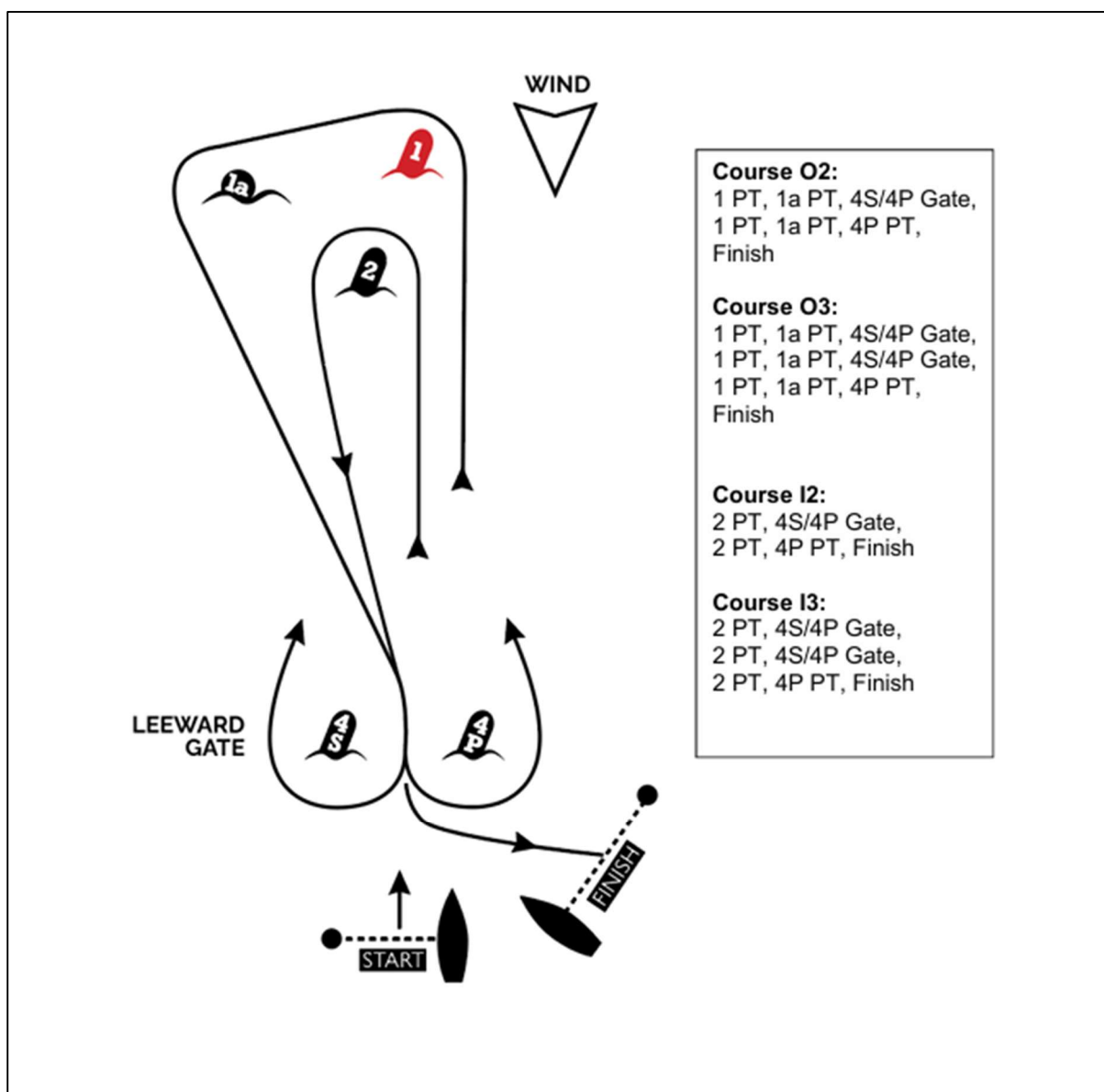
Appendix 1 - Offshore Courses

IRC1 Windward Leeward course. Start Committee Boat - consisting of 1P, 1a, Start Line and Finish Line gates. The number of laps will be indicated on a board on the Committee Boat.

IRC2 Windward Leeward course. Start Committee Boat - consisting of 2P, Start Line and Finish Line gates. The number of laps will be indicated on a board on the Committee Boat.

Small Keelboats Windward Leeward course. Start Committee Boat - consisting of 2P, Start Line and Finish Line gates. The number of laps will be indicated on a board on the Committee Boat.

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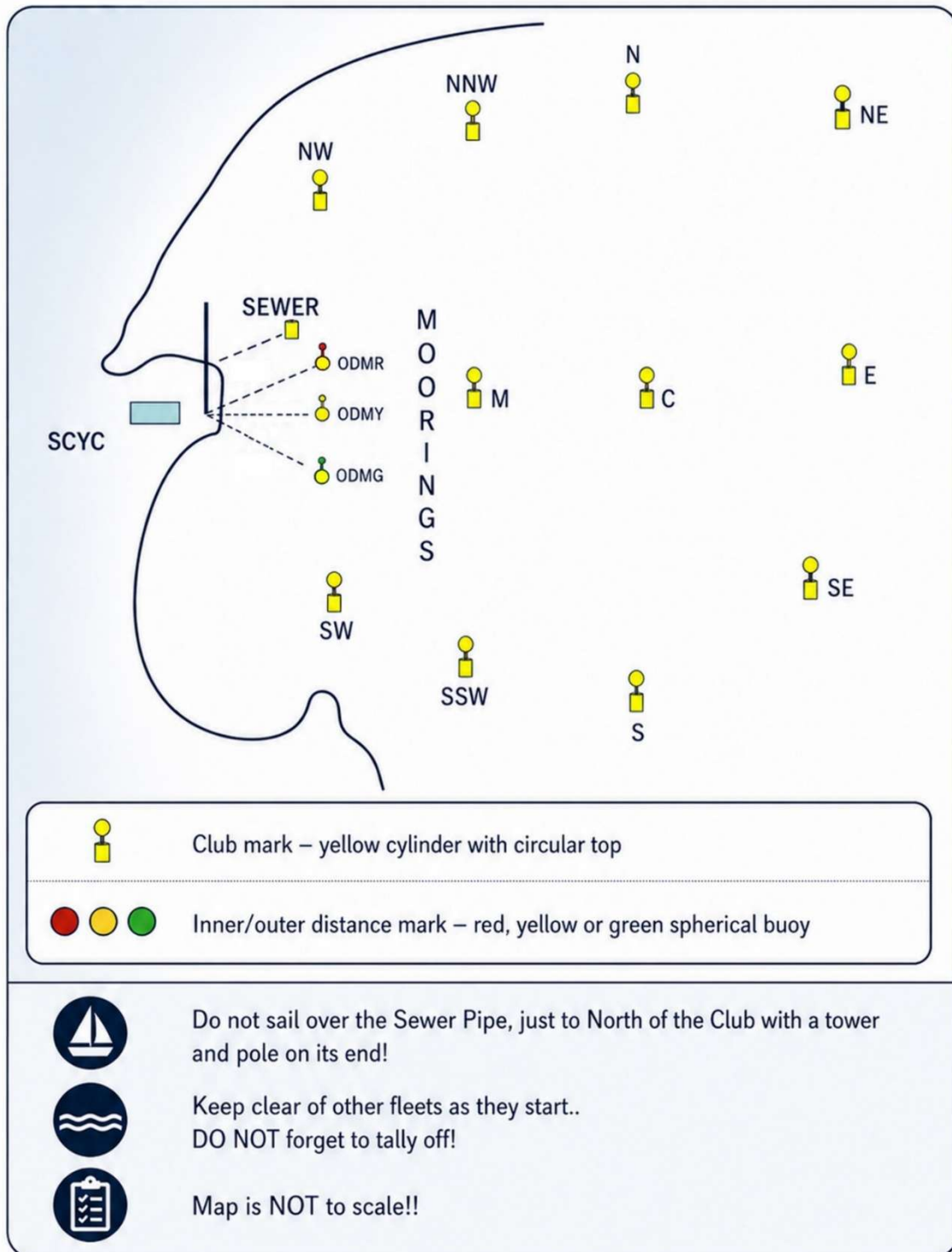
Appendix 2 - Inshore Courses

The course to be sailed will be communicated to competitors at/by display on the SCYC Bridge and on WhatsApp.



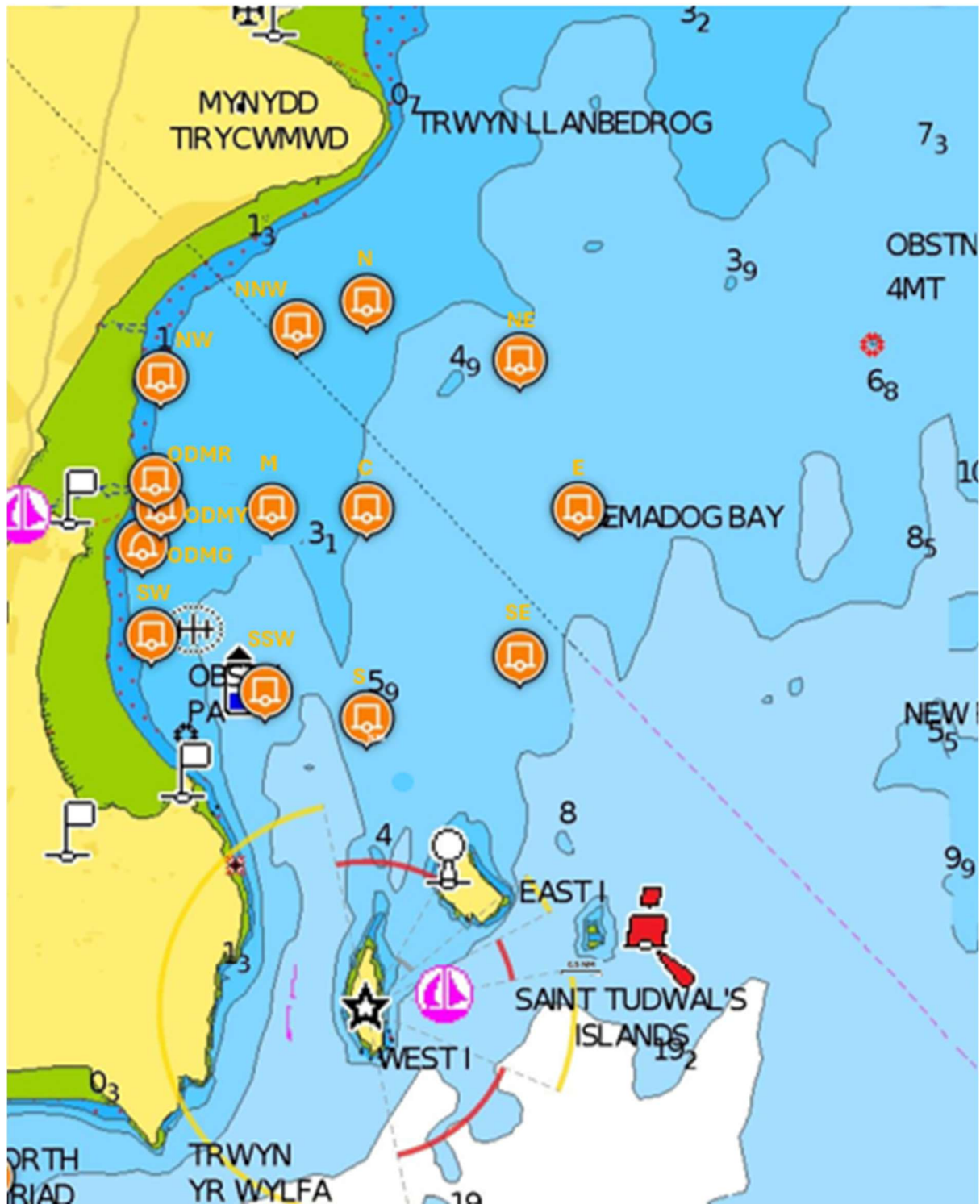
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SCYC CLUB MARKS





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SCYC MARKS - DESCRIPTIONS AND POSITIONS

Changed 2022) Map Datum WGS84

Co-ordinates are shown in degrees, minutes and decimals of a minute

To be read in conjunction with the schematic chart of the bay.

Buoy Name	Shape	Top Mark	Colour	Approximate Latitude	Approximate Longitude
NW	C	O	Y	52°49.91'	04°29.48'
NNW	C	O	Y	52°50.10'	04°28.84'
N	C	O	Y	52°50.18'	04°28.27'
NE	C	O	Y	52°49.98'	04°27.41'
E	C	O	Y	52°49.47'	04°27.08'
SE	C	O	Y	52°48.97'	04°27.41'
S	C	O	Y	52°48.76'	04°28.27'
SSW	C	O	Y	52°48.85'	04°28.84'
SW	C	O	Y	52°49.04'	04°29.48'
ODMG	C	O	Y/G	-	-
ODMY	C	O	Y	52°49.47'	04°29.43'
ODMR	C	O	Y/R	-	-
IDMG	S	-	G	-	-
IDMY	S	-	Y	-	-
IDMR	S	-	R	-	-
C (Centre)	C	O	Y	52°49.47'	04°28.27'
M (Moorings)	C	O	Y	52°49.47'	04°28.80'
Causeway	S	L	B & Y	52°41.20'	04°25.40'
Eurwyn	S	X	Y	52°46.02'	04°22.00'
Tom	S	O	Y	52°50.20'	04°22.07'
Cilan	CT	-	Y	52°47.20'	04°30.40'

C = Cylindrical S = Spherical X = Cross Top O = Circular Top

CT = Cylindrical Trapezoid G = Green R = Red Y = Yellow L = Light

Offshore Marks - Inflatable

Various shapes and colours including Orange and Yellow Cylindrical, Orange and Yellow Dumpy and Black Tetrahedral.