



Lough Neagh Sailing Club Dinghy Winter Series 2021 - Notice of Race

Commencing Saturday, 6th November, 2021
Briefing 13.30hrs
First Gun 14.00hrs

Enter Online (£20):

<https://buy.stripe.com/aEU8zhgEL5VzfpS00b>

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: The Dinghy Autumn Series is an Open Dinghy event with online entry required. <https://buy.stripe.com/aEU8zhgEL5VzfpS00b>

Entry Fees for series: £20

Entry fees will contribute to the running and maintenance of the Club Safety Boat.

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

Sat 6th November (2 Races)
Sat 13th November (2 Races)
Sat 20th November (2 Races)
Sat 27th November (2 Races)
Sat 4th December (2 Races)
Sat 11th December (2 Races)

Divisions & Fleets: The regatta is open to all boats of PY Dinghy Classes with racing held under one class. If numbers permit separate results will be created for Topper, Laser etc.

Handicaps: Handicaps will be calculated using PY standard handicaps.

Social: A prize-giving will be held after the final race on Saturday 11th December.

Race Area: Racing shall take place in the area decided on the day by the OOD. Typically this will be in the outer bay.

Courses: Courses will be determined on the day by the OOD at the briefing. The courses to be sailed will utilise inflatable Orange marks but may include the use of Club permanent sailing marks. The start line shall be between the Club safety boat and an inflatable yellow training mark.

Courses will be either Windward/Leeward or Triangular. Courses will be identified at the briefing.

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, the Racing Rules of sailing (A8 Series Ties) will apply.

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

Safety Cover: We may have to introduce a rota for safety cover in the absence of regular safety crew. Those providing safety cover will receive average points of races run so as not to be disadvantaged.

RISK STATEMENT AND DECLARATION

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Lough Neagh Sailing Club (LNSC) encourages all club members to get afloat together whether it be in their own dinghies or through use of club owned boats at organised sessions. We have a wide range of sailing experience from absolute beginner to experienced. Safety cover is provided but all sailors sail at their own risk. We organise these sessions for sailors to meet, learn, and go sailing with like-minded people.

By submitting an application for Club membership or participation in an Organised sailing session through registration:

- the applicant is deemed to have guaranteed to the Club that any boat owned by the applicant shall be constantly covered by an appropriate insurance policy and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3 million
- certify that any details given are correct

By taking part in any LNSC Sailing organised event I agree to the following:

- I certify that any details given are correct.
- I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event including any Notice of Race, Sailing instructions, Club constitution or any such rules, and that my boat will conform to their requirements.
- I undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.

DECLARATION

A boat's helm is entirely responsible for the safety of the boat, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the helm to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sail, the helm confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

LNSC as the organising authority, shall always endeavour to plan and run safe organised sessions. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the session, racing and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, committee boat(s), the race officers and others. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or injury as a result of the boat taking part in an organised session.

Club boats may be sailed by sailors with minimal experience and lack of knowledge of racing rules and as such pose a higher risk to potential accidents on the water. Privately owned boats should take this into account and take such actions to prevent potential accidents occurring. Members with privately owned boats participating in organised events that include 'beginner/improver' sailors do so, accepting that it carries this increased risk.