



**Notice of Race**  
**Entries are invited for the**  
**Topper Traveller Open Meeting**  
**Organised by Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club**  
**On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

## **1. Rules**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*
- 1.2** Racing Rules 35, A4 and A5 are changed as follows: A time limit of 75 minutes for the first boat to finish will be imposed. If the leading boat finishes in this time, the time will be extended by a further 20 minutes. Boats not finishing within this time limit will be scored in their observed positions on the course or last mark rounding position if recorded.
- 1.3** Rules 61.3 and 62.2 are changed as follows: The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the protesting competitor has finished the session in which the incident occurred or 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. [The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.
- 1.4** Rule 40 is changed as follows: Personal Buoyancy must be worn at all times when on the water. Flag Y will not be displayed.  
The changes in full will appear in the Sailing Instructions. The sailing instructions may change other rules.

## **2. Eligibility and Entry**

The regatta is open to all boats of the Topper class. Boats sailing with a 4.2 sail will be scored with the same handicap as the 5.3 sail.

## **3. Fees**

Entry fees are: £8 on-line via the Leigh & Lowton SC website before 20th September 2019, £12 cash entry on the day.

## **3. Schedule**

The racing will take place on 21st September 2019.  
Registration: from 09:30am  
Briefing: 10.15am  
First race preparatory signal scheduled at 10:55am, races 2 and 3 to follow.

## **4. Sailing Instructions**

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on line beforehand.

## **6. Venue**

- 6.1** The location of Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club is Green Lane, Off Sandy Lane, Lowton, Warrington. WA3 1BJ.  
Directions to the club can be found on the club website [www.llsc.org.uk](http://www.llsc.org.uk).
- 6.2** The racing area will be on Pennington Flash.

## **7. Courses**

The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

## **8. Scoring**

- 8.1** 1 race is required to constitute a series
- 8.2** When fewer than 3 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.  
When 3 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 8.3** There will be no handicapping applied. Boats sailing with a 4.2 sail will be scored with the same handicap as the 5.3 sail.

## **9. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded according to the number of entries, but at least for the first 3 places.

## **10. Insurance**

Each participating boat will be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least £3,000,000.

## **11. Risk statement**

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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, 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 event;
- 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 event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser 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.

## **12. Cancellation**

If cancellation is required due to weather or any other unforeseen event, then this will be notified via the website at least 24 hours before the start time for the event.