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|  | **HOWTH YACHT CLUB****2020 END OF SUMMER SERIES****Saturday 12th September to Sunday 18th October** |  |

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)**

**1.1** The OA is Howth Yacht Club CLG

**1.2** Entries must be made online at <http://www.hyc.ie> by following the link to the ‘2020 End of Summer’ series.

**2. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY**

**2.1** Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the rules of each Class concerned and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

**2.2** Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

**2.3** Entry is limited to members of Howth Yacht Club and to Temporary members who, prior to entering for the Series, have committed to a Winter marina berth. The OA reserves the right to determine the eligibility of entrants.

**2.4** Eligible boats are those in the Classes that comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry eligibility requirements.

**2.5** Boats racing in Classes 1, 2, 3 and in Non-Spinnaker Cruisers shall comply with the definition of a cruiser as stipulated in the ICRA Constitution

**2.6** It is strongly recommended that all boats carry VHF radios and keep a listening watch to Channel 69.

* 1. “Crew Limitation” rules shall not apply in IRC Classes. Cushions may be removed from boats competing in IRC Classes

**2.8** Protest requirements: the exemption for boats less than six metres shall not apply. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

**3. CLASSES**

**3.1** Races will be provided for the following Classes and results will be calculated on the handicap divisions listed

 **COMMITTEE VESSEL/ PIER STARTS - SUNDAYS**

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| **Class** | **Flag** | **HPH** | **IRC** |
| Cruiser Class 1  | Numeral 1  | X | X |
| Cruiser Class 2 | Numeral 2 | X | X |
| Non-Spinnaker Cruiser \* (see 5.2)  | Numeral 4 | X | X |

**COMMITTEE VESSEL/PIER STARTS - SATURDAYS**

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| **Class** | **Flag** | **Scratch** | **HPH** |
| J80 | J | X | X |
| Class 3 | Numeral 3 | IRC X | X |
| Puppeteer 22 | A | X | X |
| Squib | K | X | X |
| Howth 17 Footer | C | X | X |

**4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**4.1** Nine races are scheduled for all Classes. Racing will be on Saturdays and Sundays, each Class to race on one day of each weekend as per 3.1.

 Two races are scheduled for each of the following – Sept 19th/ 20th, 26th / 27th and Oct 3rd / 4th.

 One race is scheduled for Sept. 12th / 13th, Oct. 10th /11th and Oct 17th / 18th.

 Race formats will be decided on the day of racing.

**4.2** In the event of it not being possible to sail races as planned due to weather conditions or the like, the OA reserves the discretion to sail an extra race on the weekends of Oct. 10th /11th and / or Oct 17th / 18th to try and provide the scheduled number of races, or as close to it as feasible. In such a case not less than 5 days’ notice shall be provided to competitors.

**4.2** First Warning Signal on **Saturdays** will be at **1400**.

First Warning Signal on **Sundays** will be at **1200.**

5. **ENTRIES**

* 1. Entries shall be made online at <http://www.hyc.ie> following the link to the ‘2020 End of Summer’ series. The entry fees will be:

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| ***Class*** | ***Fee*** |
| Cruisers 1, 2, 3, 4 and J80 | €75.00 |
| Howth 17 Footer and Puppeteer 22 | €60.00 |
| Squib | €45.00 |

**5.2** Non-Spinnaker Cruisers may be divided into two Classes (Class 4 and Class 5) based on TCF. The boats assigned to these Classes shall be listed on the Official Notice Board in the archway beside the Marina Office and on the HYC website.

**5.4** A copy of the IRC certificate for each boat entered in an IRC Class shall be emailed to results@HYC.ie at the time the boat is entered.

**5.5** Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non-Spinnaker Cruisers are automatically eligible for the HPH division. Where a boat does not have a current HPH TCF the OA will allocate an initial number to it.

**7. SAIL NUMBERS/ IDENTIFICATION**

* 1. Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on its spinnaker and on each side of its mainsail, which shall be the same number as declared on the entry details (unless otherwise required by the relevant One Design Class rules). Where required by the Equipment Rules of Sailing, the same number shall be shown on the genoa.
	2. Should a boat wish to change its sail number for a race from that declared at the time of entering, written notice shall be given to the Race Committee before the Warning Signal of that race. **Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat's disqualification.** This changes RRS 63.1.

**7.3** Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non-Spinnaker Cruisers shall fly the relevant class numeral pennant from the backstay. **Any boat not doing so shall be scored DNS.** This changes RRS 63.1.

**8. HANDICAPS**

**8.1** The following handicap data shall be used: **Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3, J80 and Non-Spinnaker** **Cruisers):**

**HPH**: HPH ratings to be used shall be applied to all boats at the commencement of the series. (see also 8.2(b))

**IRC**: TCC values of current certificate (2019 or 2020 IRC cert is acceptable).

 **One Design:** Current handicap as notified by the Class Captain.

**8.2** There may be updating of handicaps during the series, as follows: -

 (a) Revision of HPH/ One Design Handicap should there be any material change to the boat including a change in helm or crew.

 (b) HPH / One Design handicaps may be revised during the series at the discretion of the OA, which reserves the right to allocate handicapped boats to any Class and to decide handicaps. Owners will be advised electronically.

 IRC handicap, as declared at the start of the series, shall remain in force for the series. IRC certificates shall not be dated later than Sept 10th 2020

**9.** **HPH / IRC CLASS DIVISIONS**

**9.1** Handicap Cruiser Class assignments will be made according to entries received. The entries for the Cruiser IRC and HPH divisions will be split into a minimum of three Classes named Cruisers 1, 2, 3. If entries warrant, the number of Classes may be increased. Non-spinnaker entries may be split into two Classes.

The allocation of boats to Classes will be determined by the OA on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:

1. The need for a reasonable number of boats in each Class.
2. Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each Class.

The allocation of entries into provisional Classes will be posted on the HYC website by 1700 on Tuesday Sept 8th, 2020. The OA reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any Class.

**9.2** Boats rating 0.010 or less below the lower limit for inclusion in the next fastest Class may request permission to move up to the Class above where their handicap would place them and race using the lower limit rating of that Class as their TCF, subject to its review during the series where a HPH TCF is involved. Application must be made by email to results@HYC.ie by 1700 on Thursday Sept 10th, 2020 for approval to change Class.

**9.3** The allocation of boats to Classes is the decision of the OA and is final. A boat’s rights under RRS62 are not affected.

1. **PRIZES / TROPHIES**

**10.1** A boat that wins an overall series prize on IRC or Scratch shall not be eligible for an overall series prize in HPH / Handicap

Overall prizes will be awarded on the basis of the number of entries as follows:

 2 boats =1st, 5 boats = 2nd, 8 boats = 3rd, 11 or more boats = 4th.

Prizes will be presented at the respective Howth Yacht Club Annual Class dinners.

**10.2** The OA may award additional prizes.

**11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

 Sailing Instructions will be available online on the HYC website, <http://www.hyc.ie> from the morning of Thurs, 10th Sept 2020

1. **RACING AREA**

Races will be sailed in the waters north of Howth. Starts may be up to four miles north of Howth Harbour. The OA reserves the right to commence races from the pier hut.

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**13 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance

1. **COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES**

Measures to mitigate the spread of COVID 19 will be in place for the Series and will affect access to HYC, the conduct of persons on the premises and the management of the Series ashore including the conduct of protest and redress hearings, which will be heard at a time to be decided during the Series.

Notices to competitors will be notified to competitors using the ‘**WHATSAP**P’ mobile phone application. All entrants are required to provide a mobile telephone number that may be used by the OA to contact them and that will be used to create a contact group for the Fleet (Saturday or Sunday) that the boat is assigned to. It will be a condition of entry that the competitor agrees to allow the mobile telephone number provided with their entry to be used in compiling and communicating with the relevant WHATSAPP group.

Further details of the COVID 19 mitigation measures will be posted on the HYC website. These measures may be varied over the course of the Series.