



**Lough Ree Yacht Club**  
SB3 Ireland Midland Championships 2011

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**1.2** The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.

**1.3** Current Laser SB3 Class Rules will apply.

**2 REGISTRATION**

Registration will take place between 1600 and 2000 on Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> and between 9am to 10am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. Crews will be required to state their weight and ISAF status at registration.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the LRYC. The Race Committee may draw attention to signals given on the committee boat, and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The Race Committee will use Channel 8. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 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**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club flagpole.

**5.1** 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**

**6.1** Planned schedule of racing

Date	Warning Signal	No. of Races
15 <sup>th</sup> October	10.55	3 or more
16 <sup>st</sup> October	10.25	2 or more

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

**6.3** 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.

**6.4** The Race Committee may run an additional race on Saturday and/or Sunday if time permits. Hoisting ICF Numeral 4 at the end of the third race on Saturday or the second race on Sunday, will signal this change.

**6.5** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:30, except for the restart of a race following a general recall.

**7 CLASS FLAGS**

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

**8 RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be above the Islands north of LRYC.

**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 45 to 60 minutes.

**9.2** There will be two rounds.

**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.

**9 MARKS**

**9.1** Marks 1, 3s and 3p will be large yellow inflatable marks. Mark 2 will be a red & yellow mark.

**9.2** The start mark S will be a boat with an inflatable Orange Buoy attached. 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 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 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 a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel 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.

**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 LRYC.

**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.

- 16.6 This changes rule 66.  
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.  
17.2 (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**  
18.2 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.  
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: Beneteau First 27.7 named Reelentless.
- 22 **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.
- 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:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall (Gold Fleet)  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Silver Fleet.  
Random spot prizes at the discretion of the SB3I 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

