

Lough Neagh Sailing Club

Notice of Race 2023 Season

Members Only Spring Cruiser Racing Series

- 1 Lough Neagh Sailing Club will be the Organising Authority for the members only cruiser racing series during the 2023 season. A racing programme giving the details of the four series, including dates and start times is available to download on the Club's website at www.loughneaghsailingclub.org
- 2 Events will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 .
- 3 Club Website contains copies of NOR's and SI's along with handicap information and results.
- 4 Racing is open to all Lough Neagh Sailing Club members. The club racing is a single class and handicapped by the RYA NHC system.
- 5 The Race Programme on the Club website identifies the start time of each race. Members intending to race in a series shall complete the signing on sheet for a series of races no later than 30 minutes before the published start time of the first race of the series if they have not previously signed and returned the declaration, at the end of this Notice of Race, to the sailing secretary.
- 6 The SI's change the following rule of the RRS:
 - 6.1 Rule 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 7 Club members do not need to enter for a series in advance, but shall sign on before participating in the first race of any series they enter. The signing on sheet will contain specific statements that the members:
 - 7.1 agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions,

- 7.2 and their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.
- 8 Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their boats carry at least the minimum of safety equipment as laid out in Part 21 of the Sailing Instructions.
- 9 The Club's Sailing Instructions have been published on the Club website. Hard copies can be downloaded and printed off if required.
- 10 Courses for racing will be around the fixed Club racing marks. These are displayed on a chart on the Club noticeboard. RO's may on occasions set extra marks or virtual marks, details of which will be given out on a briefing before the start of the race that day.
- 11 The penalties for breaking a rule of Part 2 of RRS will apply.
- 12 Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, Rule A5.3 will apply. The Club this season, for all racing will be changing to the RYC NHC handicap system.
- 13 Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the RRS 2021 – 2024 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 13.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- 13.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 13.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 13.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

- 13.5 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.
- 13.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 13.7 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.

14 Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. 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.

Please Print Off Web Site and return to Sailing Secretary

For Entry to Lough Neagh Sailing Club Spring Cruiser Racing Series 2023

- 15 Declaration – To be signed by boat owners before the start of the Race Series and returned to the Sailing Secretary.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all rules that govern this event. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race, especially Parts 7 and 8, throughout the Event.

Signed:

Date:

Name of Boat: