



Notice of Race
Entries are invited for the
Laser Open Meeting
Organised by Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club
On Saturday 7th November 2020

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Personal Buoyancy must be worn at all times when on the water. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3 RRS 26 is changed. The warning signal will be 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal 2 minutes before the starting signal.
- 1.4 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 following classes:

- Laser (full, Radial and 4.7 rigs)

Eligible boats must pre-enter online. Entries will **not** be accepted on the day and numbers will be restricted.

3. Fees

Required entry fees are:

- £10 (£5 for LLSC members) online entry until 5th November at <http://webcollect.org.uk/llsc>

4. Schedule

There will not be a registration process; all competitors will have pre-entered.

Briefing via Zoom Friday 6th November 19:00. A link will be emailed to all competitors earlier in the day. All competitors should attend as the information will not be repeated on day.

4 races are scheduled on Saturday 7th November.

It is intended that there will be 2 races back to back in the morning, a break for lunch and 2 back to back in the afternoon, although this is subject to change.

The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race is 10:27.

5. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available 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.

7. Scoring

- 7.1 1 race is required to constitute a series

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

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

PY handicaps will not be used; each rig will be treated as a separate fleet. Any change of rig or sail number must be notified to the race committee at least 45 minutes before the first warning signal and changes during the day are not permitted.

8. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to a minimum of the first Full, Radial and 4.7 rigs.

9. Disclaimer of Liability

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.

10. Insurance

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

11. Cancellation

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

12. Covid-19 Restrictions

The changing rooms and showers will **not** be open. Competitors must change outside. Toilet facilities in the clubhouse will be open- please follow the signs.

The galley will be open for take-aways- Breakfast, lunch and afternoon cake.

Masks must be worn in the clubhouse and you should access the clubhouse for the toilets and galley only.

Anyone with covid symptoms or awaiting a test result must not attend.

Please use the full foreshore when launching to maintain social distancing.

See <https://webcollect.org.uk/llsc/event/sailing-w-c-27th-july/file/LLSC-Club-COVID-19-Procedures-Phase-4-v1-30July2020.pdf>