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Welcome



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Invitation

To All Plas Heli Volunteers

To Receive the

RYA Cymru Wales Impact Award

An award for the hard work, passion and commitment to supporting and running Welsh, UK and International events at Plas Heli.

RYA CW reported on the dedication from the Plas Heli Team, the team work and camaraderie that isn't matched in any other venue.

Saturday 22nd November 2025

At Plas Heli at 6.30 for 7pm

**Dress code: Smart Casual
Buffet and Welcome Drink**



The RYA Cymru Wales Impact Awards shine a light on those who deserve recognition for going above and beyond to support activities afloat in Wales.

The aim is to recognise the hard work and dedication that enables our sport from the grassroots upwards to be successful, sustainable, inclusive and valued.

In 2025, Plas Heli proudly celebrates a decade in its new facility.

Over the past eighteen years (2007–2025), we have hosted 10 World Championships and more than 105 UK National Championships, alongside numerous other RYA, RYA CW and Class Associations competitions and training camps.

Community support remains at the heart of Plas Heli's mission.

Celebrating the RYA CW Impact Award.

An award to all Plas Heli Volunteers for their hard work, passion and commitment in supporting and running Welsh, UK and International events at Plas Heli.

Recognising commitment and community
achievements together



Message from Chair of RYA Cymru Wales – Sian Reynolds

Thankyou to all

Your time, skill, unwavering commitment do not go unnoticed.

You truly make the difference and help make every event held at Plas Heli memorable and unforgettable.

The smiles shared on the dock and afloat show competitors how much you care, and how far you all go to ensure that Plas Heli delivers world-class events with a splash of our bendigedig Welsh spirit.

On behalf of RYA CW – Diolch yn Fawr



2015 – 2025

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Key Points



- A Decade of Achievement at Plas Heli
- Recognising Our Volunteers
- Sailing Events and RYA Training: Fostering Excellence
- Community Engagement and Partnerships
- Looking Forward: The Future of Plas Heli

Milestones of the Welsh National Sailing Academy and Event Centre

Establishment as Sailing Academy

Plas Heli was designated as the Welsh National Sailing Academy, marking a key achievement in sailing education and training.

Hosting Major Events

The centre has successfully hosted major sailing events, attracting competitors and audiences nationally and internationally.

Facility Expansion

Significant expansion of facilities has improved support for sailing excellence and athlete development at Plas Heli.



Key Highlights from the Past 10 Years

Successful Regattas

Hosted numerous National and international sailing regattas, boosting the sport's profile and participation.

Community Engagement

Increased involvement of local communities through both club and facility use, encouraging broad participation.

Innovative Sailing Events

Attracted new sailing programmes attracting participants from diverse backgrounds and skill levels, such as the Techno World Championships





Growth of the Facility

Facility Expansion

The facility has grown by improving infrastructure and repurposing elements of the building.

Local Economic Growth

The facility's growth has boosted the local economy, with the attraction of large sailing events, helping both the hospitality and accommodation sectors.

Community and Youth Engagement

Opportunities for community involvement and youth participation in sailing via Pwllheli Sailing Club have allowed many young sailors to progress to both recreational keelboat racing, and employment in the marine sector.

Recognising our volunteers





Event Organisation

Volunteers play a crucial role in planning and executing events at Plas Heli, ensuring everything runs smoothly, in conjunction with the class associations.



Event Support

Volunteers drive safety and committee boats, man the safety bridge help our visitors with parking of their caravans and boat trailers and clear up the rubbish! And then return the centre to “base settings” ready for the next event or room booking.



Maintenance Duties

Volunteers help maintain facilities and equipment, contributing to a safe and welcoming environment.



Stories and Testimonials from Volunteers

Volunteer Passion and Commitment

Personal stories reflect volunteers' strong passion and dedication to making a positive impact.

Putting Something Back

Volunteer involvement enriches their own lives by providing meaningful and rewarding experiences.

Community Impact

Volunteer efforts contribute significantly to strengthening and improving facilities for all

Hosting National and International Sailing Events

High-Profile Competitions

The centre hosts prestigious sailing events that draw top sailors from across the UK and internationally.

International Participation

Events attract participants from various countries, enhancing global engagement and sportsmanship.



Successes in RYA Training and Development

Quality Sailing Training

Plas Heli facilitates high-quality RYA training programmes that improve sailing skills effectively.

Skill Advancement

Training enables sailors to progressively advance their abilities and confidence on the water

Olympic Pathway

RYA training flows through to selection for Youth and Senior British teams



Encouraging Youth Participation

Youth Sailing Programmes

The centre offers inclusive sailing programmes to engage and inspire young people to learn sailing skills, via CHIPAC, the youth section Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club





Home of Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club

Plas Heli Base

Plas Heli is the central hub supporting the activities of the Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC)

Sailing Community

The club fosters a vibrant and inclusive sailing community sharing passion for the sport, with members racing and cruising all over the world.



Strengthening Community Role

Collaborating with user groups enhances Plas Heli's influence and engagement within the community

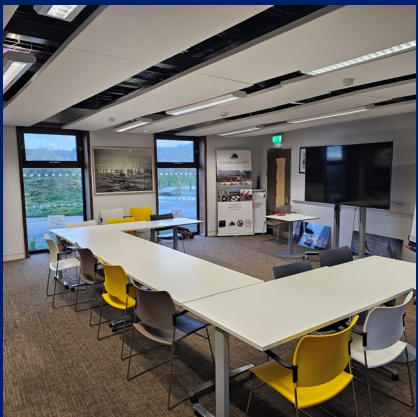
- > Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club
- > RYA Cymru Wales
- > Clwb Rhwfo Pwllheli
- > Music Events in the Café/Bar



Shared Resources

Joint efforts enable sharing of resources, reducing costs and increasing efficiency for all groups involved.

- > Classrooms used by Bangor University for community access to learn Welsh
- > The hall used by Clwb Rygbi Pwllheli juniors for winter training
- > The compound used by the annual Llyn Motor rally
- > The hub used by the paddling and rowing clubs



Knowledge Exchange

Working together facilitates the exchange of knowledge and expertise for mutual benefit and growth

Facility Upgrades since the Covid Pandemic



- > Installation of a 3500kg Pillar crane to offer dry sailing/rib launching.
- > Reconfigure upgrade and add pontoons to offer more berthing.
- > Removal of wooden steps to upgrade balcony and access, compound and quayside improvements to offer dinghy washdown, camping and motorhome spaces for events and visitors with electric hookups.
- > New committee boat and upgraded safety ribs, 8 new engines, one rib retubed, one replacement rib purchased.
- > Class/training room upgrades with smart TV's and new desks
- > New front doors and media screens



Plans for Future Events and Developments

Diverse Sailing Events

Plans to host a wider range of sailing events aim to attract varied participants and spectators.

Facility Expansion

Increase size of the first floor balcony to offer better use of space for both events and visitors.

Reconfigure showers, and proceed with plans for new shower block



Continuing Volunteer Engagement and Recognition

Volunteer Training

Providing continuous training empowers volunteers with skills to enhance their contributions and confidence.

Recognition Programs

Acknowledging volunteer efforts through awards and public appreciation motivates sustained engagement.

Involvement Opportunities

Offering diverse roles and participation opportunities fosters volunteer commitment and satisfaction.

Vision for the Next Decade



Leading Sailing Centre

Plas Heli aims to be a premier sailing centre recognised for its quality and leadership in the sport.

Embracing Sustainability

Commitment to sustainability ensures environmentally friendly practices in all sailing and centre activities.

Community Growth

Fostering community growth by encouraging participation and collaboration within the sailing community.

Fostering Excellence

Striving for excellence in every endeavour to provide the best experience for events, clubs and visitors

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Diolch Yn Fawr

