



Notice of Race
Entries are invited for the
Regatta Weekend, including the Miracle Open &
Optimist NW Area
Organised by Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club On
9th/10th July 2016

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*

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.

1.5 Rule 30.1 is changed as follows: For a Recalled Black flag start, boats that were deemed to be BFD, will not be displayed and may restart as normal, but will be awarded a BFD in their results.

The changes in full will appear in the Sailing Instructions. The sailing instructions may change other rules.

2. Advertising

Advertising will be Category C in accordance ISAF regulation 20

3. Fees

Entries should be made online before the event, through the link - <https://webcollect.org.uk/llsc>.

Please follow instructions on the site. A discount for those entering this way **until the 7th July** will be available with the resultant entry fees below:

Entry is free to LLSC club members.

Single Day: Double Hander £15

Single Day: Single Hander £10

Single Day: Junior £8 (£10 Double Handled Junior)

Full Weekend: Double Hander £25

Full Weekend: Single Hander £20

Full Weekend: Junior £15 (£20 Double Handled Junior)

Entry fees at the club on the day of the Regatta will be at a premium:

Single Day: Double Hander £22

Single Day: Single Hander £15

Single Day: Junior £12 (£15 Doubled Handed Junior)
Full Weekend: Double Hander £35
Full Weekend: Single Hander £28
Full Weekend: Junior £22 (£28 Doubled Handed Junior)

4. Schedule

Registration: from 10:00 Saturday and 09.30 Sunday
Briefing: 11.00 Saturday, 10.00 Sunday

Saturday 9th July: Warning signal for the first fleet for race 1: 1157, races 2 & 3 to follow.

Sunday 10th July: Warning signal for the first fleet for race 4: 1057, races 5 & 6 to follow.

5. Sailing Instructions

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available on line and at registration. Courses will be advised in the sailing instructions, but include provision for asymmetric windward-leeward if enough entries in advance.

6. Scoring

1 race is required to constitute a series. With the exceptions noted below, the two days will be scored separately. When less than 3 races have been completed there will be no discards and all races will count. When 3 races have been completed one discard will be allowed. The overall winner across all fleets will be determined as the lowest points score over all 6 races – the John Barnes Trophy.

Exceptions: Optimist NW Areas/Miracle Open will be raced over 2 days. When 3 races or less have been sailed, all results will count towards the final score. When 4 or more races have been sailed, one discard will be allowed.

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 .
7.2 The racing area will be on Pennington Flash.

8. Courses

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

9. Prizes

As a minimum, prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each fleet.

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.

13. Further Information

For further information please visit the club website at www.llsc.org.uk or contact Martin Tubb at sailing@llsc.org.uk.