



Baltimore Sailing Club
SB3 Ireland Southern Championship

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*, and the Laser SB3 Class/SB3 Ireland rules.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.

2 REGISTRATION

Registration will take place between 1900 and 2100 on Friday May 29th. Crews will be required to state their weight at registration.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in B.S.C.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the B.S.C. flagpole.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the Race Signal definition for AP. If ICF Numeral 2 is also displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Planned schedule of racing

Date	Warning Signal	No Races
30 th May	1100 hrs.	4
31 st May	1100 hrs.	3

6.2 NUMBER OF RACES

There are 7 races scheduled as SI 5.1.

- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100 hrs.
- 6.4 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the official Laser SB3I Class Pennant.

8 RACING AREAS

Two race areas may be used.

Race area 1 will be in an area south of Heir Island, and north of Sherkin Island, as indicated in Attachment B, accessed through the sound to the north of Baltimore Harbour.

Race Area 2 will be in Baltimore Harbour. In adverse conditions, or if the number of entries allows, or by agreement with the Class Captain, racing may be held in Baltimore Harbour. This will be indicated by displaying ICF numeral 2 on the Club Flagstaff prior to launching, or on the Committee Boat.

9 THE COURSE

9.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the approximate angles and the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate race length will be 1 hour.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

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

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 3s and 3p will be large orange inflatable marks. Mark 2 will be a danbouy topped by a flag.

10.2 The start / finish mark S / F will be a white Buoy.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a pole at the rigging on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark S.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start under RRS A4.2.

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.**

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The race committee may change a leg of the course, and may, if possible though not necessarily, signal all boats before they begin the leg. This amends RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a pole at the rigging on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark F.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 As provided in RRS 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42.

14.2 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are amended so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

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. Shorten Course.

When an official boat displaying ICF S 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.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 120 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.]
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 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 RRS 66.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Points Series of RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 18.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 (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 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee.

20.2 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.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat, crew, equipment and safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. Random weighing of crew, may take place each morning of the competition.

22 COMMITTEE BOAT

The Committee Boat is a white Jeanneau yacht.

23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

24 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.

25 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.

26 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

1st, 2nd, 3rd in Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets.

Random spot prizes at the discretion of the SB3I committee.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Attachment B

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF RACE AREA 1

