



## NOTICE OF RACE

### Laser SB3 Irish National Championships

### Royal St George Yacht Club

29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008



#### 1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal St. George Yacht Club ("RStGYC"), Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, in conjunction with SB3 Ireland.

#### 2.0 RULES

2.1 Races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing. The Prescriptions of the ISA shall apply and the Laser SB3 Class Rules, 2008.

2.2 The event will be Category C according to ISAF Racing Rules.

#### 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.
- 3.3 The Laser SB3 Class Rules, 2008 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](http://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.
- 3.6 The Laser SB3 Irish National Championships is an open event, however the National Championship Perpetual Trophy will only be awarded to a boat that is a member of SB3 Ireland.

#### **4.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- 4.1 Measurement/Inspection/Crew Weighing – Yachts and sailors may be subject to scrutiny before or after any race at the discretion of the event Race Committee, the SB3 Ireland Measurer and SB3 Ireland Committee.
- 4.2 Safety – All yachts shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules. Yachts shall be equipped with a marine VHF, 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 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.

#### **5.0 ENTRIES**

- 5.1 Entries shall be submitted to The Events Manager, Royal St. George YC, Dun Laoghaire Co Dublin on the entry form enclosed with the entry fee or through the event website at [www.rsgyc.ie](http://www.rsgyc.ie) from May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 5.2 The entry fee is €180.00 per boat but a discount of €30 will be allowed if the entry is received by the RStGYC before Friday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- 5.3 The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available at registration and may be placed on the SB3 Ireland and RStGYC websites in advance of the event.
- 5.4 **The number of boats racing in the Championship will be restricted to 80, such a restriction will be applied in the order of entries received.**

#### **6.0 REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Registration will take place between 1700 and 2100 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and between 1300 and 2100 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at the RStGYC.
- 6.2 Crews will be weighed and safety equipment verified during Registration.
- 6.3 A briefing for competitors will be held at 10.00 on Friday at the Club.
- 6.4 Racing will be held on Friday (29<sup>th</sup>), Saturday (30<sup>th</sup>) and Sunday (31<sup>st</sup>) with 3 races scheduled on the first day, 3 races on the second and 2 races on Sunday. The first warning signal will be made at 11.55 on Friday and is scheduled for 10.25 on Saturday and Sunday. There shall be no race started after 14.30 on Sunday.

#### **7.0 SCORING**

- 7.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 7.2 8 races are scheduled of which 4 shall constitute a series.
- 7.3 If 4 or fewer races are sailed, no score shall be discarded.

#### **8.0 SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

- 8.1 Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> 1800-2000 Drinks in the Bar, 20.00 Sailing Supper (€23] – first come first serve or Informal Supper (€12) downstairs.  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 19.00 Drinks Party in RStGYC sponsored by SB3 Ireland  
20.00 Championship Buffet Dinner €30, book on the entry form, restricted tickets available on a first come first serve basis.

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> **17.30** Burgers après sailing courtesy of SB3 Ireland on the RStGYC deck. SB3 Ireland AGM will commence at **19.00** in the RStGYC “Junior Room”, followed by the Championship Barbeque at **20.30**.

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Prize giving after sailing (17.00 approx).

## **9.0 PRIZES**

9.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee. Helly Hansen have kindly agreed to provide prizes for a Gold, Silver and Bronze fleet breakdown.

## **10. COURSES**

10.1 Racing will take place in Dublin Bay

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. It is expected that there will be an on the water jury.

## **11.0 ENTRY FORM**

11.1 An entry form is attached to the Notice of race and also is also available on the RStGYC and SB3 Ireland websites. **The event can also be entered into online at [www.rsgyc.ie](http://www.rsgyc.ie) from May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **12.0 CRANING AND BERTHING**

12.1 Craning and berthing at the RStGYC is included in the entry fee. The RStGYC crane will be available from 0900 to 1900 on Wednesday & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. Only in extraordinary circumstances, to be approved by the Sailing Manager (or regatta committee), will lift in be available on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. Overnight berthing will be provided on the RStGYC pontoons. Appropriate fenders and lines are required. Berthing is provided at the absolute discretion of the owner.

Boat and trailer parking will be available from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Visitors who require early lift out, or where a Sunday lift out is essential, should advise the RStGYC Sailing Manager by the 28<sup>th</sup> August.

## **13.0 SAFETY**

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

## **14.0 LIABILITY**

The RStGYC, the SB3 Ireland and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the SB3 Irish National Championship 2008, 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.

