

HOWTH YC

CLUB KEELBOAT RACING 2022 - ADVISORY NOTES



1. Keelboat racing starts on Tues, April 26th for One Designs, on Wed, April 27th for Cruiser Handicap fleets and continues thereafter on Saturdays. Mid-week racing continues to Aug 31st and the last Saturday race will be on Sept 3rd.
2. A full season of racing is planned for the first time since 2019 and the online crew registration system that applied in 2020 and 2021 (to comply with the HSE's 'track and trace' requirement) is no longer applicable. Entries can be made online at www.HYC.ie/club-events. The entry fee for all keelboats is **€145**
3. Tues night racing for Puppeteers will be started and finished from a Committee Vessel for Series 1, 2 and 3. The Squibs will also use the Committee Vessel for Series 1 and 2. The Howth 17s will start all Tuesday racing off the East Pier and will be joined by the Squibs for Series 3. On 'standard' Saturdays, all races will be started and finished from the Pier. On Saturdays a Cruiser Class race will be held for both Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats – boats will be asked to opt for which category they are competing in for the season. Please refer to the Sailing Instructions for the Class starting sequences being used in 2022.
4. General Recalls - for **Committee Vessel** starts, the recalled Class shall drop back to the end of the planned starting sequence and the scheduled sequence will continue without interruption. For **Pier** starts, the starting sequence shall be interrupted - the recalled Class will restart before the remaining Classes in the sequence.
5. The Race Committee may use VHF to advise their fleets about relevant matters – Ch 77 for Committee Vessel starts and Ch 69 for the Pier.
6. The versions of Course Cards in use at the start of the season will be:
 - Tuesday Committee Vessel – **Rev A**
 - Wednesday Committee Vessel – **Rev B**
 - Pier starts – **Rev A**
7. **Points to note:**
 - i) Howth Harbour and Sound are deemed 'confined channels'. Before, during and after Club racing, boats shall keep clear of trawlers, ships and similar craft in the 'channels'. Failure to do so may have consequences for future Club racing as well as for the boat(s) involved.
 - ii) 50% of those aboard any boat competing in a **Club** race are required to be HYC members. A skipper / owner may apply for a waiver for their boat from this requirement prior to the specific race it is required for. Applications to be made by email to HonSailingSec@hyc.ie.
 - iii) Howth YC members in the categories of Sailing, Overseas or Special Temporary membership are **not** entitled to helm keelboats in Club racing, whether one-designs or handicap classes, except for designated races – e.g. 'Crew' races and the like. Owners / Skippers may request a waiver from HonSailingSec@hyc.ie to allow a Sailing, Overseas or Special Temporary helm for a specific race – to be sought prior to the race and state the name of the proposed helmsperson and why the exemption is being sought.
 - iv) Boats are required to display their correct sail numbers on their mainsail and, where required by their Class rules or the Racing Rules of Sailing, on their headsails and spinnakers. **Numbers shall be of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail.**
 - v) For safety reasons:
 - (1) Competitors are obliged to wear suitable PFDs / buoyancy devices whilst partaking in keelboat racing.
 - (2) Boats shall not race with anchors protruding from their bow.
 - (3) Every boat shall have an anchor and warp aboard while racing to minimise recourse to the Emergency Services – to be appropriate for the particular boat and for the Club racing area.