



Notice of race

The Shipman Association's Irish National Championship

To be held on
Friday 25th and Saturday 26th August 2023

1. Organising Authority (OA)

1.1 The OA is Howth Yacht Club CLG, in association with the Shipman Association.

1.2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to:

The Event Coordinator

Shipman 2023

Office@hyc.ie

2. Rules, Eligibility & Sailing Instructions

2.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Class rules of the Shipman Association, this Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any changes thereto. In the event of any conflict between the NoR and the SI, the latter shall prevail.

2.2 The SI will be posted on the HYC website no later than Wednesday 23rd August 2023 and also made available on the Irish Shipman Association website: <http://www.irishshipmanassociation.com/>

2.3 The Championship is open to all Shipman 28 boats and whose owners/skippers are fully paid-up members of the Shipman Association and whose boats are registered to participate in Shipman activities [see website above]. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Shipman Committee.

2.4 The boat must be helmed by the owner, or part owner who must be a regular helm of the boat in the current season and be a Member of the Shipman Association.

2.5 The crew on each boat shall consist of the team which normally crew that boat at club level or crew of equivalent skill and experience.

2.6 All boats should display the Shipman Burgee on the backstay while racing.

2.7 It is mandatory that each boat shall have a working VHF radio on board.

3.0 Entry Fee

3.1 Entries shall be made online at hyc.ie The entry fee is €85.00

3.2 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4. Schedule of Races, Registration and Briefing

Friday 25th August 2023

Registration from 10.00 hours. Briefing 10.30 hours in HYC

Date	Time of 1st Warning Signal	Number of Races
Friday 25th August	11.55 am (HW 05:59)	2
Saturday 26th August	11.55 am (HW 07:21)	2

- a) The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- b) The Race Committee may run a third race on Saturday if the Committee deems it necessary, provided that the total number of races sailed does not exceed four.
- c) Hoisting IC Numerical 3 at the end of the second race will signal that a third race is being run. d) On the last scheduled day of racing no race will be started after 3pm, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 2.55pm.

5. Racing Area and Courses

5.1 Races will be sailed in the waters north of Howth Harbour. Starts may be up to 3 miles from Howth Harbour.

6. Scoring

6.1 RRS Appendix A4 Low Point scoring system shall apply.

6.2 A boat that did not start, did not finish or that retired after finishing shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat disqualified shall be scored additional points equal to 5 more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. This changes RRS A5.2.

6.3 The Championship shall comprise four races. One race shall constitute a series. If four races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores discarding her worst score. No discard applies if only three races are completed.

6.4 The Irish Shipman Championship and Shipman Handicap Race are run on the following basis;

(a) The Handicap Series will run concurrently with the Championship and separate prizes will be awarded for the Handicap results. The handicapping of boats shall apply as fixed by the Race Committee and Handicapper. The Shipman Race Committee and Handicapper reserve the right to alter the appropriate handicaps before and during the Championship.

7. Prizes

7.1 Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

1st Overall Scratch: The O'Connor Cup

1st Overall Handicap: The Cork Harbour Silver Trophy

1st Overall White Sail: The Donal O'Sullivan Perpetual Trophy

1st Race Scratch: The Woodchester Silver Sail

2nd Race Scratch: The Olle Enderlein Plate

3rd Race Scratch: The DMYC Perpetual Trophy

4th Race Scratch: The Viking Perpetual Trophy

7.2 All trophies are awarded on an annual basis and are to be held by the winners until 2024. Additional prizes for placed boats in individual races or overall may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

7.3 A boat may not win a Scratch and Handicap prize in the same race or series. The Scratch series shall take precedence.

8. INSURANCE

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

9. Accommodation and Social

9.1 Information on local accommodation is available on the Club website - www.hyc.ie

9.2 A Championship dinner will be held in Howth Yacht Club on Saturday 26th August at 19:30.

Tickets, at €30.00 each, may be booked at registration on first day of event. Bar menu will be available on Friday evening.

9.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of HYC for the duration of the Event subject to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

10. Marina

10.1 Marina berths will be available free of charge to participants from Thursday 24th August to Sunday 27th August 2023.

10.2 It is advisable to contact the HYC Marina Office approaching Howth, to receive berthing instructions. HYC Marina is contactable on Channel 37A or Channel 80 or on +353-1-8392 777

10.3 Competitors are advised to bring adequate fenders as boats may be rafted alongside.

11. Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- h. For offshore races, they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew .