

**Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club**  
Junior and Youth Winter Regatta and IOCA North West  
Optimist Winter Championships  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
**NOTICE OF RACE**



## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Rule 26 is changed to allow an alternative start sequence.
- 1.3 Rule 30.4 is changed. See SI 9.6.
- 1.4 Rule 32 changed to allow the race to be shortened at the Committee Boat on station at the finish.
- 1.5 Rule 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit as DNF
- 1.6 Rule 40 is changed so that personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.7 Appendix A 4.2 changed so that a boat that does not finish is scored the points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats starting the race.
- 1.8 Rule 41 is amended to allow outside assistance to less experienced sailors by the coach boat. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

The event is open to all monohull dinghies less than 21' in length. To compete in the event, helms and crews shall be under the age of 19 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Four fleets will be sailed Youth/Laser, Handicap, Optimist and RS Feva.

Helms of Optimist dinghies must be younger than 16 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

To be eligible for the under 14 category, helms and crews shall be under 14 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

The Youth/Laser fleet shall start with the Handicap fleet if the number of entries is less than five.

The Optimist fleet shall start with the Handicap fleet if the number of entries is less than five.

The Feva fleet shall start with the Handicap fleet if the number of entries is less than five.

## **4 FEES**

Fees are as follows:

- single-handed entry: £10 for early on-line entry before 23:59hrs on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- double-handed entry: £15 for early on-line entry before 23:59hrs on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

On-line entry only.

This will be open to allow on-the-day entries, but the fees will be as follows:

- single-handed entry: £15 for entry from 00.01hrs Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- double-handed entry: £25 for entry from 00.01hrs Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Entry will finally close at 10:15hrs on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## **5 SCHEDULE**

5.1 Registration will take place from 09:00 to 10:20hrs. Please register your attendance even if you have entered on-line.

5.2 There will be a competitors' briefing at approximately 10:20hrs.

5.3 Number of races: 3 races maximum

5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:57hrs.

5.5 The expected format of races (weather conditions permitting) is one race before lunch, two races after lunch with a short break between the second and third races.

## **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions and event appendix will be available at registration.

## **7 VENUE**

7.1 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).

7.2 The racing area will be on Pennington Flash.

## **8 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be described in the event appendix available at registration.

## **9 SCORING**

9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

9.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **10 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded in each fleet providing there are more than three boats in the fleet.

## **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 inherently 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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 INSURANCE**

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

## **13 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please visit the club website at [www.llsc.org.uk](http://www.llsc.org.uk).