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Harken announces their sponsorship of the 2011 UK Laser Nationals

Lymington, Hants – Harken UK is delighted to announce their sponsorship of the 2011 Laser Nationals at Weymouth, from 27th August to 2nd September 2011. The Harken Laser UK Nationals 2011 are expecting 300 boats to attend the event, which is to be held at the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy,

Harken have a long standing relationship with the Laser fleet, manufacturing and supplying a number of innovative sailing solutions for the Laser. The Harken manufactured Laser Licensed products include the Laser Vang, Mainsheet Blocks and Clew Sleeve. In sponsoring the 2011 Laser Nationals, Harken hopes this will demonstrate, at least in part, their appreciation for the loyalty shown over the years.

“Having had such a close relationship with the Laser class for so long, we feel it is only right to show our support for the fleet by sponsoring their Nationals. We want to thank them for their continued loyalty to our products over the years but we also enjoy having close links to such a competitive fleet” comments Andy Ash-Vie, Managing Director of Harken UK Ltd.

UK Laser Association Chairman, John Ling spoke enthusiastically about Harken’s sponsorship of the 2011 UKLA National Championships. **“Not only are we returning to Weymouth ahead of the 2012 Olympics, which is a real thrill for our members, but we are delighted to welcome Harken back as our Title Sponsors for the week. I believe that their generous contribution to our event will add significantly to the competitors’ enjoyment. We already have entries from Belgium, Holland, Spain, St Lucia and U.A.E. so there is a really international feel to this year’s regatta”**.

Harken are supplying a wide range of product prizes, including Hardware and Sport Products as well as products from the complementary brands that Harken UK Ltd distribute, which includes McLube and FSE Robline. At registration for the event, all competitors will receive a Harken entry pack gift.

Harken UK Ltd is a subsidiary of Harken Inc., which is a leading manufacturer and distributor of innovative sailboat hardware and accessories. Headquartered in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, Harken manufactures in the USA and Italy. The Harken Inc. network includes offices in 48 countries, with group offices located in Australia, France, Italy, New Zealand, Slovenia, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States (Rhode Island, California, and Florida).

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