

# Lucy's hoping for a hot homecoming

INTERNATIONAL windsurfer Lucy Horwood from Pwllheli is preparing to compete in the second round of a UK championship on her home turf.

Lucy, 25, is currently ranked number two in the world and will compete in the Welsh leg of the UK Windsurfing Association (UKWA) Cup Series at Abererch over the weekend.

The three-day event is a qualification regatta for GB teams to attend the 2005 World Championships and the 2006 national squads.

Lucy spoke of her preparation: "Last year I hurt my back so had to pull out of this competition, so I'm really looking forward to the event.

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"I enjoy racing at Pwllheli."

She has already had a good start to the season by winning the first round of the championship at a regatta held in Cornwall over the Easter holiday.

"I should know the conditions better than anyone else there," added Lucy who learnt to surf off the Llŷn when she was 11.

She has recently moved to Weymouth where the Sailing Academy is based.

"I have been sailing every day this week and getting plenty of practice in.

"The event at Pwllheli will be course racing with four 25-minute races each day, wind permitting.

"Pwllheli is really good for windsurfing and I hope there will be good wind and wave conditions. It can get hectic with many competitors but it is a safe place to compete."

Lucy and fellow world class windsurfer Dan Ellis, with the help of Pwllheli Sailing club, will be running a Formula Racing Clinic on Friday April 29.

The UKWA Welsh Cup will be held at Abererch from Saturday April 30 to Monday May 2.

● For more about the windsurfing event see news page eight (South editions only).

# Lucy falls short in surf competition

THE Welsh leg of the UK Windsurfing Association (UKWA), held at Pwllheli this weekend, was hailed a huge success by the event organisers.

Local competitor Lucy Horwood was pipped at the post and held to second place by Raceboard World Champion Bryony Shaw in the three day event.

Bad weather hampered competition for the top fleet and conditions only allowed racing for one afternoon.

## RESULTS:

- Formula Fleet: 1 Jamie Lever, 2 Keith Atkinson.
- First Formula Woman: Bryony Shaw.
- Free Formula Fleet: 1 Mike Blackgrove, 2. Liam Round.
- Raceboard Fleet: 1. Adam Pepelasis, 2. Alex Griffith.
- First Raceboard Junior: Elliot Carney.
- National Under-15: 1. Ali Masters, 2. Redmond Scales.
- First Raceboard Woman: Laura Bray.
- First Raceboard Youth: Alex Griffith.

Surf's up: The competitors at Pwllheli.

