



**Lough Neagh Sailing Club  
Dinghy Icebreaker Series 2018 - Notice of Race**

Commencing Saturday, February 17, 2018  
Briefing 12.30hrs  
First Gun 13.25hrs

**Organising Authority:** Lough Neagh Sailing Club is the organising authority.

**Rules:** Racing shall take place under the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, prescriptions of the RYA, LNSC Sailing Instructions and the appropriate class rules. Additional sailing instructions relevant to this event are included in this Notice of Race.

**Conditions of entry / Registration:** The Dinghy Icebreaker Series is an Open Dinghy event with registration of all boats required. All participants must be fully paid members of Lough Neagh Sailing Club with Non-Members obtaining temporary guest membership by registration.

**Entry Fees for series:** Members: £5 per boat Non Members: £20

**Notice to Competitors:** Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official club notice board in the clubhouse.

**Schedule of Races:** The series will consist of 7 scheduled race days with two short races per day\* – subject to OOD. \*Six Race Day March 24th

- (1) Feb 17
- (2) Feb 24
- (3) Mar 3
- (4) Mar 10
- (5) Mar 17
- (6) Mar 24\*
- (7) Mar 31

**Divisions & Fleets:** The regatta is open to all boats of PY Dinghy Classes with racing held under one class.

**Handicaps:** Handicaps will be calculated using both club and standard handicaps.

**Prize Giving:** Results will be announced at an end of the series in the clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded for first place in both Standards and Club Handicaps.

**Race Area:** Racing shall take place in the area decided on the day by the OOD.

**Courses:** Courses will be determined on the day by the OOD. The courses to be sailed will be either a Triangle or Windward/Leeward. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each

mark is to be left. Boats must pass through the Starting Line 'Gate' on windward legs. The starting line will be 'on-the-water' indicated by the committee boat. Starting line marks will be smaller yellow training marks with larger Orange marks used to define the windward/leeward and triangle courses.

The required course to be sailed will be selected by displaying the appropriate flag as follows:

Windward leeward 'W'  
Triangle course 'T'

Starting sequence will be as follows. (5,4,1,0). The second race will commence as soon as possible after completion of the first race.

**Time Limits:** Time limits for individual races are 45 mins.

**Discards:** Discards will be applied as follows.

1-4 races = 0 discard  
5-6 races = 1 discard  
7-8 races = 2 discards  
9 races or more = 3 discards

In the event of a tie, results in latter races will have priority i.e. A win in the last race will be treated as a better score to a boat that wins the second race.

**Six Race Day:** Six short races are scheduled on March 24<sup>th</sup> with race results accounting for 2 of the race icebreaker series races.

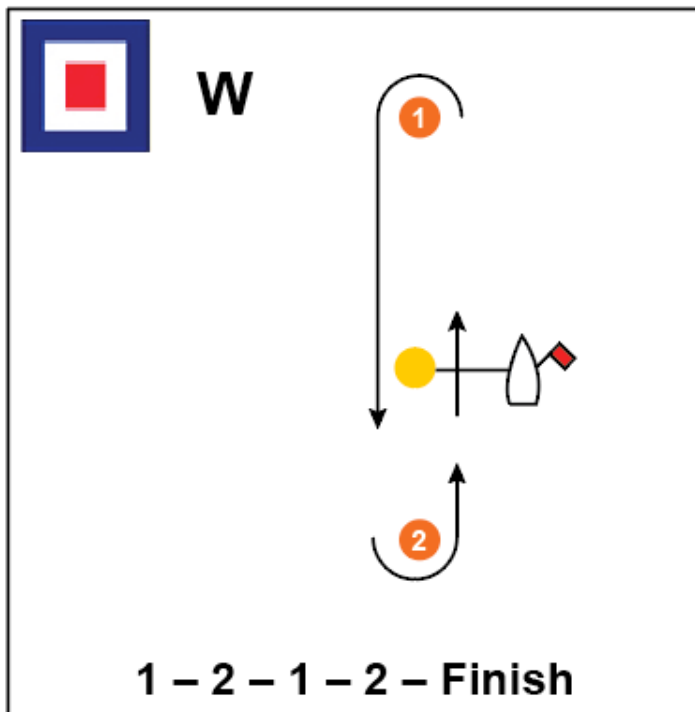
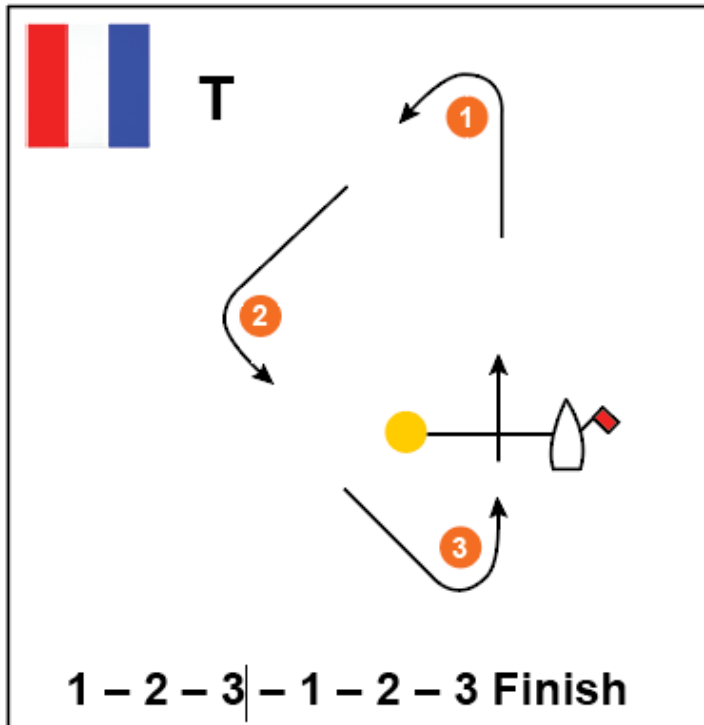
**Arbitration:** An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method.

## **RISK STATEMENT**

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in a LNSC organized 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;
- g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

Appendix (A)





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## Icebreaker Series Application

Completion of this form is a requirement for all participants.  
It grants the person/boat permission to participate in the LNSC organised event for the duration of the series as outlined in the NOR.

Helm: .....

Crew (1): .....

Crew (2): .....

Contact Number .....

Name of Boat & Sail No: .....

Sail Number/Distinguishing Boat marks: .....

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*(To assist our OOD when starting/finishing)*

Sailing Club (If applicable) .....

Email .....

*(If you want to be notified about other LNSC events please supply your email/telephone no.)*

DECLARATION I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this race. 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 throughout the event.

Signed ..... Date: .....

**NOTE: If the guest named above is under the age of 18 this form must be signed by a parent or guardian.**

**Medical Disclaimer:** Please advise of any medication and/or information that might be vital in the event of rescue. Diabetes or Ashma for instance. This is a mandatory requirement.

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Data Protection Act: All information given on this form will be treated in strictest confidence and will not be disclosed to a third party.