



NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

Laser SB3 Torquay Open

20th – 22nd June 2009



1.0 ORGANISATION

- 1.1 The sailing races described in this NOR are organised by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. All enquiries and correspondence should be addressed to: Secretary, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH. Tel: 01803 292006 Fax: 01803 200297. E-mail: admin@royaltorbayyc.org.uk

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 Races shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, 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 2009 –2012.
- 2.3 On the water umpires or wardens may be used to aid rules observance and enforcement.
- 2.4 Members are reminded that all boats have to comply from 01st June 2008 with the new class minimum boat weight of 685kgs for this event and that boat weight checks may be made.
- 2.5 The Race Committee may run Spot Checks for mandatory equipment and impose penalties in the case of missing items.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The races are open to all Laser SB3s fulfilling the class membership criteria. A full or associate member of the association must be aboard each yacht whilst participating in the event.
- 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.

4.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 4.1 Measurement and Inspection – Yachts may be subject to inspection before and or after any race at the discretion of the event Race Committee and or the Laser SB3 UK District Class Association measurer or scrutineer.
- 4.2 Safety – All yachts shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules or the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for any of the events in the Series.
- 4.3 Yachts shall be equipped with a marine VHF Radio, the primary purpose of which is to monitor the Race Committee unless otherwise dictated by Class Rules. The Race Committee will communicate on Channel M1. 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.
- 4.4 The Organising Authority may require competitors to affix bow numbers and or sponsors advertising to both sides of the bow for the duration of the event.

5.0 ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entries shall be submitted to: Secretary, Royal Torbay Yacht Club on the official entry form with the entry fee. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee. Please make cheques payable to Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Debit Card payment facilities are available. An entry form is attached.
- 5.2 Entries close at 1200 noon on Wednesday 17th June 2009.
- 5.3 Entry fees will be £100.00 per boat.

6.0 SCORING

- 6.1 The Low Points Series of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 6.2 Eight Races are scheduled of which 2 shall constitute a series.
- 6.3 If up to 4 races are completed all race scores will count.
- 6.4 In the event 5 or more races are sailed, one discard will be allowed (Amends RRS Appendix A2).

7.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 Registration and crew weigh-in will take place in the Race Office located on the ground floor of the Royal Torbay Yacht club.
- 7.2 The race times stated are for the warning signal.

Date	Time	Event
Sat 20 th June	0900 hrs 1200 1400 1930 hrs	Registration & Crew Weigh-In Begins - RTYC Race Office Competitor Briefing (Harbourside) Race 1 Warning Signal Race 2 a.s.a.p. following Race 1 Race 3 a.s.a.p. following Race 2 Commodores Reception at the RTYC for SB3 Class competitors, families and helpers.
Sun 21 st June	1030 hrs	Race 4 Warning Signal Race 5 a.s.a.p. following Race 4 Race 6 a.s.a.p. following Race 5
Mon 22 nd June	1030 hrs	Race 7 Warning Signal Race 8 a.s.a.p. following Race 8 No warning signal will be made after 1330. Prize Giving a.s.a.p. after racing at the RTYC

8.0 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available by Wednesday 17th June 2009 and will be posted on the Club website (www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk). Copies will be available for collection at registration and a copy will be displayed on the official notice board at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- 8.2 The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward – full details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 **BERTHING – LAUNCHING**

- 9.1 SB3's may be rigged on Haldon Pier and either launched down the slipway into Torquay Harbour or by means of the South Pier Crane (Total £50 per boat lift in and out).
- 9.2 Visiting SB3's will be berthed on the new Events Pontoon in Torquay Harbour Town Dock. The Berthing Fees are included in the Entry Fee. Competitors must provide adequate fenders and mooring lines.

10.0 **RACE RESULTS**

- 10.1 Race results will be posted on the official notice-board situated in the RTYC after racing each day and on the Club website (www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk).

11.0 **PROTESTS**

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

12.0 **PRIZEGIVING**

- 12.1 The presentation of Trophies and Prizes will take place following the end of protest time or after protests on Monday 22nd June at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- 12.2 Prizes will be awarded for finishing positions 1-5. They may also be awarded for other positions.

13 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4.
- 13.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 13.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 13.4 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in at least the amount stated in clause 14.1 below for the duration of the race.
- 13.5 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 amongst others the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.

- 13.6 In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury is accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, the Race Committee or the crew of any rescue craft.

14 **INSURANCE**

- 14.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £2,000,000 and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. No responsibility will be accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, or any other party involved in the organisation of the Race.