

Howth Yacht Club
SB3 Ireland Eastern Championships

HW 14.09 on 5th July HW 14.55 On 6th July

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the Laser SB3 Class/SB3 Ireland rules, these sailing instructions and the Notice of Race.

1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.

2 REGISTRATION & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Registration will take place between 1900 and 2100 on Friday and 0800-1000 on Saturday. Crews will be required to state their weight and ISAF status at registration.

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the HYC.

3 SPONSOR ADVERTISING.

Boats may be required to display Volkswagen and Helly Hansen stickers. These will be issued on registration and if issued shall be fixed to both sides of the boat before launching.

4 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club flagpole.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES & NUMBER OF RACES

6.1 A briefing will be held at the marina at 0915 on Saturday

6.2 Planned schedule of racing

Date	Warning Signal	No. of Races
5 th July	12.00	4
6 th July	10.30	3

6.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

6.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

7 CLASS FLAG

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

8 THE COURSE & RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be approximately North of Irelands Eye. Sufficient time (20 mins approx) should be allowed to sail to the race area. The course will be a windward leeward course with leeward gate.

8.2 There will be two rounds. No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

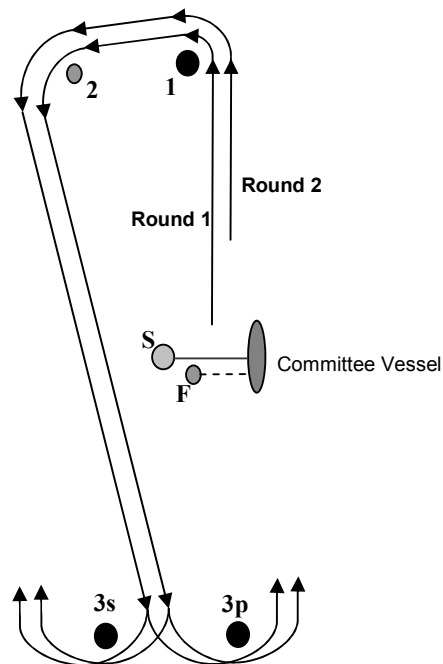
8.4 If a gate mark is missing round the remaining mark leaving it to port.

9 THE COURSE

9.1 **MARKS** Mark 1, 3s and 3p will be large orange inflatable marks. Mark 2 will be of dan buoy type.

9.2 The start and finish mark S & F type may be inflatable buoy.

10 WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. An attention signal ICF F may be given 5 minutes before the warning signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark S.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS Appendix A4.

11.4 A Buoy attached to the Committee Boat will be a mark on the course and yachts may not pass between any such Buoy and the Committee Boat.

11.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Recalled boat numbers may be called out over the radio.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

12.1 Changes to the next leg of the course will be made in accordance with RRS 33.

- 12.2** When a Committee vessel displaying ICF V making repeated sound signals is positioned adjacent to a mark on the course, competitors shall round that mark and proceed directly to the Finish line. This changes RRS 32.2
- 12.3** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 13 THE FINISH**
- 13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel when on station at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark F.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1** RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 14.2** RRS Appendix P will apply as changed by instructions 14.1 and 14.3.
- 14.3** RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any protest after the first one.
- 14.4** To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Protest Committee members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a RRS. They may then lodge a protest if no action is taken by the infringing boat(s).
- 15 TIME LIMITS**
- 15.1** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 40 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.
- 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2** The protest time limit is 60 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 RRS 61.3 and 62.2.]
- 16.3** 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 jury room.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5** A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee may be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.6** Breaches of instructions 18.2, 19, 20, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.7** 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.
- 16.8 Arbitration**
- As an alternative to a full Protest hearing an Arbitration system may be used, particularly for rules of Part 2. When all parties to an incident who are present at the designated time agree, a protest may be decided by Arbitration. Such Arbitration shall replace the protest hearing required under RRS 63. This system may only be used if before the hearing all parties present agree to accept the Arbitration Decision as final. The Arbitrator shall decide if the protest is valid and whether to refer a protest to a full hearing. All parties shall have the opportunity of stating their case. The Arbitrator shall have total discretion as to whether any witness be called. At any time during the hearing he may terminate the Arbitration and refer the incident to a full hearing by the protest committee; otherwise at the conclusion of the Arbitration he will reach a decision. Any party he finds to have infringed a rule shall not

be disqualified but shall incur a 25% place penalty. No penalty shall result in a score which would exceed that of a disqualification. Application of a penalty shall not affect the place or score of other boats. Any decision shall be final, however a request for re-opening may be made under RRS 66 which shall be heard by the protest committee.

Disqualification shall result if any rule infringement is found when any party declines to accept Arbitration at the time it is offered and insists on a full Protest Hearing. This sailing instruction amends RRS 63 and qualifies RRS 64.1.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Points Series of RRS Appendix A, will be used.

17.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 It is mandatory for SB3 competitors to wear personal buoyancy at all times

18.2 A boat will present itself at the committee vessel for recording purposes no more than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee (Substitutes must record weight and boats must continue to comply with the class weight rule).

19.2 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.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat, crew, equipment and safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 COMMITTEE BOAT

Committee boats will be the MV Enterprise.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions apply

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat while racing shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive communications not available to all boats except for safety purposes. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Race committee will transmit on Ch 72.

24 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented as follows: 1st to 5th for the East Coast Trophy. The fleets will be divided into three for Platinum, Gold and silver fleets. Prizes will be given as follows 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall and 1st, 2nd, 3rd Platinum, Gold and Silver Fleets. Random spot prizes may be presented at the discretion of the SB31 committee. Prize giving will be at 1630-1700 on the balcony HYC.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, members, employees and agents thereof, volunteers and all the sponsors are providing this series of races only on the understanding that they bear no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to the boats or persons however arising, directly or indirectly by any accident or wrongful negligent act, default or omission of any member or any other person during the Regatta, and any other related activity.

26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Boat owners and competing crews shall be adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain adequate third party insurance cover throughout the Regatta.