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NOTICE OF RACE

SB20 Northern Championship 2017

ROYAL ULSTER YACHT CLUB

Bangor, Co. Down

Saturday/Sunday 27th & 28th May 2017

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority is Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

2.0 RULES

2.1 Races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, the SB20 Class Rules, including SB20 amendments to this notice of race, the sailing instructions, and any other amendments thereto.

2.2 Class Rule C.3.1 is deleted - crews shall **not** have to comply with the maximum Crew Weight Limit.

2.3 Class Rule C.5.1(1) is deleted.

2.4 Class rule C.5.1 (6) is deleted and replaced with "Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1Kg." This weight requirement will be strictly policed. Added weight will not be treated as part of the paddle.

2.5 Class rule C.5.1 (7) will not apply if the items have been removed whilst moored following racing for the purpose of charging only.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The event is open to registered boats of the SB20 class for which current year fees have been paid to SB20 Ireland. During registration each skipper may be required to show evidence that the boat complies with the Class registration requirements.

3.2 Any Changes of helm or crew after registration for the event must be applied for and agreed by the Race Committee in advance of the change being made.

3.3 All boats must be insured for 3rd party liability with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 or equivalent.

4.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

4.1 Measurement/Inspection: Boats may be subject to scrutiny before or after any race at the discretion of the Class Measurer or his deputy. The Class Measurer may inspect any boat at any time, and competitors are requested to comply, as far as is reasonable and practical, with the Class Measurer's requests, which may include the weighing of boats. Failure to do so may result in the protest of that boat by the Class Measurer and/or the Race Committee. Boats evidenced at the time of inspection not to comply with Class Rules will be liable to protest by the Class Measurer and/or the Race Committee.

- 4.2 Safety – All boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules. Boats shall be equipped with a marine VHF radio in working order, the primary purpose of which is to monitor the Race Committee unless otherwise dictated by Class Rules. The channel used will be noted in the sailing instructions.
- 4.3 All boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the current Class Rules and/or the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions, from the time of the first warning signal of the first race until returning to shore following the final race of the series.
- 4.4 The Organising Authority may require competitors to affix bow numbers and/or sponsor stickers to both sides of the bow for the duration of the event.
- 4.5 Entrants will be required to sign a declaration of compliance with all Class Rules and eligibility criteria at registration.

5.0 ENTRIES

- 5.1 Competitors can make payment on arrival at the club.
- 5.2 The entry fee is £30 per boat. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee and all entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.3 Entries will be accepted until 27th May 2017. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.4 Competitors should note that BJ Marine will be charging £100 per boat to cover Launch and recovery.
- 5.5 The Sailing Instructions for the event shall be available at registration and may be placed on the SB20 Ireland and/or the Royal Ulster Yacht Club web site.

6.0 REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will take place between 18:30 and 20:00 on Friday 26th May and between 08:00 and 10:00 on Saturday 27th May at Bangor Marina.
- 6.2 Competitors' Briefing will be held on Saturday 27th May at 10:00 at Bangor Marina.
- 6.3 Racing will be held on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th. Six (6) races are scheduled. A maximum of four (4) races will be held on Saturday 27th. On Sunday 28th the remaining races to complete the schedule will be sailed, to a maximum of three (3) races. The warning signal will be made at 12:00 on Saturday 27th and 11:00 on Sunday 28th. No race will start after 15:00 on Sunday 28th except for the restart of a race following a General Recall.
- 6.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the schedule of races as they see fit to ensure a sufficient number of races are completed.

7.0 SCORING

- 7.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 7.2 6 races are scheduled of which 3 shall constitute a series.
- 7.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded.

8.0 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- 8.1 Catering and event information will be available in the club.

9.0 PRIZES

- 9.1 The presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible following racing on Sunday 28th May 2017. Prizes will be given for the first 3 boats overall and for first in the Silver Fleet a silver fleet exist.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Racing will be in waters of Belfast Lough and the start may be up to 3 miles from Bangor Marina.
- 10.2 The course will be of the Windward/Leeward type with exact details specified in the sailing instructions.

11.0 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 11.1 Berthing is included in the entry fee. Launching will take place on Friday evening before 18:00 and on Saturday morning. Berthing will be supplied by Royal Ulster Y.C. The cost for launch and recovery is outlined in 5.4 above and should be paid directly to BJ Marine on arrival.

12.0 SAFETY

All competitors will wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits and wet suits are not adequate personal flotation devices.

13.0 LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision To Race. The Organising Authority, SB20 Ireland and their officers, members and volunteers, will not accept liability for the loss of life or property, or personal injury, or damage caused by or arising out of the SB20 Northern Championship 2017, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing. It is the responsibility of each competitor to participate in a race or to continue racing. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her personal accident and health insurance. A skipper is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing.

14.0 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

All helms and their crews competing in the Event will be granted Temporary Membership of Royal Ulster Yacht Club for the duration of the event and will be bound by the rules of the Club. The Club reserves the right to withdraw such temporary membership.

