



in Advance HALF TON CLASSICS CUP

5-9 AUG 2024

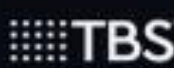
OPEN TO ALL FORMER IOR
HALFTONNERS

NIEUWPOORT (BEL)

WWW.HALFTONCLASS.EU



thinkpink



1/2 Ton Class
www.halftonclass.eu



Dear half-ton-lovers,

We have some exciting news to share with you regarding the next Half Ton Classics Cup in Nieuwpoort (BEL): we have secured a main sponsor for the event!

Belgium's Brussels based general construction company 'In Advance' has agreed to link up its name with our regatta.

In Advance started in 1993 (the year of the last edition of the Half Ton Cup...) and is active both in the public as the private building construction market, building as well as renovating schools, offices, railroad stations, sports centres, housing buildings etc.

They are a young and dynamic company and are eager to show this in Nieuwpoort.

Apart from our main sponsor we also concluded deals with other companies who will support us either financially or with prizes, like f.i. Wichard, TBS, Seashop, Eyetec and others. We will present them more closely in our next newsletter. Our hunt for more side-sponsors is still open – if you have a lead – please tell us...





Halftonners will Think Pink

We are also embarking on a completely new itinerary: the HTCE is teaming up with Think Pink, a European-wide organization which aims to improve the lives of breast cancer patients and their family by raising awareness, informing, defending patient's rights, funding scientific research into breast cancer and funding care and aftercare programs.

The HTCE will support this organization via 'Sailing for Think Pink', an organization of young Belgian woman whose objectives are firstly to support Think Pink by raising funds & secondly promoting the presence of women in sailing, via their racing team 'Swanne Bonny'.

The Sailing for Think Pink team will be present the whole week. During the traditional gala dinner on Friday 9/8 they will present themselves, their goals and their dreams...

In view of the above we are proud to announce the presence of already 2 all-female teams: one from Norway on board an X-95 and one Belgian 'Think Pink' team on a Berret-designed halftonner.

We encourage our Brittany, Irish and UK teams to follow their examples and register for the event.





Entries sofar

Talking about registration... at this moment already 19 teams have registered for the 2024 HTCC, which is very, very encouraging. Our aim is to welcome some 25-30 halftonnners in Nieuwpoort. We are doing our utmost to have the most attractive series ever...

We can already count on following teams:

- 7 from Norway
- 1 from South Africa
- 1 French (oldest boat, from Northern France)
- 4 British
- 1 Finnish (here they are again...)
- 1 Irish (some more to come)
- And finally 4 Belgian teams who already found their way to Manage2Sail

Following trophies will be at stake:

- Best IRC overall – the Half Ton Classics Cup Trophy
- Best IRC overall amateur team – Corinthian Trophy
- Best IRC overall Vintage halftonner – Vintage Cup
- Best IRC female team – the 'we'll find a name for this' Cup
- Best True Spirit – the Half Ton True Spirit Trophy
- And many more (fun) prizes...





Practical hints:

- Campers can stay at the KYCN premises at a cost of 25 EUR per day
- Cranage for halftonniers coming on a trailer is free, thanks to Tom/ Yachting Wave. Trailers can be stored for free at his yard (hint: Tom loves a good red wine...)
- All halftonniers will be berthed at 1 same pier in the KYCN yacht harbour
- Hotel boats are required to make a timely reservation at the Clubs office via info@kycn.be – regular visitor's tariffs will apply (it is high season after all)
- Housing in the vicinity can be easily found via the web/Air B&B/camping sites/holiday parks (Ysermonde) or the main agencies in Nieuwpoort (Immo Eecke, ...) We advise booking your housing well in advance. If you need guidance, contact us.
- For the halftonniers coming by ferry from Norway to Zeebrugge: the HTCE is looking into a service to retrieve your boats from the terminal (and bringing them back after the event).





General view harbour Nieuwpoort + entrance:





The KYCN Yacht harbour





Navigational guidelines for a Nieuwpoort 'dummy'

Beware! The HTCC 2024 will be sailed during a spring tide regime.

So, when approaching the entrance channel from the sea, beware of the (strong) side current when engaging in between the wooden piers.

Make sure your boat engine is in 100% working order, as the current in the entrance channel (especially at the storm barrier) can be quite strong (upto 3 knots).

The current at sea is eastbound starting from +/- 3 hours before HW until 3 hours after HW.

When 'rounding the cans' always mind the tidal current (most 'cans' are steel cans...).

At all times stay out of the sea farm area +/- 3NM West of the harbour entrance (area marked by cardinal buoys – supplied by the Irish company JFC Marine, one of the sponsors).

Always have a black cone hoisted (pointing downwards) when using engine + sail(s) up in the entrance channel. Police are checking and fines are quite high. Also for Norwegians.

Sandbanks do exist off Nieuwpoort, the Spanish Armada already found out in 1588... Thank God the main race area is avoiding the shallowest parts. They, however, represent quite a few tactical opportunities during a race, much to the pleasure of the local halftonner teams.





The effects of 'wind against tide' can produce quite steep seas. In a blow, prepare to get wet.

Professional maritime traffic off Nieuwpoort exists but is rather reduced to one or two sand carrying vessels who collect sand at sea and bring it to the Nieuwpoort harbour, upstream the Yser river. When they navigate through the entrance channel please give ample room.

A small ferry operates on the entrance channel and can be quite busy during the local summer holidays. Please give ample room – get out of their way.

When having dinner in the KYCN clubhouse you will notice a nice chart on your place mats. Just pointing out here that this map is outdated and cannot be used for navigational purposes (although it has been done in the past...).

At sea, never follow the locals 😊.





Membership fee

You can only participate at the regatta when you have paid your membership fee...

The fee of 100 EUR is to be paid by bank transfer only, to:

Half Ton Class Europe

IBAN: BE78 0018 1280 2886 -- BIC: GEBABEBB

Communication: 'member 2024' + boat name + sail number + your name

By paying your membership fee you give a strong signal to the Class in general and more specifically to the board. The Half Ton Class is a story about you and us, and we write that story together!

Fair winds & following seas...

Philippe, Ward & Bert + Tom, Ian, An, Albert, Greg, Nicolas, Thibaud, Jan-Jakob, Manon, John, Maël, Winnie, Nicolas, and many others...

