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### **ECOVER re-embarks !**

On Monday July 11th Mr Gérard Fougeray, president of the YCD, Mr Thierry Klipffel, the communications man of the YCD as well as Mr Bert Janssen, representing the Half Ton Class Europe (and acting as a live-GPS for both Frenchmen in the Antwerp region), reached an agreement concerning the sponsorship of the 2005 Half Ton Classics Cup with Mr Michael Bremans, MD of ECOVER - well known manufacturer of ecological cleaning products and already heavily involved in the sailing business with Mike Golding's Open 60.

By renewing his confidence in the event, the boss of ECOVER confirms having been very charmed by the success of the 2003 Half Ton Classics Cup. At this moment the marketing office of ECOVER is elaborating a programme together with Mike Golding's team in order to fill in their sponsoring programme. Their partnership with the halftonners will not pass unnoticed in the Bay of Saint-Malo at the end of August.

### **The Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Half Ton Class website [www.halftoncup.net](http://www.halftoncup.net) (seen the new address?) as well as on the YCD's [www.yacht-club-dinard.com](http://www.yacht-club-dinard.com).

The careful reader will notice some changes as to what the masthead VHF antenna is concerned, but also to the obligation of having a life raft on board while racing. For security reasons and after carefully examining the pro's and con's of Categories 3 & 4 of the OSR, the race committee opted to maintain Category 3, with life raft (or 60 litres of water for non-French boats).

The racing zone is limited to 48° 38' N by 49° 03' N and 01° 48' W by 02° 22' W.

### **A busy programme**

The long sailing week already begins on Sunday afternoon with a practise regatta. In the course of the week the 2nd ECOVER Half Ton Classics Cup will be sailed in the Bay of Saint-Malo (vicinity of the Buharats buoys). The racing programme foresees a dozen of short windward-leeward courses mixed with short and longer coastal races.

There is however one significant change to the original sailing programme and it concerns the 100 NM long distance offshore race. This race has been replaced by a 60 NM visit to the Minquiers islands. Why this change? Rendez-vous at the YCD bar! We're quite sure the Irish will compose a special song about this topic.

The YCD hired a jazz trio that will take care of the musical aspect of the Half Ton Banquet in the Dinard casino (30€/person – all in). Let it swing...

Every evening on a big screen in the marquee you'll be able to watch the images taken at sea by the official cameraman.

Just like in 2003 the organizers offer special T-shirts to the crews. You'll receive them on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August when collecting the sailing instructions in the YCD's racing office.

The French UNCL will carry out rating controls (sails, ...) on board each participating boat. You can also have your boat IRC weighed in the week before the start of the first race.

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