



**Royal Cornwall Yacht Club**

**LASER SB3**

**UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Wednesday 24<sup>TH</sup> – Saturday 27<sup>TH</sup> June, 2009**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by;
  - a) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012 (RRS),
  - b) The Laser SB3 Class Rules 2008, herein referred to as the Class Rules, and the organiser's Sailing Instructions.
  - c) In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 All competing yachts must comply with the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners byelaws and the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCS).
- 1.4 Owners are reminded that Class Rule C.3 relating to a crews maximum weight and a minimum boat weight will apply.
- 1.5 Changes to the Notice of Race will be posted on the Class website and on the Event Notice Board located within the Clubhouse.

**2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. The event is designated Category C.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The Championship is open to Laser SB3's that comply with the Class Rules. All boats entered must have a current Full or Associate Membership of the UK Class Association or another internationally recognised Laser SB3 District.

- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter at registration, subject to a late entry fee, or by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fee (cheques payable to Royal Cornwall Yacht Club (RCYC)) to:  
 Royal Cornwall Yacht Club  
 Greenbank  
 Falmouth  
 Cornwall  
 TR11 2SP
- 3.3 The organisers reserve the right to refuse an entry from any boat considered unsuitable for the event.
- 3.4 It is strongly recommended that owners have weighed their boats before arriving in Falmouth as weather and facilities are not guaranteed.

#### **4. ENTRY FEE INCLUSIVE OF BERTHING, LAUNCHING AND RECOVERY**

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
- a) Entry Fee - **£ 255** inclusive of VAT
  - b) Late Entry Fee – All entry fees received after 1<sup>st</sup>. June 2009 shall be **£305** inclusive of VAT
  - c) Berthing – At Pendennis Marina between Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Owners are required to bring fenders suitable to ensure that their boats are not damaged / or cause damage while berthed next to a pontoon or while rafted.
  - d) Trailer Storage – at Falmouth Docks in secure compound. Entrants will be issued with a pass to enter the dock area.
  - e) Launching at Falmouth Docks on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, between 9am and 4pm. Any launching required outside this time must be arranged by the entrant at his or her own cost via a local yard.

#### **5. ENTERTAINMENT**

- 5.1 The entertainment programme is as follows:
- a) Welcome drinks party –RCYC Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Free
  - b) BBQ Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – RCYC £16 per head
  - c) Championship Dinner and Prize giving Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June – RCYC £15 per head.

#### **6. SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Registration:  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June -0900 to 1700 hrs and 1830 to 2000 hrs  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - 0800 to 0900 hrs
- 6.2 Dates of Racing:  
 Racing will take place on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- 6.3 Number of Races:  
 The Championship will comprise up to 12 races that will ideally be sailed 3 per day, however the following may apply:

Day	No of Races	1 <sup>st</sup> Scheduled Start
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Up to 4 races back to back	1200 hrs
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Up to 4 races back to back	1100 hrs
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Up to 4 races back to back	1100 hrs
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Up to 4 races back to back	1000 hrs

There will be no race started after 1300 on Saturday 27<sup>h</sup> June

## **7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available in advance on the RCYC and Laser SB3 websites, also at registration upon receipt of the following:

- a) Entry Form,
- b) The appropriate fee,
- c) Confirmation that the boat has been weighed and lead if required added, and the weight of that lead must be advised and will be recorded,
- d) Signed off Class Equipment Checklist.

## **8. MEASUREMENT & SCUTINEERING**

8.1 All crews shall be weighed at registration in accordance with the Class Rules.

8.2 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time during the Regatta in accordance with the Class Rules. Random spot checks on the water are planned.

8.3 Scutineering

- a) It is the intention of the Class to provide an opportunity for owners to get their boats weighed using the Class Scales. The scale will be available from noon Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June until 1700 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Class measures and scutineers will be available at various times during this period for full certification, but they will not be used for launching. Further information will be released on the Class website prior to the event or on arrival.
- b) It is the intention of the Class to have a limited amount of lead weight available, but owners are urged to self certify prior to the event to ease congestion for the scales and reduce the risk of non-compliance.

## **9. VENUE**

9.1 The venue will be the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, Falmouth, Cornwall and the Race area will be in Falmouth Bay. In very strong winds or negligible wind in the Bay courses will be set in the Carrick Roads.

## **10. LAUNCHING**

10.1 All boats must be launched by 0930 hrs on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, and remain afloat and berthed in Pendennis Marina for the duration of the Championships. No use of divers, breathing apparatus or careening or lifting out or pulling out will be permitted throughout the Championship, without written permission of the Race Committee or the request of the Measurer for test weighing.

## **11. COURSES**

11.1 The courses will be winward / leeward and described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12. SCORING**

12.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 The discard profile will be as follows:

- a) When fewer than 7 races are completed, a boat series score shall be the total of her race scores.

- b) When from 7 to 9 races are completed, a boat series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat series score shall be the total of her races scores excluding her two worst scores.

### **13. PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS**

- 13.1 During racing, support boats shall remain more than 100m metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee or rescue boats, or rescuing a crew in difficulty.

### **14. PRIZES**

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded;
  - a) A daily prize to the first three boats.
  - b) The Regatta as a whole for the first six places
- 14.2 The prize giving will be held during the Laser SB3 Championships Dinner.

### **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1 Safety equipment shall be carried in accordance with the Class rules.
- 15.2 When Y Flag is flying lifejackets / buoyancy aids must be worn.

### **16. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES**

- 16.1 Competitors automatically grant the Organising Authorising and the Laser SB3 Class Association without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motions pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television.

### **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1 Decision to Race – The helm and crew of a boat are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- 17.2 It is for the helm and crew of the boat to decide whether he / she is fit to sail in the conditions that he / she will find. By launching or going to sea, and or staying at sea, the boat skipper and crew confirm that they are fit for those conditions and the crew is competent in them.
- 17.3 Nothing done by the organiser can reduce the responsibility of the helm or crew of a boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however, it may have occurred, as a result include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officers, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 17.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the helm and crew of a boat of their responsibilities.
- 17.5 Overboard – Crews are also reminded of their primary responsibility to offer to assist any man overboard at any time. If they stand by or assist redress can be claimed.

### **18. INSURANCE**

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

**20. DIRECTIONS**

- 20.1 From M5 through Devon take the A30 to Truro in Cornwall (eighty miles) until signposted to Falmouth at Carland Cross, seven miles from Truro. Take A39 to Falmouth and head for Pendennis Marina adjacent to Falmouth Docks. The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club is half a mile away in the town of Falmouth to the North adjacent to the Falmouth Harbour.

**21. FURTHER INFORMATION & ACCOMMODATION**

- 21.1 Please contact The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club office (01326 312126) for skipper / crew information also, details for accommodation. Local Tourist information is available at Falmouth Tourist Information. [www.discoverfalmouth.co.uk](http://www.discoverfalmouth.co.uk)

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