

Notice of Race Entries are invited for the Tipsy Icicle Series Organised by Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club From 5th January to 15th March 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 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.
- 1.4 Rules 61.3 and 62.2 are changed as follows: The protest time limit is 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.]
- **1.5** 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 dinghies under 6.4 metres (21 feet) LOA.

3. Fees

Entry is free for Leigh & Lowton Sailing Club members. Entry fees for Visitors are:

	Cash entry per day	Online Entry for the Series
Doublehander	£20.00	£110.00
Singlehander	£13.00	£80.00
Junior Doublehander	£13.00	£80.00
Junior Singlehander	£10.00	£55.00
Mixed Doublehander*	£10.00	£60.00
Mixed Junior Doublehander*	£7.00	£45.00

^{*} Mixed is one LLSC member and 1 visitor sailing together For Junior double handers, both sailors must be under 18.

Online entry at http://webcollect.org.uk/llsc closes 3 days before the race Full Winter Series Entry with discount is available online.

4. Schedule

Every Sunday from 5th January to 15th March 2020

Registration: from 10.00. Even those who have pre-entered must register.

Briefing: 11:15 (first 2 weeks only- thereafter please raise any questions at Registration)

2 races are scheduled per day.

The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race is 11:57.

Races 2 is scheduled to be after lunch, although this may be changed on the day.

5. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be displayed at registration and 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** There will be separate results for the following fleets: Asymmetric, Handicap, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7), Solo and Junior (Under 18), with PY handicaps applying to all fleets except Solo.
- **7.2** Leigh and Lowton PYs will be used.
- 7.3 Lasers will be scored using their rig specific PY. They may switch between rigs, however all races in the series will be scored using the lowest (fastest) PY of the rigs used by a sailor in the series. Sailors must notify the Race Officer if they switch to a rig with a lower PY (e.g. from a Radial to a full rig).
- **7.4** 1 race is required to constitute a series
- **7.5** When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 7.6 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 plus 1, rounded down, with the exception of the Junior fleet where it will be half the number of races sailed rounded down.

8. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to at least the first place in each fleet.

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 where possible this will be notified via the llsc.org.uk website at least 24 hours before the start time for the event.