



Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club
North Down Borough Council Tourism
SB3 Ireland Northern Championships,
&
RS Elite Irish Championships
12th & 13th June 2010
NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 ORGANISATION & VENUE

1. The Organising Authority is Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, (RNIYC) Seafront Road, Cultra, Holywood, Co Down, BT18 0BB. Correspondence should be addressed to: Club Secretary, Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, 7 Seafront Road, Holywood, Co. Down, BT18 0BB. Tel: 02890428041. E mail manager@rniyc.com

2.0 RULES

1. Races shall be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the ISA, Laser SB3 Class Rules or RS Elite Class Rules as appropriate, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
2. Advertising will be in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20.
3. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

1. SB3
The races are open to all Laser SB3s fulfilling the class membership criteria and rules. There must be a full or associate member of any District Association of the Laser SB3 Class on board whilst participating in the event.

RS Elite

The races are open to all RS Elites fulfilling the class membership criteria and rules. There must be a full or associate member of any RS Elite Class Association on board whilst participating in the event.

2. Any changes of helm during the event must be applied for in writing and agreed by the Race Committee in writing in advance of the change being made.
3. (SB3 only) 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.



4.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Measurement(SB3 & RS Elite)/Inspection(SB3 & RS Elite)/Crew Weighing(SB3 only) – Yachts and sailors may be subject to scrutiny before or after any race at the discretion of the Event Race Committee or the SB3I Measurer and SB3I Committee.
2. Safety – All yachts shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the appropriate Class Rules, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. SB3 yachts shall be equipped with functioning marine VHF, the primary purpose of which is to monitor the Race Committee unless otherwise dictated by Class Rules. RS Elite yachts may be equipped with a functioning marine VHF. The channel used will be noted in the Sailing Instructions. VHF transmissions or omissions will not be admissible as evidence in any redress hearing.
3. Scrutineering of boats may be carried out by members of the Event Race Committee, who may board yachts between racing and sign off a check list of safety equipment. This will be signed off by the person responsible for that yacht. Refusal to comply with this will result in disqualification from the event without redress.

5.0 ENTRIES

1. Entries shall be submitted to: Club Secretary, Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, 7 Seafront Road, Holywood, Co. Down, BT18 0BB, on the entry form enclosed, with the appropriate entry fee.
2. The entry fee is £75 / Euro 85. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee. Please make cheques, in Euros or sterling, payable to Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club.
3. ***Entries received after 2100 on Wednesday 26th May 2010, will attract a late entry surcharge of £20 / Euro 25, as per the entry form.***
4. The entry fee as noted in the entry form includes SB3 launching and recovery at the Thompson Dock, Belfast. RS Elite launch and recovery will be at RNIYC where an RS Elite launching trolley will be available.
5. Registration, which includes SB3 crew weight declaration, will be available at the time and location of SB3 craning in and at RNIYC on Saturday 12th June, 0900 to 1100. Weighing of crews will be carried out at the discretion of the Event Director and Race Team
6. Any changes in crew during the event must be notified in writing to the Race Committee. The new team will be required to weigh at the discretion of the Race Committee

6.0 SCORING

1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A, will apply.
2. 6 races are scheduled of which 2 shall constitute a series.
3. If up to 4 races are completed all race scores will count. If 5 or more races are sailed, one discard will be allowed (Amends RRS Appendix A2).
4. Series Ties in accordance with Appendix A 8

7.0 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Sat 12 th June	1000	Competitor Briefing RNIYC
	1225	Warning signal, Race 1 Race 2 a.s.a.p. following Race 1 Race 3 a.s.a.p. following Race 2
Sun 13 th June	1025	Warning signal, Race 4 Race 5 a.s.a.p following Race 4 Race 6 a.s.a.p. following Race 5 No Race will be started after 1430hrs
	1730	Prize Giving at RNIYC

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available by Wednesday 2nd June 2010 and may be e mailed to event entrants and placed on the SB3 website and RNIYC website.
2. The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward – full details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 PROTESTS

1. The procedure for protests shall be in accordance with the current ISAF Rules.
2. The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. It is accessible on the RYA website.

10.0 PRIZEGIVING & PRIZES

The presentation of Trophies and Prizes is scheduled to take place following racing on Sunday 13th June at the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, at 1730 hrs

Additional information is available on the RNIYC website www.rniyc.org.uk