

Notice of Race Club Racing 2022

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1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG (the 'Club').

2. Race Area

The race area shall be as shown on the TECHNICAL SHEET FOR COURSE CARDS

3. Rules

- (a) Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing ('RRS').
- (b) The IRC Rules, Parts A, B, and C shall apply.
- (c) In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- (d) One-design boats shall be governed by the relevant Class Rules.
- (e) Non-Spinnaker Class boats shall use only one headsail at any time. This changes RRS 55.1.
- (f) The Irish Sailing prescriptions will apply and can be found at:
www.sailing.ie/Library/racing#worldsailinglibrary.

4. Eligibility

- (a) Where the word 'Member' is used in this document it shall refer to the classes of membership mentioned in Article 5 of the Club's Constitution.
- (b) Boats shall be bona fide the property of, or chartered by, Members.
- (c) Advertising on boats shall be as per the World Sailing Advertising Code.
- (d) Except by special approval of the Sailing Committee, a boat shall not be raced single-handed.
- (e) Club racing is provided by HYC for the enjoyment of members of Howth YC. Boat owners / skippers are requested to encourage all persons aboard whilst racing to be members of the Club.
- (f) Whilst racing, at least 50% of the persons aboard a boat shall be members of Howth YC. Where the total number aboard is an uneven number, the 50% calculation result shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number. The Race Committee shall have the right to enquire of owners / skippers about the identity / membership status of persons aboard their boat whilst racing and owners / skippers so asked shall promptly provide the requested information.
- (g) The requirements of 4(f) may be waived at the discretion of the Sailing Committee (i) for specific Club races or events; or (ii) where an owner is requested by a Club Officer to allow potential members to take a trial race; or (iii) where a boat owner / skipper makes a specific application to the Hon Sailing Sec (HonSailingSec@hyc.ie) and complies with any requirements stated in the approval.
- (h) The helmsperson of any boat racing in a HYC Club race shall be a Full, Associate, Cadet or Junior member of the Club. Those who are members of the categories of Sailing, Overseas or Special Temporary shall not helm a keelboat in Club racing but this requirement may be waived by the Sailing Committee for designated races, for example 'crew' races and the like.

- 5. Entry procedure**
- (a) Boat owners who wish to compete in Club races shall enter online, via the Club website www.hyc.ie/club-events. PLEASE NOTE THAT 'REVOLUT' DEBIT CARDS CANNOT CURRENTLY BE USED WITH THE HYC ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM.
 - (b) Results will be calculated from the time of receipt of the properly completed entry form. Prior to that a boat shall be recorded as DNC (Did Not Compete). A boat competing in a race prior to the entry fee having been paid may be subject to protest by the Race Committee under RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) and/or RRS 69 (Misconduct) or may be subject to other Club disciplinary action.
- 6. Entry Fee**
- The entry fee for HYC keelboat racing shall be **€145 per boat**. A boat entering for Club racing shall be deemed to have entered for all Club series for which she is eligible that are either underway or yet to be commenced on the date of the entry. For Saturday Cruiser racing, the IRC and HPH handicap numbers for each boat shall be the rating assigned to the boat for Wednesday racing. Boats entered for Non-Spinnaker Cruiser racing on Wednesday night shall not use a spinnaker on Saturdays.
- 7. Entry Disclaimer**
- The attention of all competitors is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3 'Decision to Race' and 4 'Acceptance of the Rules'.
- 8. Insurance**
- All boats shall have adequate, valid third-party liability insurance cover providing indemnity whilst racing.
- 9. Safety**
- (a) One-Design entrants are referred to relevant Class regulations or instructions.
 - (b) Competitors in all Classes shall wear lifejackets or suitable personal flotation devices at all times except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits or dry-suits are not suitable personal flotation devices. RRS 40.1 shall therefore apply.
 - (c) Each boat shall carry a serviceable marine band VHF radio and is advised to keep watch on the designated Race Management channel for their race. Failure to receive transmissions from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress.
 - (d) In the interest of safety, anchors shall not protrude beyond the bow of a boat whilst racing.
 - (e) Each boat shall carry an anchor and warp aboard whilst racing, capable of being quickly deployed in an emergency and suitable for the particular boat and its area of operation.
- 10. Crew Limitation**
- IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight, with the exception of the requirements of NOR 4(d) and 4(f).

11. Race Series

Note: The Sailing Committee has authority to alter the Racing Schedule, Times and Sailing Instructions during the season.

Tuesday (Puppeteer and Squib)

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| Series 1 | 26 th Apr. – 24 th May | 5 races |
| Series 2 | 31 st May – 5 th July | 6 races |
| Series 3 | 12 th July – 16 th Aug | 6 races |
| Mini Series* | 16 th Aug – 30 th Aug | 3 races |
| Prize Categories: Scratch and Handicap | | |

Tuesday & Saturday (Howth 17)

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| Series 1 | 26 th Apr. – 24 th May | 9 races |
| Series 2 | 28 th May – 5 th July | 11 races |
| Series 3 | 9 th July – 13 th Aug | 11 races |
| Mini Series | 16 th Aug – 3 th Sept | 6 Races |
| Prize Categories: Scratch and Handicap | | |

Wednesday (Class 1, 2, 3 and Non-Spinnaker)

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| Series 1 | 27 th Apr. – 25 th May | 5 races |
| Series 2 | 1 st June – 6 th July | 6 races |
| Series 3 | 13 th July – 17 th Aug | 6 races |
| Mini Series* | 17 th Aug – 31 th Aug | 3 races |
| Prize Categories: IRC and HPH | | |

Saturday Pier Racing (Cruiser Class, Puppeteer & Squib)

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| Series 1 | 30 th Apr – 28 th May | 5 races |
| Series 2 | 11 th June – 16 th July | 6 races |
| Series 3 | 23 rd July – 3 rd Sept | 7 races |
| Prize Categories: IRC & HPH for Cruisers; Scratch and Handicap for One Designs | | |

Excludes WAVE Regatta

****The last race of Series 3 (excludes Howth 17) counts as the first race of the Mini Series.***

12. First Warning Signals

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| Tuesday | Series 1, 2 & 3 (Committee Vessel Starts) | 1910 |
| | Series 1, 2 & 3 (Howth 17 Pier Starts) & Series 3 (Squib Pier Starts) | 1900 |
| | Mini Series (Pier Starts) | 1840 |
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| Wednesday | Series 1, 2 & 3 (Committee Vessel Starts) | 1905 |
| | Mini Series (Pier Starts) | 1840 |
| Saturday | Pier Starts | 1400 |

13. Scoring System

- The scoring system shall be as per RRS Appendix A – Low Point System. RRS Appendix A Scoring rule A5.3 will apply.
- One discard is allowed for every four races completed.

- (c) No results shall be allocated for a race where less than two boats come to the starting area. This changes RRS 90.3(a).

14. **Classes / Handicaps**

- (a) Classes 1, 2, 3 and the Non-Spinnaker Class shall race under IRC and HPH handicap systems and boats shall be allocated to a specific Class by the HYC Results team and Sailing Committee.
- (b) HYC Results will allocate a performance Time Correction Factor (TCF) to each entrant in the keelboat classes. This TCF will be updated throughout the season. HPH handicaps will be allocated by HYC Results, in conjunction with the Sailing Committee and relevant Class Captain.
- (c) All entrants in performance-based handicap divisions, including HPH, shall nominate a helm to which the performance TCF will apply.
- (d) A competitor is obliged to notify HYC Results in a timely fashion of any material change of boat, crew or helm to allow for adjustment of the boat's handicap where deemed appropriate. The Race Committee may protest a boat for failure to comply with this requirement.
- (e) A boat may have its handicap reviewed by the Sailing Committee at any time.
- (f) Each Cruiser Class boat entering for an IRC division shall submit a copy of their IRC certificate to results@hyc.ie before racing. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.
- (g) In crew or other special races, Cruiser Classes shall sail under their current HPH handicaps and One Design Classes shall sail under scratch, with the exception of nominated 'special' handicap races.
- (h) Helms in 'crew' races shall be persons other than those nominated as helms in NOR 14 (c).

15. **Race Assist Duty**

Boats entering for Club racing may be assigned a race date on which the boat will be required to provide assistant(s) to the Race Committee running racing on that date, which may be either from a Committee Vessel or from the East Pier Hut. **It is a condition of entry that a boat assigned to provide Race Assist personnel does so.** The owner will be advised by their Class Captain of the date and approximate time that the assistant(s) are required to attend and the number of persons (either 1 or 2) that the boat is required to provide for the duty. Any boat failing to meet its obligations in this respect may be subject to protest and imposition of a penalty. The penalty shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include forfeiture of a number of race results, the particular race(s) to be forfeited to be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

16. **Prizes**

- (a) Prizes shall be awarded for each series/division on the basis of average turnout as follows:
 - 2 boats – 1st
 - 5 boats – 2nd
 - 8 boats – 3rd
 - 11 or more boats – 4thFor the Mini Series and special races (crew, ladies, etc.), a 1st prize only shall be awarded for each division.
- (b) Only HYC members are eligible to win a prize.
- (c) In a Cruiser Class series, a boat shall not be awarded both an IRC and HPH prize. The IRC prize shall take precedence. In a One Design Class series a boat shall not be awarded a scratch and handicap prize. The scratch prize shall take precedence.
- (d) Club Racing Perpetual Trophies shall be awarded as listed in the [Club Keelboat Racing](#) section of the HYC website.