



Lough Neagh Sailing Club
Dinghy Autumn Series 2020 - Notice of Race

Commencing Saturday, October 24, 2020

Briefing 12.30hrs

First Gun 13.25hrs

Register Online: www.loughneagsailingclub.org/events

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 Autumn Series is an Open Dinghy event with online registration required for each race day.
www.loughneagsailingclub.org/events

Entry Fees for series: Voluntary donation of £5 to cover rib fuel costs

Schedule of Races: The series will consist of 6 scheduled race days with two short races per day subject to OOD.

Saturday 24 October (2 Races)

Saturday 31 October (2 Races)

Saturday 7 November (2 Races)

Saturday 14 November (2 Races)

Saturday 21 November (2 Races)

Saturday 28 November (2 Races)

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 PY standard handicaps.

Social Functions: Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be no social prize-giving / function.

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 utilise the Club permanent sailing marks and may include the use of an inflatable Yellow/Orange mark when required. The start line shall be between the Club safety boat and an inflatable orange/yellow mark.

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.

1-8 races = 2 discards

9-12 races = 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.

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 safety 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.
- I. They are responsible for themselves in regards to following all Covid-19 related advice as outlined on the Club website