



HOWTH YACHT CLUB

Pre-Season Shakedown

Come and practice 100 boat manoeuvres!

This is an event open to boats from all clubs

For Cruisers 1, 2 & 3 ,J80's
Saturday 29th April 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

1.1 The 2023 Howth Yacht Club Season Shakedown is organised by Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.

2 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

2.0 The event will be governed by World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024, the rules of each class concerned and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

2.1 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

2.2 Boats racing in Classes 1, 2, 3 shall comply with the definition of a cruiser as stipulated in the ICRA Constitution.

2.3 It is a requirement that all boats carry VHF radios and keep a listening watch, the channel will be designated in the Sailing Instructions.

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

2.5 Each boat owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and howsoever occurring and shall maintain adequate third party insurance cover. All owners /competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

3.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 Six races are scheduled. The schedule of races will be as follows:

Sat. 29 th April **Race 1:** The First Warning Signal for Race 1 will be displayed at **09.55am**

Race 2: The First Warning Signal for Race 2 will be displayed as soon as practical after Race 1.

Race 3: The First Warning Signal for Race 3 will be displayed as soon as practical after Race 2

Race 4: The First Warning Signal for Race 4 will be displayed as soon as practical after Race 3.

Race 5: The First Warning Signal for Race 5 will be displayed as soon as practical after Race 4

Race 6: The First Warning Signal for Race 6 will be displayed as soon as practical after Race 5.

3.2 The Starting sequence shall be as follows;

	Flag
All Classes	Class 1 flag
All Classes	10.00 or Five Minutes after the First Warning Signal.

Should there be sufficient boats partaking we may introduce a second start to spit the fleet.

- 3.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to amend the Schedule of Races depending on prevailing conditions. If any class is not sailing in any/all race(s) that class(es) start may be omitted from the sequence
- 3.4 Three races shall constitute an Event. One discard will be permitted if four or more races are completed.
- 3.5 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A shall apply.

3 **ENTRIES**

- 4.1 Boats shall enter by completing the official entry form online not later than **2100 hrs on Thursday 27th April 2023**. (www.hyc.ie) **The entry fee is €60**. Late entry fee is €75.
- 4.2 Marina berths and dry-sailing facilities will be available to competitors and are included in the entry fee. Space will be allocated in order of application and subject to availability, the period being Friday 28th April 2023 to Sunday 30th April 2023. **This concession applies to bona fide competitors only and the OA reserve the right to charge the standard HYC visitors' rate in the case of a boat's non-participation in the event. Overstays will be charged at the standard HYC visitors' day rate.**

5 **HANDICAPS**

5.1 The following handicap system shall be used:

All Classes

IRC TCC values of current valid certificate.

- 5.2 A copy of the current IRC certificate shall be available on board for inspection as provided for within IRC Rules
- 5.3 Crew limits shall not apply.

5.4 **IRC CLASS DIVISIONS**

All classes welcome – class breakdown will be decided on 28th April

6 **LATE ENTRIES**

- 6.1 Entries for eligible boats received after **2100 on Thursday 27th of April 2023** will be accepted only at the discretion of the OA.

7 **PRIZES/TROPHIES**

- 7.1 Prizes will be presented in the Clubhouse as soon as possible after racing on Saturday 29th April 2023 and will be awarded on the basis of the number of starters as follows:

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

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1** Sailing instructions will be available online from **Thursday 27th April 2023**

10 RACING AREA

- 10.1** Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth, starts may be up to four miles North of Howth Harbour.
- 10.2** There will be two alternate course types deigned to practice manoeuvres – these will be clearly outlined in the sailing instructions.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices. A listening channel will be available from the committee boat – the channel will be announced on the day of racing.
- 11.2** All boats are required to carry a vhf in order to allow the race office to communicate with the fleet.
- 11.3** The race office of the day has the right to make changes to the notice of race and sailing instructions over the VHF designated channel on the day of racing.

12 SOCIAL

- 12.1** Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club for each race day, subject to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.
- 12.2** The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These are rigidly enforced by the Harbour Authority.
- 12.3** A casual dining service will be provided in the club after sailing on Saturday 29th and this will be followed by the prize giving.

13. Insurance

- a. Each participating boat shall carry adequate third-party liability insurance that shall cover racing risks and be in force for the entirety of the event.

14. Media Waiver

- a. Competitors give their consent to Howth Yacht Club to use their name, comments, photographs and likeness to promote the event and the interests of Howth YC and associated entities.