



## HOWTH YACHT CLUB

### International J/80 Class Association of Ireland Beshoff Motors National Championships



#### Sailing Instructions

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd September 2019

**NOTE: On Saturday 21 September, the racing will be run under the Sailing Instructions of the HYC Autumn League.**

#### 1. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the current J80 Class Rules, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the event notice board located adjacent to the Marina Office at Howth Yacht Club.
- 2.2. The Race Committee may draw attention to Race Signals given on the Committee Boat, and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The Race Committee will transmit on Channel 77 or other such channel as may be displayed on the Committee Boat. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).

#### 3. SPONSORS' ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

3.1. Participating boats may be required to carry a sponsor's name on each side of the forward 25% of the hull.

#### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at Marina Entrance.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

##### 6.1. Schedule of Races:

Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Races Scheduled
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	1405	Up to 2
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	1200	Remaining races to complete the 5 series.

- 6.2. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable following the previous race
- 6.3. On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the first warning signal of a race will not be made after 1600.

#### 7. CLASS FLAG

7.1. The class flag will be code flag J.

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1. Races will be sailed in the waters North West of Irelands Eye.

## 9. THE COURSE

- 9.1. The course will be of the Windward/Leeward type. The diagram in Appendix A shows the course, and the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks shall be left to port.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will display boards to show the number of rounds to be sailed. Number 2 signifies 2 rounds and Number 3 signifies 3 rounds.
- 9.3. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee may display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be large Black inflatable marks.
- 10.2. The Start Mark will be an orange pillar type mark and the Finish Mark will be a small inflatable Orange buoy.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a red and white pole, or Main mast on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the Start Mark at the port end.
- 11.3. The race committee will attempt to broadcast Individual Recall OCS sail numbers no earlier than one minute after the starting signal, on the designated VHF channel.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1. The change will be signaled in accordance with rule 33. Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signaled by the Race Committee.
- 12.2. Boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the committee vessel to starboard.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line, unless shortened, will be between a red and white pole or Main mast on the finishing vessel and the Finish Mark.

## 14. SHORTENING COURSE

- 14.1. When a Race Committee vessel displaying code flag F, making repeated sound signals, is positioned adjacent to a mark of the course, boats, having rounded that mark, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. SI 12.2 will apply.

## 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. A boat will take a One Turn Penalty when she has broken a rule of Part 2. This changes rule 44.1.

## 16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 17. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, ARBITRATION

- 17.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and request for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which will be posted on the official notice board.

17.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

17.5. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: -

- Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

## 18. SCORING

18.1. The Low Points Series of rule Appendix A, will be used.

18.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3. One discard will be allowed if five (5) are completed.

## 19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. All competitors will wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits and wet suits are not adequate personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

19.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## 20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

20.1. Substitution of crew or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1. A boat, crew, equipment and safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21.2. Boats may be required to undergo safety/measurement checks on random boats assigned at registration.

## 22. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

22.1. Boats shall not be removed from the water between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. In an emergency, and only following a written request, the protest committee may waive this SI.

## 23. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

23.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## 24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

24.1. A boat while racing shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, which shall be switched off while racing.

## 25. INSURANCE

25.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## 26. PRIZES

26.1. Prizegiving will take place as soon as possible following the conclusion of racing.

26.2. Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats overall, and to the winner of each race, except that no helm and crew may win more than one race winner prize. There will also be an Under 25 prize category.

## 27. LIABILITY

27.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk – see rule 4 – Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Howth Yacht Club, including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

**Appendix A**

