



Lough Derg Yacht Club

SB3 Ireland Midland Championship

17th-18th Oct. 2009

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Laser SB3 Class/SB3Ireland rules.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
- 1.3 In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 REGISTRATION

Registration will take place between 1900 and 2100 on Friday October 16th and between 9am to 11am on Saturday 17th. Crews will be required to state their weight.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

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 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Planned schedule of racing

Date	Warning Signal	No. of Races
17 th October	11.30	4 or more
18 st October	10.30	1 or more

6.2 A briefing will be held at LDYC at 0930 on Saturday morning.

6.3 NUMBER OF RACES

- a. There are 6 races scheduled as 6.1.
- b. One extra race per day may be sailed.
- 6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 11.30 and on Sunday is 10.30.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

7 CLASS FLAGS

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

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be South of the Corakeen Islands .

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The diagram in Attachment A show 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 45 to 60 minutes.
- 9.2 There will be two rounds.
- 9.3 At the Gate (Marks 3P and 3S), 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 Red/Orange inflatable marks. Mark 2 will be a yellow mark.

10.2 The start mark S will be a Yellow mark. The finishing mark F will be as the start mark S.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between the Main Mast of The Committee Boat, displaying an Orange flag, 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 rule 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.

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 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

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 rule 28.1.

12.4 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.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the Main Mast on the Committee Boat, displaying a Blue Flag, at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark F.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42. Disqualification under this rule shall not be excluded from the boat's series score. A boat so penalized shall be informed by notification in the race results.

14.2 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed 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 rules 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 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.]

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 LDYC.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 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 rule 66.

16.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

17 SCORING

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

17.2 2 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 6 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 A boat will present itself at the starboard side of the committee vessel for recording purposes 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 protest committee in accordance with the SB3 Class Rules.

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. Random weighing of crew, may take place each morning of the competition.

21 COMMITTEE BOAT

Committee boat will be as follows: Navy Blue single-masted Yacht

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

23 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.

24 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.

25 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall.

1st, Silver and Bronze Fleets.

Random spot prizes at the discretion of the SB31 committee.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

27 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.

ADDENDUM A: WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSE

