

**Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club,
Cultra**

In conjunction with sponsors **Helly Hansen, North Down Tourist Board and SB3 Ireland**

SB3 Ireland Northern Area Championships

26th – 27th April 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 ORGANISATION & VENUE

1. The Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club takes pleasure in inviting you to compete in the SB3 Northern Championship which will be held on April 26/27th 2008, under its Burgee. Correspondence should be addressed to: David Cheyne, 32 Tudor Oaks, Holywood, Co. Down, BT18 0PA – mobile +447843 242007 – e-mail dave.cheyne@yahoo.co.uk

2.0 RULES

1. Races shall be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the ISA, Laser SB3 Class Rules, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
2. The event will be Category C according to ISAF Regulations Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008.
3. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

1. The races are open to all Laser SB3s fulfilling the class membership criteria and rules. There must be a full or associate member of any District Association of the Laser SB3 Class on board whilst participating in the event.
2. Any changes of helm during the event must be applied for in writing and agreed by the Race Committee in writing in advance of the change being made.
3. All competitors will be required to declare their total crew weight and ISAF sailor classification of helm and crew on the entry form. 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 SB3I ranking rules.

4.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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 SB3I Measurer and SB3I Committee.
2. Safety – All yachts shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules or the Notice or Race and Sailing Instructions for any of the events in the series. Yachts shall be equipped with functioning 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.
3. Scrutineering of boats will be carried out by members of the Event Race Committee, who will board yachts between racing and sign off a check list of safety equipment. This will be signed off by the person responsible for that yacht. Refusal to comply with this will result in disqualification from the event without redress.

5.0 ENTRIES

1. Entries shall be submitted to: David Cheyne, 32 Tudor Oaks, Holywood, Co. Down, BT18 0PA on the entry form enclosed with the entry fee. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee. Please make cheques, in Euros or sterling, payable to Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club.
2. ***Entries received after 2100 on Wednesday 16th April 2008, will attract a late entry surcharge as per the entry form.***
3. The entry fee is in the entry form and **includes 3** complimentary Buffet Dinner tickets for Saturday 26th April in the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club.
4. It is the intention of the Event Director, Dave Cheyne, to provide information updates regularly on the SB3I Chat Forum and also by email circulation. Please ensure you provide an email address on the entry form, and check these two media regularly in the weeks running up to the event
5. There will be no formal registration. Weighing of crews will be carried out at the discretion of the Event Director and Race Team
6. Any changes in crew during the event must be notified in writing to the Race Committee. The new team will be required to weigh at the discretion of the Race Committee

6.0 SCORING

1. The Low Points Series of RRS Appendix A, will be used.
2. 7 races are scheduled of which 2 shall constitute a series.
3. If up to 3 races are completed all race scores will count. In the event 4 or more races are sailed, one discard will be allowed (Amends RRS Appendix A2).
4. Series Ties in accordance with Appendix A 8

7.0 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Fri 25 th April	1500-1800	Crane in at Carrickfergus Marina
Sat 26 th April	1000	Competitor Briefing RNIYC
	0900-1100	Crane in at Carrick Marina
	1030	Ferrying commences from RNIYC slipway
	1200	Race 1 Race 2 a.s.a.p. following Race 1 Race 3 a.s.a.p. following Race 2 Race 4 a.s.a.p. following Race 3
Sun 27 th April	0900	Ferrying commences from RNIYC slipway
	1100	Race 5 Race 6 a.s.a.p. following Race 5 Race 7 a.s.a.p. following Race 6
	a.s.a.p. from 1500-1700	No Race will be started after 1400hrs Crane out at Carrickfergus Marina – in order of distance UK, Cork, Ireland, Dublin, NI, under control of Dave Cheyne
	1730	Prize Giving

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available by Wednesday 9th April 2008 and will be emailed to event entrants and placed on the SB3 website. Copies will be available for collection at RNIYC, at Carrickfergus Marina and a copy will be displayed on the official notice board at the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club.
2. The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward – full details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 PROTESTS

1. The procedure for protests shall be in accordance with the current ISAF Rules.
2. The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. It is accessible on :-
<http://www.rya.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/9F5B6EFC-2B89-49E5-9192-7463416408E9/0/RYARulesDisputesBestPracticeV20081.pdf>

10.0 PRIZEGIVING & PRIZES

The presentation of Trophies and Prizes will take place following racing on Sunday 27th April at the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, at 1730 hrs

11..0 LAUNCHING, RECOVERING AND BERTHING

1. The Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club slipway will be available for launching and recovery of competing boats. However, this slip is exposed, tidal and **not recommended for use**.
2. Preferred launch site will be **Carrickfergus Harbour**.. There will be craning available here at the times shown above at a fee of £40 or €50.. Competitors should report to Event Director Dave Cheyne, or Assistant Gordon Patterson to arrange rigging space, craning slot and trailer storage at Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
3. Slip launching is available for no charge in the Harbour.
4. Yachts will be moored on swing moorings at Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club.