



Strangford Lough Yacht Club

Tuesday Night Dinghy Sailing Instructions 2020

1 Introduction

SLYC is happy to announce that Tuesday Night Dinghy racing will commence on Tuesday 14 July.

This will be open to ALL club members and any dinghy class is welcome to compete.

2 Procedure

In order to maintain social distancing, the following procedure will be applied and must be followed by all participants. Launching, racing and recovery of dinghy classes will be staggered to avoid congestion. Please see below times for your relevant class.

Toppers

Topper sailors should arrive at the club from 18:00 to rig, they should then be ready to launch at 18:30 and the first gun will be at 18:45.

Lasers/Double Handers/Others

Other dinghy sailors should arrive at the club from 18:30 to rig, they should then be ready to launch at 19:00 and the first gun will be at 19:15.

Both racing classes will have 3 races, with the toppers having one race early (ie. at 18:45), two races will then be sailed by both classes and the Lasers/Others will have their third race while toppers are going ashore.

3 Registration

Participants are asked to register their details, name, sail number etc. prior to going racing. We would also ask that an emergency contact number is provided. The registration point will be beside the course board (see below).

3 Courses/Start Sequence

The pre-set racing marks will be used where possible. The course will be displayed on the night via a whiteboard outside the wetroom. A shorter windward leg may be set for the topper class.

The start sequence for all races will be 5-4-1-Go. The GO of one class will constitute the 5 Minute gun of the other class where applicable (ie. where both classes are racing together).

5 Minute Gun – Class Flag Hoisted

4 Minute Gun – Flag P Hoisted

1 Minute Gun – Flag P Dropped

Go – Class Flag Dropped

The Class Flags used will be as follows:

Toppers – Flag T (French Flag)

Other Dinghies – Flag Q (Yellow)

4 Safety

The Race Officer on the night will conduct a risk assessment ashore. It is at the discretion of the Race Officer whether racing will go ahead.

There will be one safety boat afloat with the Race Officer acting as a secondary support boat if required.

Sailors are asked to be considerate of their own sailing ability before going sailing in strong weather conditions.

5 Miscellaneous

Normal clubhouse restrictions apply and therefore no changing facilities will be available. All sailors MUST come down changed and ready.

Parents of youth sailors are allowed to assist with rigging however we would ask that only if this is necessary and only one parent per youth sailor is permitted.

Club dinghies can be hired for the night, but they must do this via the club website prior to coming down.

There will be a place for valuables/bags to be stored.

6 Rules

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the individual class rules.

The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.