

**IRISH FERRIES
TOPAZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th JULY 2008

**Wexford Harbour Boat and Tennis Club
Redmond Road.
Wexford**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 to 2008*
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the Topaz Class Association of Ireland (TCAI) and Wexford Harbour Boat and Tennis Club (WHBTC) will apply.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Unrestricted Category C advertising is allowed under Appendix 1 of the ISAF Advertising Code.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to Topaz Uno and Topaz Uno Plus boats.
- 3.2 All competing helms must be members of the Topaz Class Association.
- 3.3 A Topaz Uno shall carry one person, a Topaz Uno Plus shall carry two persons. Boats may enter each race in whichever class they choose provided that the correct number of crew is carried.
- 3.4 Boats shall only compete with standard equipment as supplied by Topper International for the Topaz Dinghy.
- 3.5 All boats shall carry a painter at least 5 metres long and 5mm in diameter, securely tied to the bow of the boat.
- 3.6 Each boat must carry their individual sail number on both sides of their mainsail
- 3.7 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Wexford Harbour Boat & Tennis Club.

4. Fees.

- 4.1 The entry fee is €55. Cheques payable to WHBTC (Topaz Nationals)
- 4.2 A discount of €10 shall apply if an entry is received before Sat 19th July

5. Schedule.

- 5.1 Registration: Friday 25th 2008 from 19.00 to 21.00 and Saturday 26th July from 0830 to 0930
- 5.2 Briefing: Saturday 26th July 0945.
- 5.3 Seven races are scheduled to be sailed, the number each day to be advised.
- 5.4 The first warning signal on Saturday 26th July will be at 11.00 and the first warning signal on Sun 27th will be at 1030.
- 5.5 Subsequent races will follow as soon as is practicable after the first race but no race will start after 16.00 on Sunday 27th July.

6. Measurement.

- 6.1** A boat or equipment may be measured at anytime for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

7. Sailing Instructions.

- 7.1** The sailing instructions will be available at Registration.

8. The Venue.

- 8.1** Racing will be held in the waters of Wexford Harbour and/or the River Slaney.

9. The Courses.

- 9.1** The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring.

- 10.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3** When fewer than Four races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores
- 10.4** When Four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 Prizes.

- 11.1** Prizes will be given as follows: Topaz Uno, first to third. Topaz Uno Plus, first to third and a First Overall
- 11.2** First Under 18 Uno/Uno Plus, First Under 16 Uno/Uno Plus, First Under 14 Uno/Uno Plus, First Under 12 Uno/Uno Plus.
- 11.3** Age is calculated as the age on the 1st January 2008.
- 11.4** The prize-giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 27th July 2008.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

- 12.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

13 Insurance

- 13.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance (minimum cover of €1,500,000) for the duration of the event.

14 Honorary membership

- 14.1** All entrants shall be honorary members of Wexford Harbour Boat and Tennis Club for the duration of the event.
- 14.2** Competing boats may be stored in the boat park of Wexford Harbour Boat and Tennis Club, at the risk of the competitor, on the evening before the event, but must be removed from the boat park immediately after the event.

15 Directions

The directions to Wexford Harbour Boat and Tennis Club are as follows:-

From Dublin

From the N11 turn left immediately after the Ferrycarrig Bridge towards Wexford Town for approximately two and a half miles. Turn Left over the Railway Bridge and Turn Right into the Car Park.

From Cork

At Barntown Roundabout on N25 turn left onto N11 towards Dublin for 1 Mile then turn right immediately before the Ferrycarrig Bridge towards Wexford Town for approximately two and a half miles. Turn Left over the Railway Bridge and Turn Right into the Car Park.

16 Further Information

16.1 For further information, please contact:

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