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Spring quite often brings good ideas, and apparently it has inspired some of you to join the entry list (and me to write this newsletter...). It is a fact that to date 22 teams are pre-registered for this Half Ton Classics Cup in Nieuwpoort, representing 8 different nationalities. Quite an achievement...

We must really thank you for your support and confidence...

We also receive lots of support from a whole team of volunteers who just like us put time and effort in the organisation of this event. And it's also a 'their event', although most of them will remain ashore while you are sailing... We owe them so much and therefore walready now would like to thank them!

Notwithstanding all this, the registration is still open, so it is not impossible that we'll be some 30 halftonnners this summer.

Huguette, you'll have to foresee some extra help that week to accommodate & serve all these halftonner crews at your KYCN terrace...

As we're actively supporting Think Pink we're looking forward to see a much bigger contingent of female sailors on board of your halftonnners!  
Ladies... WE NEED YOU! You'll see that we are thinking about you...

For the rest, we have so many things to mention that we'll just start with the most important...



		
		
		

## CLASS MEMBERSHIP FEES 2024

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!

## REGISTRATION HALF TON CLASSICS CUP

As the date of the event is approaching fast, the first invoices need to be paid... Can all registered teams please transfer the entry fees?



		
		
		

## OUR EVENT PARTNERS

As you can see on top of this newsletter, we have some fine supporters & we'll present them all here...

**IN ADVANCE** – main sponsor, general contractor and largely presented in our last newsletter...

**TBS** – Fleet sponsor – since 1978 French manufacturer of durable clothing and accessories inspired by the sea. TBS sails through fashion tendencies with creativity and simplicity, offering its customers wearable clothing that will resist the test of time. TBS offers the polo shirts that you'll be all wearing during the event and long time after. We can count on them since the first edition in 2003.

**SAILIZ** – sponsor of all female halfton sailors! Based in Lorient (France) this young start-up developed the first sailing pants uniquely for women, providing both comfort and protection while sailing. SAILIZ will provide test models for some of you and will offer the main prize for the best 'most female' team (> 50%).

*To support the female halftonner sailors  
SAILIZ offers a huge 30% reduction  
on all items available at the webshop*

*[www.sailiz.fr](http://www.sailiz.fr) !!!*

**Code: HALFTONCLASS**

*Delivery of sailing pants as from end of June 2024*



		
		
		

**SEASHOP.BE** – our privileged prize partner. The biggest Belgian online boating webshop based in Nieuwpoort – with a physical store just across the river Yser – worth a visit!

**COUSIN TRESTEC** – Located in the North of France, Cousin Trestec manufactures innovative ropes and braids. With 175 years of experience, Cousin Trestec is a key player in the industry and leisure markets. These guys are supporting us since the first Half Ton Classics Cup in 2003.

**JFC MARINE** – Irish manufacturer of navigation and mooring bouys as well as floats and other items for the aquaculture sector. When setting sail from Nieuwpoort the first bouys you see are supplied by JFC Marine.

**YACHTING WAVE** – Do we really need to explain that Tom (supported by his wife Nathalie) again will take care of all crantage of the halftonnars and will keep your trailers stored at his yard?

**EYETEC** – is a trusted partner for healthcare industries. With more than twenty years' experience in technical pharmaceutical manufacturing, eyetec perfectly understands the challenges companies in the pharmaceutical industry, hospitals and pharmacies face.

If you own a company or pull the marketing strings in the company you work, why not get in touch with us and become a partner of the Half Ton Classics Cup? Just contact us!



		
		
		

## REMINDING YOU SOME PRACTICAL HINTS

- Campers can stay at the KYCN premises at a cost of 25 EUR per day.
- Cranage for halftonners 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 halftonners will be berthed at the same pontoon in the KYCN yacht harbour.
- Hotel boats are required to make a timely reservation at the Club office via [info@kycn.be](mailto: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 halftonners coming by ferry from Norway to Zeebrugge: the HTCE is looking into a service to retrieve your boats from the terminal (and to bring them back after the event).
- There will be a room where you can store your ‘non-racing gear’





## THE CLUB, ITS PORT AND THE MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST



		
		
		

## THE PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (subject to changes... )

### Saturday AUG 3

- 10 – 18.00 Race office open
- 14 – 18.00 Safety controls
- 14 – 21.00 Sailors Bar open

### Sunday AUG 4

- 10 – 12.30 & 14 – 18.00 Race office open
- 10 – 12.30 Safety controls
- 15 – 18.00 Practice Race (leave the harbour by 14.00...)
- 14 – 18.00 Sailors Bar open
- 18.30 – 19.00 Official opening ceremony by Commodore of the KYCN
- 19 – 20.00 Happy hour at the KYCN Terrace

### Monday AUG 5

- 9 – 9.30 Briefing at Sailors Bar (only coffee...)
- 11.00 Emargement
- 11.55 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal
- 1 windward-leeward + 1 round the cans race
- 18.30 Prize-giving at Sailors Bar (coffee alternatives...)
- 23.59 Sailors Bar closed – also for Irish & Norwegians

### Tuesday AUG 6

- 9 – 9.15 Briefing at Sailors Bar (only coffee...)
- 9.30 Emargement
- 10.25 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal
- 2 windward-leeward + 1 round the cans race
- 18.30 Prize-giving at Sailors Bar (coffee alternatives...)
- 23.59 Sailors Bar closed



		
		
		

### Wednesday AUG 7

- 9 – 9.15 Briefing at Sailors Bar (only coffee...)
- 9.30 Emargement
- 10.25 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal
- 2 windward-leeward + 1 round the cans race
- 18.30 Prize-giving at Sailors Bar (coffee alternatives...)
- 19.00 'Food Trucks' – typical coastal fingerfood
- 23.59 Sailors Bar closed

### Thursday AUG 8

- 9 – 9.15 Briefing at Sailors Bar (only coffee...)
- 9.30 Emargement
- 10.25 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal
- Long offshore race (33 NM)
- 17.00 Sailors Bar open
- 23.59 Sailors Bar closed

### Friday AUG 9

- 9 – 9.15 Briefing at Sailors Bar (only coffee...)
- 9.30 Emargement
- 10.25 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal
- 1 round the cans race
- No more starts will be given after 12.55
- 18.30 Prize-giving at KYCN Clubhouse terrace
- 19.00 Drink at the KYCN Clubhouse terrace
- 20 – 23.59 Class Gala Dinner at the KYCN Clubhouse

Looking forward to welcoming you in Nieuwpoort!





		
		
		

## PRESS OFFICER & MEDIA RELATIONS

Our press Officer Mr. Pit De Jonge (who was also present in 2003 and in 2022) will be at sea each day to make the best pics ever of your halftonnors and the most complete press releases. He'll also feed our Facebook page.

Our camera team led by Mr. Renaud Dewit will also be at sea to make Oscar-winning movies, driving around in his RIB with his drone in the air.

Most European sailing magazines (paper and web-based) will receive our press releases with free pictures, each race day.

The [www.halftonclassicscup.com](http://www.halftonclassicscup.com) website will be revived and will contain links to all pics and movies published by Pit and Renaud.

That's all for now...

Fair winds & following seas...

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

