



# **SB<sup>3</sup> Northern Championship 2008**

**26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

**Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club**

**Hollywood, County Down**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) 27.1, A4, 62.1(a), 44.1, 44.2, 35, 61.3, 62.2, 60.1(a), 66 will be changed. The changes appear in full in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the Laser SB3 Class will apply.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in RNIYC clubhouse.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at RNIYC and may be repeated at Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

<b>5.1</b>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Races 1, 2, 3 and 4
	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Races 5, 6 and 7

**5.2** Seven Races are scheduled

**5.3** The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April is 11:55.  
The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April is 10:55.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

The Class flag will be the Laser SB3 Class Pennant..

## **7 RACING AREAS**

Racing will take place in Belfast Lough adjacent to RNIYC.

## **8 THE COURSES**

Windward/Leeward courses will be used. Attachment A shows the course and the order in which marks are to be passed. Competitors must pass through the gate formed by marks 3s & 3p on all downwind legs of the course.

## **9 MARKS**

Marks 1, 3a and 3b will be black inflatable; mark 2 will be a yellow inflatable. See also instruction 10 & 11.

## **10 THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started by using rule 26 with the following addition: An attention signal (flag F with one sound) may be made two minutes before the warning signal for the second, third and fourth race each day. If thus displayed, Flag F will be removed with one sound one minute before the warning signal. This changes rule 27.1.

**10.2** The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat, displaying an orange flag, at the starboard end and an orange and white pole on another committee vessel at the port end of the line. In the absence of the port end vessel an orange outer limit mark will be used.

**10.3** A green buoy may be placed to assist competitors to identify the approximate position of the line. It will not necessarily be on or close to the line and is not a mark of the course.

**10.4** If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 69. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **11 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the main mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the port-end and an orange starboard end finishing mark.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

### **13 TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1** The Time limit for any race is 75 minutes.
- 13.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

### **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1** The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available, an is appended to this document.
- 14.2** Protest forms are available at the race office at RNIYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.3** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.4** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room, located at RNIYC.
- 14.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6** Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.7** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.

### **15 SCORING**

- 15.1** 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2** When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

### **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

### **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **22 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Overall, along with Silver and Bronze Fleet winner prizes will be awarded.

Boats will be allocated into Silver and Bronze fleets for Sundays racing, based on the number of boats, after a discard if sufficient races completed, and boats shall collect coloured ribbons from the Club Notice Board area prior to sailing on Sunday, to be flown from their backstays.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**23.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**23.2** A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

**23.3** It is for a boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

**23.4** Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

**23.5** The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

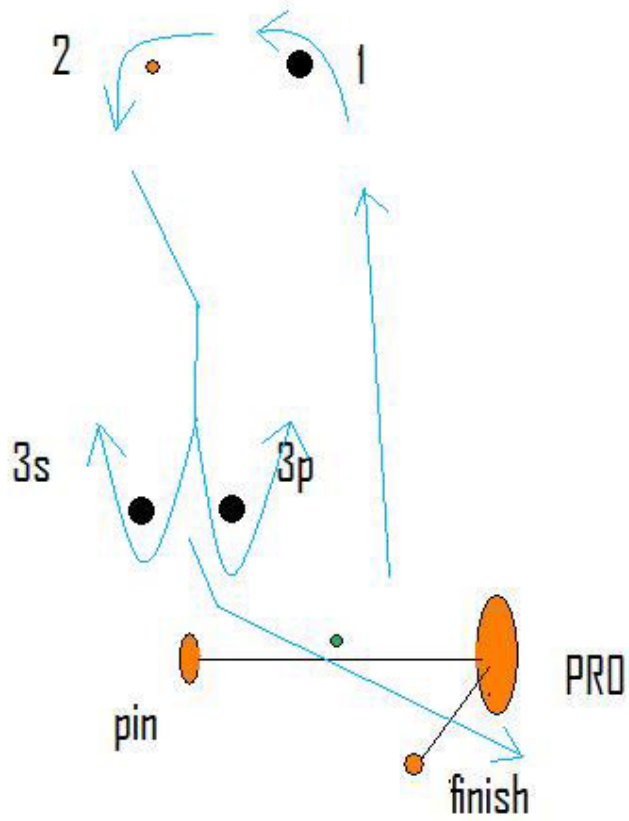
**23.6** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

## **24 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 or €3,000,000.

# ADDENDUM A

## Windward Leeward Course



Course:- Start - 1(p) - 2(p) - Gate [3s(s) & 3p(p)] - 1(p) - 2(p) - Gate [3s(s) & 3p(p)] - Finish

(p) - leave this mark to Port  
(s) - leave this mark to Starboard