



Loch Earn Sailing Club
BROWN CUP
Scottish Schools Sailing Championships

Monday 8th of June 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

*Loch Earn Sailing Club is delighted to welcome **Optos** as the event sponsor for the 2026 Brown Cup Scottish School Sailing Event. Monday 8 June 2026.*

1. Rules

Racing will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions and the appropriate Class Rules.

2. Eligibility

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

3. Entry Procedure

Entries will open on Wednesday, 1 April 2026 and close on Friday, 29 May 2026 **via the** online entry form. <https://lochearnsc.com/calendar/brown-cup-scottish-schools-championship/entry-form>

4. Entry Fee

Entry for the Brown Cup remains free and both team and individual entries are welcome. More information is available at www.scottishschoolsailing.org.

5. Schedule of Events

EVENT ACTIVITY	TIME
Registration (out front the clubhouse)	09:00 – 09:50
Competitor Briefing	10:00
First Signal – 3 x 45min races sailed back-to-back	10:54
End of racing (goal)	14:00
Competitors Snack (hotdog)	14:00 -16:00
Prizegiving	16:00

6. Food and Camping

There will be drinks and snacks throughout the day. Because the three races are back-to-back competitors should bring a packed lunch.

Camping will be available through booking with LESC on the Sunday night prior to the event.

7. Entry and registration

All competitors shall enter by completing the Entry Form on this NOR (after April 1st and prior to 29th May) or the form is also on the www.scottishschoolsailing.org 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.

8. Racing

Three 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.

9. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on the club and event website noticeboard prior to the event and at Registration.

10. Course Configuration and Sailing Area

Racing will take place on courses as defined in the sailing instructions using fixed racing buoys as shown on the Course Card.

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.

Schools may enter more than one team but teams of three must be identified in advance of racing (ie. 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

The Organising Authority is Loch Earn Sailing Club (“LESC”). Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for themselves, their crew, their boat and their equipment, whether afloat or ashore.

Nothing done by Loch Earn Sailing Club, its officers, committee members, employees, volunteers, the Race Management Team, patrol boat crews or any other person assisting in the organisation or conduct of the event shall relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

By launching or putting to sea, competitors confirm that their boat is seaworthy, adequately equipped and insured, and that they and their crew are competent to participate in the prevailing or forecast conditions.

The provision of race management, safety boats, patrol boats or other support facilities does not constitute acceptance of responsibility for the safety of competitors or their boats, nor does it guarantee that assistance can or will be rendered in all circumstances.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Loch Earn Sailing Club, its officers and those assisting in the conduct of the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, personal injury or death arising from participation in the event.

Nothing in this Notice of Race excludes or limits liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence, or any other liability which cannot be excluded or limited under Scots law.

14. Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 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 involves an inherent element of risk. By taking part in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent risks involved in sailing and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such risks while participating in the event.

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property, whether afloat or ashore.

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

(d) Their boat is in good order, suitably equipped to sail in the event and adequately insured with third-party liability cover of at least £5,000,000 per incident.

(e) They are fit to participate and competent to sail in the expected or forecast conditions.

(f) The provision of race management, patrol boats and other officials or volunteers by Loch Earn Sailing Club does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

(g) Patrol boat assistance, where provided, is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

Nothing in this Risk Statement excludes or limits liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence, or any other liability which cannot be excluded or limited under Scots law.

15. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to Loch Earn Sailing Club (the Organising Authority) will be used to facilitate your participation in the event and to administer racing, results and safety arrangements. 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 contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Where a competitor is under the age of 18, personal information must be provided and confirmed by a parent or guardian.

Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's Privacy Policy. When required by the Racing Rules of Sailing or other applicable regulations, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event, including competitor names, sail numbers and school or club affiliation, and the outcome of any hearing or appeal, may be published.

We look forward to seeing you at Loch Earn Sailing Club for the 2026 Brown Cup Scottish Schools Race.

Queries should be through the contact form at <https://scottishschoolsailing.org/contact>

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