



**Notice of Race**  
**Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club**  
**Sunrise to Sunset Endurance Race**  
**13<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

## **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
  - RRS 26: Alternative starting arrangements will be identified in the Sailing Instructions
  - RRS 40.1: 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.
  - RRS Rule 41: Safety boat crews will be permitted to provide assistance to help recover boats from capsize without penalty. Assistance at crew changeover shall be allowed using other members of the team. Assistance in the event of damage to tow a boat to the hauling out area shall be allowed but the lap completed in whole or part under tow shall be disallowed.
  - RRS Rule 45: A boat shall not be required to be afloat at the preparatory signal. However, the timing of the laps completed by the boat shall be calculated from the race starting time as though the boat had been afloat.
  - RRS Rule 48: Teams will be allowed to substitute class compliant equipment and sails during the race. Changeover to a spare hull of the same class will only be allowed in the event of a catastrophic gear failure on the hull and in agreement with the Race Committee, e.g. a chain-plate pulling off the hull. In such an event, the existing mast, shrouds, sails and rudder/tiller assembly must be transferred across from the original hull to the spare hull. For the Hansa class, racing may continue in a single craft if a spare hull is unavailable. Crew shall be allowed to leave the boat to change to a different crew.
  - RRS Rule 60.1: Teams shall be required to use protest flags, red, minimum 100mm x 100mm but the time to display shall be until the protestor is satisfied that the protestee has undertaken the necessary penalty or that the protestor has finished their sailing session.
  - RRS Rule 61.2 is changed to require requests for redress to be delivered within the protest time limit.
  - RRS Rule 77 is changed to allow sails to be used without compliance with Appendix G of Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 with regards to national letters and numbers on sails.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instruction. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

## **2 Sailing Instructions**

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at least 21 days before the start of the race on the Leigh & Lowton Sailing Club WebCollect event page. See <https://webcollect.org.uk/llsc> and select this event.
- 2.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the event noticeboard in the clubhouse and may be supplemented with a notification on the event WhatsApp group.
- 2.3 The course will be sailed around a course defined by Leigh and Lowton SC club marks. The course will be displayed in the Race Box window for the duration of the race.

## **3 Advertising**

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## **4 Eligibility and Entry**

- 4.1 The event is open to any dinghy in the International Enterprise (without spinnaker), GP14, Firefly and Hansa 303 classes.
- 4.2 Entrants must be from an affiliated sailing club.
- 4.3 Hansa teams shall comprise two double-handed Hansa craft each, allowing for crews to changeover on one craft whilst the second is racing.
- 4.4 Each boat shall be sailed by *bona fide* members of the club or organisation entering the boat.
- 4.5 No Competitor shall sail for more than one team unless with the express permission of the Race Committee.
- 4.6 To compete in the event, entrants must define which of the following four categories their teams fall into.

These are:

- Unrestricted – no restriction on age or gender of helms and crews
- Masters – sailed by a team of helms (of any gender) with an age of 50 or over, at the start of the race, with crews of any age or gender
- Ladies – sailed by a team consisting of female helms and crews only
- University/Youth – sailed by a team consisting of:
  - a) Members of a University Sailing Club of any age or gender. This may be a mixture of persons from different University Sailing Clubs
  - b) Members of a Youth Training Group, e.g. Feva NW Regional Training Group. This may be a mixture of persons of any gender under the age of 18, on the day of the race, from different Sailing Clubs.

4.7 Entry is online. Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online via WebCollect. See <https://webcollect.org.uk/llsc> and select this event.

4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.9 All boats entered shall display an individual sail number on the sails of the boat in a manner which shall be proscribed in the Sailing Instructions. Team sailing Hansas shall identify their team by either having the same sail number on both of their team boats or shall have an identifying bow number affixed to both of the team's craft with identical numbers on them. The sailing committee shall identify what this number shall be.

## **5 Fees**

5.1 Entry fees are: £150 per team with an early entry fee of £100 for teams who enter and pay by 23.59 on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Relative fees for University/Youth Groups will be £100 per team and £50 early entry. Clubs who enter more than two boats will receive their additional entries for free. A Hansa team comprising two craft shall be classed as a single entry.

5.2 Entry can be made on-line until 23:59 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

5.3 Teams members shall be finalised by 23:59hrs on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

## **6 Schedule**

6.1 Date of Racing: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026

6.2 Registration will be from 18:00 to 23:00 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

6.3 There will be a competitor briefing at approximately 19:00 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The briefing will be videoed and posted on the event's Facebook page by 20:00hrs on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and may also be posted on the event WhatsApp group.

6.4 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the race is 04:35.

6.5 The scheduled time for the race finish is 21:40,

6.6 One race is scheduled.

## **7 Venue**

7.1 The location of Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club is Green Lane, Off Sandy Lane, Lowton, Warrington. WA3 1BJ.

7.2 The race will be sailed on Pennington Flash.

7.3 Directions to the club can be found on the club website [www.llsc.org.uk](http://www.llsc.org.uk).

## **8 The Courses**

8.1 The Course will be displayed on the front of the Race Box before the start of the race and throughout the race.

8.2 Maps showing the location of the marks on Pennington Flash will be available in the clubhouse at registration. A copy of these maps will be an attachment in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 Penalties and Protests**

9.1 The penalties according to RRS 44.1 shall apply.

9.2 Competitors shall declare to the Race Committee any protests they wish to lodge and any penalties taken in the session, no later than 30 minutes after finishing their sailing session.

Competitors wishing to protest another team shall submit their completed protest form to the Race Committee no later than 30 minutes after finishing their sailing session.

## **10 Scoring**

10.1 There will be one overall race run during the day.

10.2 There will be 'races within the race' during the length of the Endurance Race which are identified in the Additional Event Information which is available together with the Notice of Race on the Leigh & Lowton Sailing Club webcollect event page. These 'races within the race' will be signalled by a sound signal at the nominated start time.

10.3 The classes of dinghy will be handicapped in accordance with the yardstick numbers below:

- International Enterprise (without spinnaker) - 1035
- GP14 - 1000
- Firefly - 1080
- Hansa 303 - 1600

It should be noted that the handicap placed against the Hansa 303 is an experimental one for this event and it may be necessary to adjust this handicap in future events. The Hansa must be sailed double-handed.

10.4 The overall results of the race will be decided on each team's average lap time over the duration of the race, calculated using the yardstick numbers identified in Section 10.3.

## 11 Haul Out Provisions

- 11.1 Boats may be hauled out during the race to effect repairs and maintenance. There will be no penalty for this.
- 11.2 Teams may exchange equipment on the boat, i.e. sails, spars and foils. The hull must be used throughout the race except in the case of a catastrophic gear failure on the hull (see RRS Rule 48 change in Section 1 above).

## 12 Risk Statement

- 12.1 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.

## 13 Insurance

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

## 14 Prizes

- 14.1 As a minimum there will be a prize for the first placed boat in each class and for the first three boats overall.
- 14.2 Additional prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Additional Event Information which will be available with this Notice of Race.

## 15 Privacy Statement

- 15.1 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.

## 16 Cancellation

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 In the event of cancellation, a proportion of the entry fee may be retained by the Organising Authority.

## 17 Further Information

- 17.1 For further information please contact by email at [leighandlowton\\_s2s@outlook.com](mailto:leighandlowton_s2s@outlook.com).