



Notice of Race
Entries are invited for the Topsy Icicle Series
Organised by Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club
From 8th January to 19th March 2017

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. Fees

Entry fees are:

Double Hander online entry £85 for series, cash entry per day £18

Single Hander online entry £55 for series, cash entry per day £12

Junior Double Hander online entry £55 for series, cash entry per day £12

Junior Single Hander online entry £40 for series, cash entry per day £9

Online entry at <http://webcollect.org.uk/llsc> Full Winter Series Entry with discount available

3. Schedule

Registration: from 10.00. Briefing: 11.15 (first 2 weeks only- thereafter please raise any questions at Registration). Warning signal for first race scheduled at 11:55am. Race 2 will follow after lunch, unless the Race Officer announces that races will be back to back.

4. Sailing Instructions

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be displayed at registration and online.

5. Courses

The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

6. Scoring

There will be separate results and prizes for the following fleets: Laser (including Laser Radials), Solo, Asymmetric, Handicap, Junior (Under 18), with PY handicaps applying to all fleets except Laser and Solo.

3 races are required to constitute a series

When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her best race scores from half the number of races sailed (rounded down) plus 1, with the exception of the Junior fleet where it will be half the number of races sailed (rounded down) due to squad training restrictions.

7. Insurance

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

8. 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.

9. Cancellation

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