



MALAHIDE YACHT CLUB
&
TOPAZ CLASS ASSOCIATION of IRELAND
EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday July 5th, 2008.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by 2005-2008 ISAF Rules, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA) and the rules of the Topaz Class Association of Ireland (TCAI), this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendment thereto.
- 1.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability **insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000** per incident/event.
- 1.3 **Advertising** will be restricted to Category A.
- 1.4 The Organising Authority is Malahide Yacht Club. This event is wholly organised by Malahide Yacht Club.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 The regatta is open to Topaz Uno and Uno Plus boats helmed by members of the TCAI. *A Topaz Uno shall carry one person and a Uno Plus shall carry two persons whilst racing. A boat entered as a Uno Plus may sail without a jib if the crew so wish but must carry two persons to rank as a starter in a race. A boat with only one person on board shall only use a mainsail. Boats shall only enter in one class for the event.*
- 2.2 Boats shall only compete with standard equipment as supplied with a Topaz Uno or Uno Plus supplied by Topper International, as appropriate to the boat type entered. The use of non-standard equipment or alterations intended to enhance the performance of boats will not be permitted. All boats shall carry a 5 metre long painter, minimum diameter 5mm, securely tied to the hull. All boats shall carry their allocated Topper number on the sail. A wind indicator of optional type mounted on the mast shall be permitted.

3 Fees

- 3.1 The entrance fee for a Topaz Uno shall be €25 and for an Uno Plus shall be €35.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and sending it, together with the required entry fee, to *Diarmuid Marron, Topaz Class Captain, Malahide Yacht Club, St James Terrace, Malahide, Co. Dublin.* Entries to be valid must be complete in all respects, signed by all required parties and enclose the required entry fee. Cheques to be made payable to Malahide Yacht Club.

4 Schedule

- 4.1 Registration shall take place at the MYC Broadmeadows clubhouse from **19.30hrs to 20.30hrs** on the night before the **event**, and again from **08.30hrs to 09.30hrs** on the day of the **event**. Sailing Instructions will be available to competitors at registration, and may, where possible, be posted on the TCAI www.topazclass.com and MYC website www.myc.ie one week in advance of the event.
- 4.2 Checking of boats may take place as part of the registration process or at any other time the Committee decide.
- 4.3 A briefing will be held at **09.30hrs** on **Saturday July 5th** at the MYC Broadmeadows Clubhouse
- 4.4 It is intended to sail 4 races. If all three races are sailed then one discard will be allowed.
- 4.5 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is **10.55hrs**. The second and subsequent race(s) will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race. It is intended to have a break either after the first or second races to allow boats go ashore. In the event of the racing being delayed it may be necessary to run the races without a break.
- 4.6 Details of the race area and courses to be sailed will be available at registration.

5 Lunches

- 5.1 Filled rolls will be provided for lunches. Refreshments will be available after racing for all competitors.

6 Prizes and prize-giving

- 6.1 Prize giving will be held at approx 17.30 hrs in the St James Terrace Clubhouse of Malahide YC on the evening of the event.
- 6.2 Boats will be classed as either Uno or Uno Plus and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both classes. The overall winner of the event will be judged to be the first placed boat with biggest margin over second placed in either class.

There will also be an Under 13 award for the best position in either class.

- 6.3 Allocation of boats to age categories for the purpose of eligibility for age related prizes will be determined by the age of the oldest person on a boat. Ages shall be calculated by reference to the crew ages on Jan 1st, 2008. Where dates of birth are not declared on the entry form the competitor(s) shall be deemed to be over 18.

7 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk - see Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

8 Safety Regulations

Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

9 Honorary membership of Malahide Yacht Club

All entrants shall be honorary members of Malahide YC for the duration of the event.

10 Boat storage

Competing boats may be stored in the boat pen at MYC's Broadmeadows premises, at the risk of the competitor, on the evening before the event but must be removed from the pen immediately after the event.

11 Further Information

For further information please see the TCAI www.topazclass.com and MYC www.myc.ie websites or contact the Event Organisers at either of the following:

Peter Cunning, Sailing Secretary, Malahide Yacht Club, St James Terrace Malahide, Co. Dublin
Diarmuid Marron, Topaz Class Captain, Malahide Yacht Club, St James Terrace Malahide, Co. Dublin
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12 Rights to use names & likenesses

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.