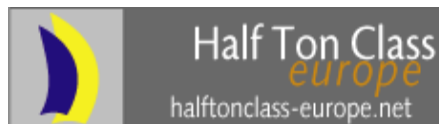


4th ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009

ECOVER



24 - 29 AUG Nieuwpoort

NOTICE OF RACE



1. Organizing Authority

1.1 The ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009 is organized by the Half Ton Classics Cup 2009 Organization Committee, in cooperation with the Koninklijke Yacht Club Nieuwpoort (KYCN) and the Bruxelles Royal Yacht Club (BRYC).

1.1.1 Organizing Committee

Mr. Bert Janssen
Mr. Philippe Pilate
Mr. Freddy Orban
Mr. Georges Leclercq

1.1.2 Principal Race Officer

Mr. Paul Charlier

1.2 All correspondence regarding the Half Ton Classics Cup is to be sent to:

By email: halfnton@halfntonclass-europe.net

By regular mail:

Half Ton Classics Cup 2009

Koninklijke Yacht Club Nieuwpoort , Krommehoek 1 , B-8620 Nieuwpoort Belgium

Tel: 058/23.44.13 Fax: 058/23 03 59

2. Eligibility

The ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009 is open to all yachts once eligible to participate at an IOR Half Ton Cup, and carrying a valid 2009 IRC-rating certificate.

3. Location & Dates

Each race will start from a Committee Boat and will be sailed around buoys and marks in Belgian coastal waters off Nieuwpoort.

The series consist of several daily races between Monday 24th August and Saturday 29th August 2009 included.

4. Race Programme

Race Day 0 Monday 24 th August:	practice race
Race Day 1 Tuesday 25 th August:	several short races
Race Day 2 Wednesday 26 th August:	several short races
Race Day 3 Thursday 27 th August:	short race + offshore race
Race Day 4 Friday 28 th August:	short race + offshore race
Race Day 5 Saturday 29 th August:	several short races

The first start is scheduled for 11.00 hours on each day, except for race days 3 & 4 when the start will be scheduled for 10.00 hours.

5. Conditions of Entry

5.1 Each owner/ competitor is entirely responsible for the boat's own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

5.2 It is for each owner/ competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the owner/ competitor confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

5.3 Each owner/ competitor is responsible to ensure that the boat 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 know how to use it.

5.4 Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/ competitor nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officers and patrol boats.

5.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/ competitor of his/ her responsibilities.

5.6 The owner/ competitor is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of a least €1.000.000.

6. Rules

6.1 General

6.1.1 The ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009 will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2009- 2012), the IRC insofar as this rule applies to competing boats, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

6.1.2 In the event of a conflict between any of the above rules and regulations and this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the provisions of this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

6.1.3 This Notice of Race can be amended by a notice on the official notice board at the Koninklijke Yacht Club Nieuwpoort (KYCN) and which will also be posted on the event website www.halftonclassicscup.net

6.2 All boats competing in the ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009 shall

6.2.1 comply with the respective rules of IR2000

6.2.2 not exceed a maximum of two more than the boats certified crew number.

6.2.3 have a valid IRC 2009 certificate

6.2.4 race dependent on her TCC.

6.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to request further information regarding measurements of a boat.

6.4 Rating Changes

6.4.1 No rating changes will be accepted following registration, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.

6.5 Safety

6.5.1 Boats competing in the ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009 shall comply with ORC Special Regulations Category 4

6.6 VHF Radio

6.6.1 All boats shall carry an operational VHF marine radiotelephone equipped with Channels 16, 24, 72 & 77.

6.6.2 The course to be sailed will be announced on VHF Ch. 72.

6.7 Cushions – Interior items

Boats racing may remove their bunk cushions and interior items only if their rating certificate identifies the boat was weighed less cushions and these interior items.

6.8 Scoring

6.8.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply, amended as below:

3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

6.8.2 Points will be awarded as follows (for definitions see RRS Appendix A11):

DNS / OCS / DNF / RAF: Number of race entries plus one

DNC: Number of race entries plus two

DSQ / DNE / DGM : Number of race entries plus three

6.9 Entries

6.9.1 A boat entering any one of the qualifying races shall be deemed to have entered the ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009.

6.9.2 Entries will only be accepted on an official entry form available from either the address shown on the first page of this Notice of Race or from the event website www.halftonclass-europe.net and entry fees can be paid by bank transfer as indicated on the entry form or by credit card via the electronic entry form available on the KYCN website..

6.9.3 The Class identification flag (race pennant nr.5) must be flown on the backstay of each boat whilst racing.

6.10 Advertising

6.10.1 Advertising will be permitted in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (Appendix 1 - Regulation 20), for which purpose the event shall be classified as a Category "C" event.

6.10.2 Any reference of any nature to the race, at any time, on clothing or in advertising or wherever, shall include the name of the sponsor coupled to the words "Half Ton Classics Cup 2009" and the provisions of this clause shall apply from the time of entry until the Prize Giving.

6.10.3 The name of any boat, whether displaying advertising or not, must be acceptable to the Race Committee. No entry will be accepted from a boat displaying advertising or having a name which conflicts with any interests of the race sponsor, or any sub-sponsor of the event.

6.10.4 The owner and skipper of all boats participating in the event shall ensure that nothing is done by them or any of their crew or promoters or agents which will, or is reasonably likely to, injure, bring into disrepute, ridicule or lessen the public reputation, goodwill or favourable image of the event, the organisers and the event sponsors.

6.10.5 The owner and skipper of all boats shall ensure that no "ambush marketing" or "hijack signage" is carried out by or on behalf of themselves or their sponsors with reference to the event and that nothing else is done which might undermine the event, the rights of the event sponsor, or any other sponsor or participant in the event.

6.10.6 The organisers and sponsors shall be entitled to make use of any photograph, film or other form of electronic reproduction of or relating to all boats participating in the event, their owners and crew and to make use of all interviews, broadcasts and reports by any of them for any purpose relating to or arising from the event or the sponsorship thereof.

6.10.7 The entry of a boat breaching any of the provisions of this clause 11 may be rejected and any boat breaching any of these provisions shall be subject to disqualification or such penalty to her corrected time as the Race Committee may deem fit.

7. Entries & Fees

7.1 Entries for the complete series will close at 1200 hours on 24th August 2009

7.2 Entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as set out on the official entry form

7.3 The entry fee has been fixed at 275€ for all entries received before June 30th 2009. The entry fee for entries received between 1st July and 24th August amounts 325€.

7.4 Registration will take place at the regatta office located at the KYCN Race Office from 0900 on Monday 24th August 2009.

7.5 Entries can be made online via the entry form available on the website of the KYCN. Payment instructions can be found there as well. Cheques will not be accepted.

8. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions, together with a list of current entries, will be available on the official web site and in hard copy at registration.

9. Infringements

If a boat infringes any of the provisions of this Notice of Race or of the Sailing Instructions or any of the Rules and Regulations herein referred to, in circumstances which in the opinion of the Race Committee do not constitute a gross breach thereof, it may be penalised by having its basic elapsed time increased by such amount as the Race Committee, in its sole discretion, deems fit. In addition, the Race Committee shall be entitled to disqualify a boat in the event of a gross breach of any of such provisions, rules or regulations. Any penalty imposed by the Race Committee pursuant to this provision will not be subject to appeal.

10. Results and Prizes

Provisional results of each race will be posted on the official series notice board adjacent to the KYCN Race Office on completion of each day's racing. Results will be forwarded by post to each entrant and displayed on the event's website.

Prizes will be awarded for all races.

11. Sponsor Identification

Competing yachts may be required to fly a sponsors' flag from their backstay (or equivalent) for the duration of the Series and will be required to display bow numbers. Specific details will be given in the Sailing instructions.

12. Race Day Sponsors

The prizes, donated by the 'Sponsors of the Day', will be awarded at each of the prizegivings after the days racing.

13. Bar & Catering

Facilities will be available at the KYCN Clubhouse from 0800 to 2400 each evening throughout the Regatta.

14. Series Prize- giving

Prizegivings will take place as follows:

- Each race day at 1900 during an official ceremony, except for race day 3 & 4 when it will take place as soon upon the arrival of the last yacht.

- The overall ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009 prizes will be awarded at a reception on Saturday 29th August 2009 at 1500 hours in the KYCN club house.

All teams are obliged to assist at the prizegivings with at least 3 crew members (so you're not alone on the podium for singing).

15. Trophies

The trophies will be awarded as follows:

15.1.1 Half Ton Classics Cup Trophy

Overall winner of series IRC Corrected Time

15.1.2 Special Trophies

Overall winner of the 'vintage class' IRC Corrected Time

Overall winner of the 'production boat class' IRC Corrected Time

15.1.3 Race Day 1

Overall winner of the days racing IRC corrected

15.1.4 Race Day 2

Overall winner of the days racing IRC corrected

15.1.5 Race Day 3

Overall winner of the days racing IRC corrected

15.1.6 Race Day 4

Overall winner of the days racing IRC corrected

15.1.7 Race Day 6

Overall winner of the days racing IRC corrected

Individual Trophies

Best Overseas Yacht in the ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009 Series

Best Fair-Play Yacht in the ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup 2009 Series

And many more surprises at the discretion of the organizers...

16. Indemnity

The owner and the skipper of each boat entered shall be deemed, on the acceptance of the entry by the Race Committee, on behalf of themselves, their crew, their dependants and their sponsors to have indemnified the Organisers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims of any kind arising from any injury to person or property incurred during or in connection with the event, or from any other cause arising whatsoever. Owners and skippers are advised to obtain counter-indemnities from each member of the crews.

17. Accommodation

Competitors should make their own arrangements and are strongly advised to do so as early as possible.

More information can be found via the City of Nieuwpoort Office of Tourism at www.nieuwpoort.be

18. Cranage & Berthing

Lifting of boats can be organized through the Harbour Authority.

No berthing fees will be charged for yachts entering the Half Ton Classics Cup 2009.

19. Charts

Admiralty Charts 1800 (Vlaamse Banken) Hydrografische kaarten 1803.5

20. Jurisdiction

The event, being organised from Nieuwpoort, is subject to the laws of Belgium and accordingly this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will be construed in accordance with such laws. All participants, owners,

skippers and crews shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the High Court of Belgium, Brussels, which alone shall have jurisdiction in regard to any legal disputes which may arise in connection with or arising from the event and a participant's participation therein. Owners and skippers of boats participating in the event will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Notice of Race are understood and agreed by all individuals concerned and hereby indemnify the organisers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims, loss or harm suffered as a result of a failure to do so.

21. Supplementary Information

Berthing at the KYCN

It is intended that all competitors' yachts will berth together on pontoons in the KYCN yacht harbour. It is intended that the Berthing Master will greet yachts on arrival and directed to berths.

If the Berthing Master is not present, please call on VHF Channel 23.

VHF Communication

Dock Office Channel 23

Race Committee Channel 72

22. Errors & Omissions

On good cause, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend any of the provisions of this Notice of Race.