



**Notice of Race**  
**Entries are invited for the**  
**Topsy Icicle Series**  
**Organised by Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club**  
**From 5<sup>th</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

## 1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*

## 2. Sailing Instructions

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at least 3 days before the first scheduled race on the Leigh & Lowton Sailing Club webcollect event page. See <https://webcollect.org.uk/llsc> and select this event.

## 3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to all monohull dinghies under 6.4m (21 feet) LOA.

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

## 4. Fees

Entry is free for Leigh & Lowton Sailing Club members. Entry for Visitors is **online only** and the fees are:

	<b>Online Entry per day</b>	<b>Online Entry for the Series</b>
Doublehander	£20.00	£125
Singlehander	£15.00	£95
Junior Doublehander	£15.00	£95
Junior Singlehander	£12.00	£65
Mixed Doublehander*	£15.00	£65
Mixed Junior Doublehander*	£12.00	£50

\* 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>

**Full Winter Series Entry with further discount is available online.**

## 5. Schedule

Every Sunday from 5<sup>th</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Registration: from 10.00. Those who have entered online do not need to 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.

## **6. Clothing and Equipment**

- 6.1** RRS 40.1 is changed as follows: Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal floatation devices. Flag Y will not be displayed.

## **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](http://www.llsc.org.uk).

## **8. Scoring**

- 8.1** There will be separate results for the following fleets: Asymmetric, Handicap, Laser/ILCA (Full, Radial and 4.7), Solo and Junior (Under 18), with PY handicaps applying to all fleets except Solo.
- 8.2** Leigh and Lowton PYs will be used.
- 8.3** Lasers/ILCAs 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).
- 8.4** 1 race is required to constitute a series
- 8.5** When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 8.6** 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.
- 8.7** Rule A5.3 applies.
- 8.8** Queries regarding the results must be raised within 10 days of the race and prior to the prize giving on the final day of the series.

## **9. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to at least the first place in each fleet and the first Radial and Full rigs in the Laser fleet.

## **10. Risk Statement**

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.

### **11. Insurance**

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

### **12. Privacy Statement**

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.

### **13. Cancellation**

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.

### **14. Further Information**

For further information please contact [sailing@llsc.org.uk](mailto:sailing@llsc.org.uk).

### **15. Coronavirus**

Please follow the latest government guidance <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>