



## Sat AM Dinghy Series 2020 - Notice of Race

Commencing Saturday AM Saturday 5th September 2020

Registration required online:

<https://www.loughneagsailingclub.org/events/>

**Briefing** 10:00am (Slipway)

**First Gun** 10.45am

**Organising Authority:** Lough Neagh Sailing Club

**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**

Registration of all participants will be required online. All participants must be fully paid members of Lough Neagh Sailing Club with guests obtaining temporary membership by registration.

**Entry Fees;** Entry to the event is FREE but a voluntary donation of £10 is requested to cover fuel costs etc.

**Notice to Competitors;** Notices to competitors will be posted to the Dinghy WhatsApp group.

**Schedule of Races** It is proposed to run a 6 race series with a maximum of 12 races (2 races will be held each day).

### **Series dates - 10 Races**

Saturday 5 September (2 races)

Saturday 12 September (2 races)

Saturday 19 September (2 races)

Saturday 26 September (2 races)

Saturday 3 October (2 races)

Saturday 10 October (2 races)

## Divisions & Fleets

The series is open to all dinghy classes with racing held under two proposed classes,

Class 1: Topper

Class 2: Laser, Bahia, Blaze, K1

## Handicaps

Handicaps will be calculated using standards and Dinghy Handicaps.

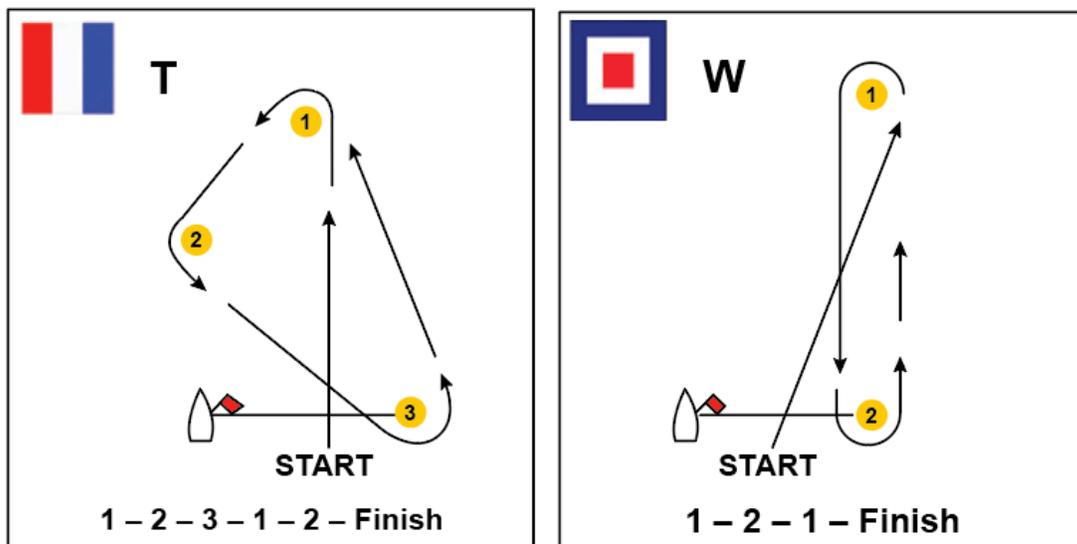
## Race Area

Racing shall take place in the area decided on the day by the club safety boat. Typically beyond and including mark 4.

## 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. Yellow training marks will be used with the possibility of using club marks i.e. Number 4. The starting line will be the leeward mark and club Safety Boat (which will operate as a committee boat on the start line).

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 on a per series basis and additionally in the calculation of the overall winner incorporating the two series as follows.

1-8 races = 0 discard

9-10 races = 2 discards

10 races or more = 4 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.

## **Arbitration**

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

## **Prize Giving**

Results will be announced at an end of series on Club communication channels. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each class.

## **RISK STATEMENT**

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in a LNSC organised 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.