



National Championship 2009
Notice of Race

1 Organization and Venue

- 1.1 The Committee of the Royal Cork Yacht Club takes pleasure in inviting you to compete in the SB3 Ireland National Championship which will be held in Crosshaven, County Cork on 18th, 19th & 20th September 2009.**

2 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 2005–2009.**
- 2.3 In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.**

3 Eligibility

- 3.1 The races are open to all Laser SB3s fulfilling the class membership criteria and rules. The owner, or a joint owner, or a nominated representative of an organisation owning the Laser SB3 must be a current Full Member of the Class Association.**
- 3.2 Any changes of helm or crew during the event must be applied for in writing and agreed by the Race Committee in writing in advance of the change being made. In the event of crew substitution, should the total crew weight change by in excess of 15kg, the boat shall carry ballast in the form of water in clear containers below decks at the base of the mast such that the adjusted weight is not more than 15kg from the original total.**
- 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 Conditions of Entry

- 4.1 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 All yachts shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules or the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for all of the races 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 Entries

- 5.1 Entries shall be submitted at registration. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee in cash.**
- 5.2 The entry fee is €180 per boat.**

6 Scoring

- 6.1 The Low Points Series of RRS, Appendix A, will be used.**
- 6.2 8 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.**

7 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, 17 th September	1500-2100 hrs. 1900-2200 hrs. 1900 hrs.	Crane in. Registration at the Royal Cork Yacht Club. Sailing Buffet at the RCYC restaurant.
Friday, 18 th September	1000 hrs. 1200 hrs. 1900 hrs. 2000 hrs.	Briefing at the RCYC. Race 1. Race 2 ASAP following Race 1. Race 3 ASAP following Race 2. Sailing Supper at the RCYC restaurant. SB3 Ireland AGM followed by Beer Bash at the RCYC Upper Deck Bar.
Saturday, 19 th September	1200 hrs. 1900 hrs. 2000 hrs.	Race 4. Race 5 ASAP following Race 4. Race 6 ASAP following Race 5. Happy Hour at the RCYC bar. Dinner Dance at the RCYC restaurant.
Sunday, 20 th September	1200 hrs. 1500-2100 hrs. 1600-1900 hrs. ASAP	Race 7. Race 8 ASAP following Race 7. Crane out. Bar food at the RCYC bar. Prizegiving at the RCYC bar.

8 Sailing Instructions

- 8.1** Copies will be available for collection at registration.
- 8.2** The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward; full details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 Race Results

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

10 Protests

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

11 Prizegiving and Prizes

- 11.1** The presentation will take place following racing on Sunday 20th September at the RCYC bar.
- 11.2** 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded in the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets.

12 Liability and 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.
- 12.2** 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.
- 12.3** 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.
- 12.4** 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 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.
- 12.5** The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

- 12.6** 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.
- 12.7** 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.
- 12.8** The RCYC, it's 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 Arbiter of such conditions shall be the Race Officer.

13 Launching, Recovering and Berthing

- 13.1** The RCYC slipway will be available for launching and recovery of competing boats. A crane service will also be provided at the times indicated above.
- 13.2** Trailer parking will be available in the RCYC dinghy park for the duration of the event.
- 13.3** Berths will be provided on the RCYC marina. Competing boats may be required to share berths.