



FLASH DASH

Notice of Race
Entries are invited from asymmetric dinghies for the
Open event on
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th April 2027

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at least 3 days before the first scheduled race on the Leigh & Lowton Sailing Club WebCollect event page. See <https://webcollect.org.uk/llsc> and select this event.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to monohull classes of dinghies carrying an asymmetric spinnaker (incl Laser Vortex), under 21 feet in length.
- 3.2 Entry is online only, cash entry on the day will **not** be accepted.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online via Leigh & Lowton website using WebCollect. See <https://webcollect.org.uk/llsc> and select this event.
- 3.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4. Fees

Entry fees are all paid online only:

Double-Handed £22 (single day), £38 (all weekend)

Single-Handed £17 (single day), £27 (all weekend)

Juniors (U18) Double-Handed £17 (single day), £33 (all weekend)

Junior (U18) Single-Handed £17 (single day), £22 (all weekend)

Reminder- entry fee for LLSC members is free for both days of the FLASH DASH weekend.

5. Schedule

Dates of Racing: 3rd and 4th April 2027.

The expected schedule will be an 8 race series over the Saturday and Sunday, as follows, although this schedule may be subject to change:

Saturday:

Briefing at 11:20 hrs

1st race warning signal at 11:57 hrs plus at least three further races, which may be back to back with a break for lunch.

Sunday:

Briefing at 09:50 hrs

The first race warning signal will be at 10:27 hrs, followed by further races, which may be back to back with a break for lunch. No warning signal will be sounded after 15:30 hrs.

Prize-giving.

6. Clothing and Equipment

- 6.1 RRS 40.1 is changed as follows: Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 6.2 All boats must comply with their Class Association rules.

6.3 Boats and sails may be scrutineered or measured at any time during the weekend.

7. Venue

7.1 The race area will be Pennington Flash, at the location of Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club is Green Lane, Off Sandy Lane, Lowton, Warrington. WA3 1BJ.

7.2 Directions to the club can be found on the club website www.llsc.org.uk.

8. The Courses

8.1 Wind dependant the races will be sailed on windward/leeward course. Details in Sailing Instructions and at the briefing where necessary.

9. Scoring & Results

9.1 2 races are required to constitute a series

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

9.3 When 3, 4, 5 or 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

9.4 When 7 or 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

9.5 Rule A5.3 applies

9.6 Fleet Results for the FLASH DASH event will depend on the numbers in each Class. Classes with 10 or more entries per fleet will have their own fleet start. There will be a Handicap Fleet for classes with fewer numbers.

10. Risk Statement

Rule 3 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 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;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

11. Insurance

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

12. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to at least the first boat. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

13. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is

contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

14. Cancellation

If cancellation is required due to weather or any other unforeseen event, then where possible this will be notified via the <http://llsc.org.uk/> website at least 24 hours before the start time for the event.

15. Further Information

For further information please contact sailing@llsc.org.uk.