



NOTICE OF RACE

Eastern Championship

Howth Yacht Club

30th April – 1st May, 2011



1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is Howth Yacht Club ("HYC") Co. Dublin, in conjunction with SB3 Ireland are pleased to invite you to participate in the SB3 East Coast Championships which will be held from Saturday 30th April to Sunday 1st May, 2011 at HYC.

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 Races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. The Prescriptions of the ISA shall apply and the Laser SB3 Class Rules, including SB3I amendments to this notice of race, the sailing instructions and any other amendments thereto.
- 2.2 Changes to this Notice of Race may be posted on <http://www.hyc.ie>.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Only registered boats of the Laser SB3 class whose owner or a joint owner or nominated representative of an organisation owning the Laser SB3 is a current Full Member and one person on board is either a Full Member or Associate member of the Class Association can sail in the event. During registration each skipper will be required to show clear written evidence that the boat complies with the Class membership requirements.
- 3.2 There shall be no changes in helmsperson for the duration of the event unless prior approval is given by the Race committee in recognition of wholly unavoidable circumstances. Any changes of helm or crew after registration for the event must be applied for in writing and agreed by the Race Committee in writing, in advance of the change being made. In the event of helm or crew substitution during the event, should the total crew weight decrease by more than 15Kgs, the boat shall carry ballast in the form of water in clearly labelled containers below decks at the base of the mast such that the adjusted aggregate crew weight is not reduced by more than 15Kgs from the original total crew weight.
- 3.3 The Laser SB3 Class Rules, regarding crew numbers and crew weights shall be enforced without exception.
- 3.4 All boats must be insured for 3rd party liability with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 or equivalent.
- 3.5 All competitors will be required to declare their total crew weight and ISAF sailor classification of helm and crew at registration. If you do not have an ISAF sailor classification, you can obtain one on www.isaf.org by filling out the online form. If you do not present a current ISAF classification at registration, you will be assumed to be a Group 3 sailor for the purpose of points scoring under the SB3 Ireland ranking rules.

4.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 4.1 Measurement/Inspection/Crew Weighing – Boats and sailors may be subject to scrutiny before or after any race at the discretion of the event Race Committee, the Event Measurer, the SB3 Ireland Measurer and SB3 Ireland Committee. An Event Measurer may inspect any boat at any time, and competitors are requested to comply, as far is reasonable and practical, with the Event Measurers requests, which may include the weighing of boats. Failure to do so may result in the protest of that boat by the Event Measurer. Boats evidenced at the time of inspection to not comply with Class Rules will be liable to protest by the Event Measurer.
- 4.2 Safety – All boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules. Boats shall be equipped with a marine VHF radio, the primary purpose of which is to monitor the Race Committee unless otherwise dictated by Class Rules. The channel used will be noted in the sailing instructions.
- 4.3 All boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the current Class Rules and/or the Notice or Race and/or Sailing Instructions, from the time of the first warning signal of the first race until returning alongside the marina following the final race of the series. Class rules C5.1(6)(iii) and C5.1(7) will not apply if the items have been removed whilst moored following racing for the purpose of refilling/charging only.

- 4.4 The Organising Authority may require competitors to affix bow numbers and/or sponsor stickers to both sides of the bow for the duration of the event.
- 4.5 Entrants will be required to sign a declaration at registration of compliance with all Class Rules and eligibility criteria.
- 4.6 Crews will be weighed at registration, the scales used will be deemed to be accurate for this purpose.

5.0 ENTRIES

- 5.1 Competitors are encouraged to use the online entry system at www.hyc.ie. Alternatively, entries may be submitted using the enclosed entry form. Please make cheques payable to Howth Yacht Club.
- 5.2 The entry fee is €100.00 per boat .No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee and all entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the organisation authority.
- 5.3 Entries will be accepted until Thursday 28th April, 2011. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organisation authority.
- 5.4 The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available at registration and may be placed on the SB3 Ireland and HYC websites in advance of the event.

6.0 REGISTRATIONS AND SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will take place between 16.00 and 19.30 on Friday 29th April and between 09.00 and 10.00 on Saturday 30th April at the Race Office in HYC.
- 6.2 Racing will be held on Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May with no less than 3 races scheduled on Saturday and 3 races on Sunday. The warning signal will be made at 11.55 on Saturday and 10.55 on Sunday. No race will start after 14.30 on Sunday except for the restart of a race following a General Recall
- 6.2.1 The Race Committee reserve the right to alter the schedule of races as they see fit to ensure a sufficient number of races are completed.

7.0 SCORING

- 7.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 7.2 6 races are scheduled of which 3 shall constitute a series.
- 7.3 When 4 or more races have been completed a boat's worst score will be discarded

8.0 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- 8.1 This will be confirmed closer to the date. Event information will be available on www.hyc.ie

9.0 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee. The presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible following racing on Sunday 1st May.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Racing will take place in the waters to the North of Howth. The starting line may be up to four miles from the harbour. A racing area map is available on www.hyc.ie
- 10.2 The course will be a single Windward/Leeward layout with exact details specified in the sailing instructions. Target race time will be 50 mins, but will be at the sole discretion of the race Committee.

11.0 CRANING AND BERTHING

- 11.1 Craning and berthing at the HYC is included in the entry fee. The HYC crane will be available from 09.00 to 17.00 on 28th & 29th of April. Availability also from 09.00 on Saturday 30th April. It is recommended that boats be in the water by 17.00 on Friday 29th April. Over-night berthing will

be provided in the HYC marina. Appropriate fenders and lines are required to adequately secure boats, which may be required to raft together.

Boat and trailer parking will be available from Thursday 28th April until Monday 2nd July.

Boat lift out is available on Sunday after racing. Lift out will be in order of distance travelled.

12.0 SAFETY

Competitors shall each wear a life jacket or other adequate personal form of buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wetsuits and dry-suits do not constitute personal adequate buoyancy.

13.0 LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority, SB3 Ireland and their officers, members and volunteers, will not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the SB3 East Coast Championship 2011, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing. It is the responsibility of each competitor to participate in a race or to continue racing. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her personal accident and health insurance. A skipper is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing.

14.0 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

All Helmsmen and their crews competing in the Regatta will be granted Temporary Members of the Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the event and will be bound by the rules of the Club. The Club reserves the right to withdraw such temporary membership.

15.0 PROTESTS

Protest procedure shall be in accordance with the ISAF RRS.

16.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information please contact:
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