

# Loch Earn Sailing Club

# BROWN CUP

Scottish Schools Sailing Championships

Monday, 10 June, 2024

## NOTICE OF RACE

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Loch Earn Sailing Club is delighted to welcome Optos as the event sponsor for the 2024 Brown Cup Scottish School Sailing Event.

### 1. Rules

Racing will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions and the appropriate Class Rules.

### 2. Eligibility

The championship is open to all primary and secondary school pupil in Scotland.

### 3. Entry Procedure

Entry is online via the form at <https://www.lochearnsc.com/calendar/brown-cup-scottish-schools-championship/> no later than midnight on 7 June, 2024.

### 4. Entry Fee

Entry for the Brown Cup remains free and both team and individual entries are welcome. Online entries are now open at [www.scottishschoolsailing.org](http://www.scottishschoolsailing.org).

### 5. Schedule of Events

EVENT ACTIVITY	TIME
Registration (out front the clubhouse)	0900-0950
Competitor Briefing	1000
First Signal – 3 x 45min races sailed back-to-back	1054
End of racing (goal)	1400
Competitors Snack (hotdog)	1400-1600
Prizegiving	1600

**Food** There will be bacon rolls available to buy on the morning of the event as well as drinks and snacks throughout the day.

**Camping** Please note unlike past events, there will be no camping available onsite.



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## 6. Registration

All competitors shall register by completing the Entry Form on the LESC website prior to the event. Prior to sailing, all competitors must complete the registration process in the clubhouse.

All under 18 helms/crews must have a parent/guardian or responsible adult confirm that they have read and will comply with the LESC Safeguarding policy, accept the sailing risks and will comply with the provision of this NOR and the associated Sailing Instructions.

## 7. Racing

Four races will be scheduled on three class lines: Toppers, Optimists, and Handicap.

At the race officer's discretion, consideration will be given for additional or fewer starts for any class.

## 8. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at the clubhouse on Monday morning and on the club website.

## 9. Course Configuration and Sailing Area

Racing will take place on courses as defined in the sailing instructions.

The racing area will be in Loch Earn in the water just opposite the club.

## 10. Scoring

Results will be calculated using the current RYA Portsmouth Yardstick and the Low Points scoring system.

As there is a wide differential between boat PY rankings sailing in the general handicap fleet, results may be calculated using 'average laps', with the faster boats sailing more rounds than the slower boats. A faster boat in a particular class will not be disadvantaged if they sail more laps than a slower boat in the same class (ie. due to significant change in wind strength). In this circumstance, the time of the faster boat will be calculated from the previous round (ie. the same round as the slower boat).

All races will count towards a boat's final score.

## 11. Prizes

The Brown Cup will be awarded to the top school team of three boats. Additionally, class cups will be awarded for top finishers in each class (topper, optimist, and handicap) as well as the best finishing primary school aged pupil.

Note: Schools may enter more than one team but teams of three must be named on the entry form as team A, team B etc.

The prize giving will be scheduled as soon as practical after racing has finished on Monday afternoon

## **12. Insurance**

All boats shall have adequate third party liability insurance cover with a minimum cover of £5,000,000 per incident.

## **13. Disclaimer of Liability**

In entering any race, participants accept that they are responsible for themselves, their crew, and their boats, whether afloat or ashore. Nothing done by the organisers (i.e. the Club, Race Management Team, Safety Boats or anyone helping to run the event) will relieve participants of their responsibilities. By launching or putting to sea participants imply the suitability of their boat and the competence of the skipper and crew for the expected or forecast conditions. The provision of Safety Boats does not relieve participants of their responsibilities.

All competitors MUST complete the Signing-on Sheet prior to racing. By signing the signing on sheet/entry form you confirm your compliance with the statements below: (Note those under the age of 18 are required to have a parent or guardian sign the race entry form on their behalf).

- 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 this Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions, accept their provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements.
- I declare that I hold a valid Certificate of Insurance, which covers me while racing (including adequate third party legal liability insurance cover for a minimum of £5,000,000).
- I agree that the Loch Earn Sailing Club shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the Helm or Crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability for his equipment and boat for the race or races to be entered.
- I agree that the provision of equipment and patrol boats by Loch Earn Sailing Club is neither guarantee that assistance can be rendered to any competitor in need, nor acceptance of any responsibility for rescue of any competitors. Further, in the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to any competitor and/or their equipment is accepted by the race organisers, the crew or owners of such patrol craft.

## **14. Risk Statement**

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer 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) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least [£5M] against third party claims];

## 15. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is a contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

We look forward to seeing you at Loch Earn Sailing Club for the 2024 Brown Cup Scottish Schools Race.

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