

# Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy



## IP OFFICE LTD LASER SB3 UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 14-17 June 2012

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## NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the Laser SB3 UK Class Association.

### **1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the Laser SB3 Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions (SI's) and this Notice of Race. In the case of conflict the SI's will prevail.

### **2 ADVERTISING**

The organising authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1** The event is open to all registered boats of the Laser SB3 class that comply with the Class Rules. Entrants are particularly reminded of the Class Rule requirements in relation to membership of the Class Association.

- 3.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to the WPNSA before 1000 on Wednesday 6 June 2012. Late entries may be accepted subject to receipt of an extra £50 late entry fee.
- 3.3** Cancellation of entry: Refunds (less an administrative charge of £20) will only be given if cancellation is received by noon on Wednesday 6 June.
- 3.4** Online entry is available at:

[http://www.sailracer.us/eventsites/default\\_s.asp?eventid=118782](http://www.sailracer.us/eventsites/default_s.asp?eventid=118782)

#### **4 FEES**

Required fees are as follows:

- (a) The entry fee is £260.00.  
 (b) Late entry fee is an additional £50, total fee £310.00.  
 (c) Berthing, launching, harbour dues, 3 x Championship dinner tickets (£20 each) are included in the entry fee.

#### **5 SCHEDULE**

**5.1** Registration and crew weighing:

Wednesday 13 June 1700 – 1900 hrs

Thursday 14 June 0800 – 1100 hrs

All crews must have been weighed prior to racing on day one of the Championship.

Crew changes will only be considered when an application is made in writing to the Race Committee.

**5.2** Launching:

All boats will be launched by crane at WPNSA. Trailer storage will be provide on site. Slipways are also available.

**5.3** Dates of racing:

Racing will take place on Thursday 14, Friday 15, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 June 2012.

**5.4** Number of races:

Thursday 14 June	3 races	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 1200 hrs
Friday 15 June	3 races	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 1030 hrs
Saturday 16 June	3 races	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 1030 hrs
Sunday 17 June	2 races	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 1030 hrs

**5.5** There will be no race started after 1430 hrs on Sunday 17 June.

#### **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available from lunchtime on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June on the WPNSA website [www.wpnsa.org.uk](http://www.wpnsa.org.uk), and on the Class website at [www.lasersb3.com/uk](http://www.lasersb3.com/uk). Hard copies will be available at registration.

## **7 MEASUREMENTS**

All crews shall be weighed at registration in accordance with Class Rules. Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time during the regatta in accordance with Class Rules. Random spot checks may be carried out on the water.

## **8 VENUE**

**8.1** The venue will be the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy, Portland, Dorset.

**8.2** The racing area will be either a) Weymouth Bay or b) Within Portland Harbour. If racing is to be in Portland harbour, flag 'P' will be displayed with the class flag when boats are released. If racing is to be in Weymouth bay, flag 'W' will be displayed with the class flag on release.

## **9 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward as described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **11 SCORING**

**11.1** The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply

**11.2** Six races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.

**11.3** (a) When five or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **12 PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS**

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

## **13 BERTHING**

Berthing at the WPNSA is included in the cost of the entry fee. All boats will be required to berth on the WPNSA pontoons for the duration of the Championship. Berthing is not included for additional RIBs or support boats. Please enquire with the WPNSA if you wish to book additional berths which will be made available only if space is available.

## **14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **15 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**16.1** 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.

**16.2** The Race Committee may make use of VHF Channel M1 (37) to make announcements to competitors, including during the pre-start period. Any announcement, or failure to make such an announcement, shall not be cause for redress.

## **17 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> places in the Championship at the Prize Giving after racing on Sunday 17 June. The target time is about 1530 hrs.

## **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

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.

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 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 racing and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, committee boat(s), the race officers and others.

The boat is responsible to ensure that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew knows how to use it.

Any inspection of a boat by the race committee does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this disclaimer.

## **19 INSURANCE**

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 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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