

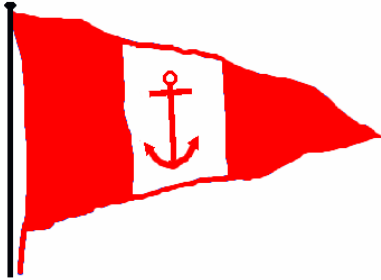
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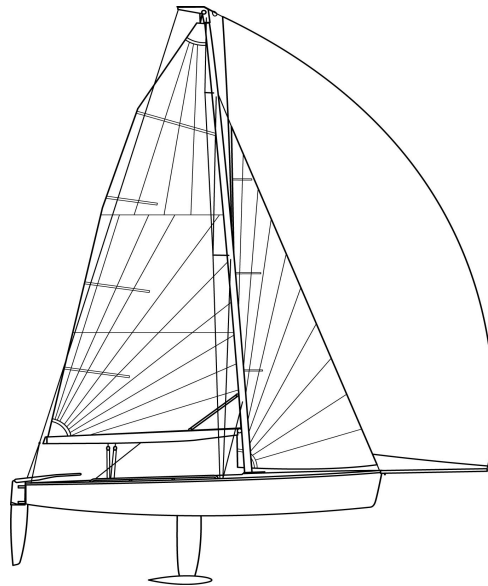
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**NOTICE OF RACE
Howth Yacht Club**

SB3 Ireland Eastern Championships

5th and 6th July 2008



1.0 ORGANISATION & VENUE

1.1 The Organising Authority is Howth Yacht Club which takes pleasure in inviting you to compete in the SB3 Ireland Eastern Championship which will be held in Howth Yacht Club on 5th and 6th July 2008.

2.0 RULES

2.1 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.

2.2 The event will be Category C according to ISAF Regulations Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 –2008.

2.4 In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The races are open to all Laser SB3s fulfilling the class membership criteria and rules. The helm must be a full or associate member of any District Association of the Laser SB3 Class whilst participating in the event.

3.2 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.

3.3 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 SB3I ranking rules.

4.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

4.1 Measurement/Inspection – Yachts may be subject to scrutiny before or after any race at the discretion of the event Race Committee, the SB3I Measurer and SB3I Committee.

4.2 Safety – All yachts shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules or the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for any of the events in the series. 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 SI's.

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 Howth Yacht Club Events Ltd, Howth yacht Club, Howth, Co Dublin on the entry form enclosed with the entry fee. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee. Please make cheques payable to Howth Yacht Club Events Ltd.

5.2 Entries close on Friday 27th June 2100 hrs in HYC.

5.3 The entry fee is €100.00 per boat and late entries if accepted will be an additional €20.

6.0 SCORING

- 6.1 The Low Points Series of RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 6.2 5 races are scheduled of which 3 shall constitute a series.
- 6.3 If up to 3 races are completed all race scores will count.
- 6.4 In the event 4 or more races are sailed, one discard will be allowed (Amends RRS Appendix A2).
- 6.5 Series Ties in accordance with Appendix A 8

7.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Fri 4 th July	1730 hrs 1600- 2200 1930 hrs 2200 hrs	Registration open- Sailing Office Crane in Food & Drink available in HYC Bar Registration Closes
Sat 5 th July	0945 hrs 1200 hrs 1930 hrs	Competitor Briefing Race 1 Race 2 a.s.a.p. following Race 1 Race 3 a.s.a.p. following Race 2 SB3 Dinner Party
Sun 6 th July	1030 hrs +1hr after finish a.s.a.p.	Race 4 Race 5 a.s.a.p. following Race 4 Race 6 a.s.a.p following Race 5 Race N (substitute) a.s.a.p after previous No Race will be started after 14:30 Crane out – in order of distance UK,NI, Cork Prize Giving

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Copies will be available for collection at registration and a copy will be displayed on the official notice board at the Howth Yacht Club.
- 8.2 The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward – full details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 RACE RESULTS

- 9.1 Race results will be posted on the official notice-board after racing each day.

10.0 PROTESTS

- 10.1 The procedure for protests shall be in accordance with the current ISAF Rules.

11.0 PRIZEGIVING & PRIZES

- 11.1 The presentation of Trophies and Prizes will take place following racing on Sunday 6th July at the Howth Yacht Club.
- 11.2 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded. The number of entries will be divided into three. A prize for the top boat in each third, complicit with the ranking rules, will be awarded. Spot prizes will be awarded for a range of virtues which the SB3I committee will select closer to the time.

12.0 LIABILITY & INSURANCE

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

It is for the person in charge of a boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum at least €3 million.

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 racing. 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.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

The boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew knows how to use it.

The fact that the Race Committee and/or others conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

Howth Yacht Clubs, their Officers, Employees and Helpers shall not be held responsible for any cancellation or change to the Racing Programme by way of inclement weather. The Sole Arbitrator of such conditions shall be the Race Officer.

12.0 LAUNCHING, RECOVERING AND BERTHING

12.1 The Howth Yacht Club slipway will be available for launching and recovery of competing boats. Low water on Friday 4th will be at 18.58 so it may be difficult to launch +/- 1hr from this time. High water on Sunday the 6th is at 14.55 which will suit taking boats out by trailer. The crane service will be provided by Howth Yacht Club also.

Boat parking will be available from Friday 4th July until Sunday 6th July. Other arrangements shall be made individually with the Marina Manager.

Space for trailer storage will be available in or adjacent to Howth Yacht Club.

Overnight berthing will be provided on the Howth Yacht Club Marina and is included in the fee. Appropriate fenders and lines are required. Last year Dun Laoire boats sailed over to the event on the Friday which proved to be a very successful arrangement – we would encourage sailors to do the same this year as it makes the launching logistics much more simple.

13.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Howth Yacht Club would like to thank the sponsors McAllister Volkswagen and Helly Hanson for their support for the Regatta.

