



BREWIN DOLPHIN

COMPLETE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club

Brewin Dolphin Keelboat Weekend

for

Laser SB3, RS Elite and Squib Classes

13th & 14th September 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Class Briefing – Saturday Morning 09.00

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 RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) 27.1, [62.1(a)], 35, A4, 61.3, 62.2, 60.1(a), 66 will be changed. The changes appear in full in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the RS Elite, Laser SB3 and Squib classes will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in RNIYC clubhouse.

3 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.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at RNIYC.
- 4.2 When Flag “AP” is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’.
- 4.3 When Flag “Y” is displayed ashore, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| 5.1 Date | Race | |
| Saturday 13th September | Races 1, 2 3 and 4 | (HW 10:38 AM BST / 3.09 m) |
| Sunday 14th September | Races 5 and 6 | (HW 11:15 AM BST / 3.25 m) |

5.2

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Start Time
RS Elite	E	10:25	10:30
Laser SB3	Numeral Pennant 7	10:30	10:35
Squib	NN9 Naval (Number 9)	10:35	10:40

Except for the RS Elites the warning signal for each class shall be the start signal for the immediately preceding class.

6 RACE AREA

Racing will take place on Belfast Lough. Racing may be located between the club moorings and Grey Point or alternatively, towards Carrickfergus, on the North side of the Channel, depending on the prevailing wind conditions and also at the discretion of the PRO.

7 COURSES

Triangular or Windward/Leeward courses will be used (diagrams in Addendum "A"). Flag "T" will denote an Triangular Course. Flag "W" will denote a Windward/Leeward course.

7.1a Triangular course for RS Elites and SB3 classes.

Marks shall be rounded in the following order:-
Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 - 3 – Finish
Marks 1,2 & 3 to be left to port.

7.1b Triangular course for Squib class.

Marks shall be rounded in the following order:-
Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 –Finish
Marks 1,2 & 3 to be left to port.

7.2a Windward leeward course for RS Elites and SB3 classes.

Marks shall be rounded in the following order:-
Start 1, 2, 3s or 3p, 1, 2, 3s or 3p, 1, 2, 3s or 3p, Finish
Boats must leave mark 1 and wing (2) to port.
Boats must pass through the leeward gate leaving mark 3s to starboard or 3p to port.

7.2b Windward leeward course for Squib class. Marks shall be rounded in the following order:-

Start 1, 2, 3s or 3p, 1, 2, 3s or 3p, Finish
Boats must leave mark 1 and wing (2) to port.
Boats must pass through the leeward gate leaving mark 3s to starboard or 3p to port.

8 MARKS

Triangular course: Marks 1,2 and 3 shall be black inflatables.

Windward/leeward course: Marks 1, 3s and 3p will be black inflatables; mark 2 will be a yellow inflatable.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the following addition: An attention signal (Flag "F" with one sound) may be made before the warning signal for the second, third and fourth race each day. If thus displayed, Flag "F" will be removed with one sound one minute before the warning signal. This changes rule 27.1.

9.2 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat, displaying an orange flag, at the starboard end and an orange outer limit mark.

9.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race

committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 69. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1** The finishing line will be between the main mast of the committee boat displaying a blue flag and an orange mark or mark 1.
- 10.2** The race committee may, at its discretion, shorten the course at any time and the finishing line will be between a committee vessel displaying a blue flag and the nearest mark of the course to that vessel

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44:1 and 44:2 apply.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1** The Time limit for any race is 75 minutes.
- 12.2** 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.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Protest forms are available at the race office at RNIYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.2** 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.
- 13.3** 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 the protest committee room, located at RNIYC.
- 13.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 13.5** Breaches of instructions 16, 17 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 13.6** 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.

14 SCORING

- 14.1** 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2** When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores – if 4 or more races are completed, a boat may discard her worst score.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** A boat shall not enter the shipping channel whilst racing.
- 15.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race

committee.

- 16.2** 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.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions which are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to each class as follows:
Overall First, Second & Third

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1** 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.
- 20.2** A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 21.3** It is for a 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.
- 20.4** 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 event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- 20.5** The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 20.6** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 or €3,000,000.

ADDENDUM A

Triangular Course (Flag T)

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* * Committee Boat
Start/Finish

3

Windward/Leeward Course (Flag W)

1

2

* * Committee Boat
Start/Finish

3s 3p