



Howth Yacht Club

Class 2 & 3 East Coast Championships (Incorporating Irish Quarter Ton Cup)

16th & 17th August, 2014.

Notice of Race & Entry Form



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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the East Coast Cruiser 3 Association govern the event, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.2 The Organising Authority (OA) will be Howth Yacht Club Ltd., in conjunction with the East Coast Cruiser 3 Association.

2. VENUE

- 2.1 Races will be sailed in the waters north of Howth. Starts may be up to three miles north of Howth Harbour.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising for the championships shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 3.2 The OA may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material.

4. RULES

- 4.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") 2013 - 2016. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
The Irish Sailing Association prescriptions will apply.
Changes to the Notice of Race may be posted on the Events page on www.hyc.ie.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Cruiser 2 boats must be classified as Cruiser 2, i.e. have an IRC of between 0.910 and 0.970. Cruiser 3 boats must be classified as Cruiser 3 as per Class Rules, i.e. yachts with ISA ECHO Standard between 0.825 and 0.910, boats. Quarter Ton Yachts will be deemed to be Class 3 for this event regardless of their IRC handicap. The OA can determine that a boat can be moved into a different class at its entire discretion and the entrant will be notified in advance of the regatta.
- 5.2 Boats Sailing under IRC 2014 must be in possession of a current endorsed certificate.
- 5.4 All entries are at the sole discretion of Howth Yacht Club Ltd
- 5.5 The Declaration forms part of this entry and must be signed for the entry to be valid. These championships will be an individual event.
- 5.6 Entries can be made online via the Howth Yacht Club website (www.hyc.ie) or by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Howth Yacht Club Ltd, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin by Wednesday, 14th August @ 1700hrs.
- 5.7 Competitors are reminded that no individual or body involved in the organisation of this event accepts any liability for injury or damage howsoever caused. Each helm must sign a declaration that his/her boat is covered by a policy of adequate third party indemnity insurance. Entries are accepted on the basis that in no circumstances will liability for injury to person(s) or property attach to Howth Yacht Club Ltd., the East Coast Cruiser 2 or 3 Association, their servants or agents.
- 5.8 Details of Class 3 Team Entry process will be circulated to all entered boats.

6. CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 As this is an amateur event, persons that would be classified as Category 3 by ISAF are not permitted to crew or helm whilst racing. The Association will have final decision with regard to any dispute over classification.

7. FEES

- 7.1 The Entry Fee is €80.00 (Cheques payable to Howth Yacht Club Ltd.).

8. RACE SCHEDULE

It is proposed to sail five races

Saturday 16th August Three Races Warning Signal 1100
The warning signal for the second & third race will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

Sunday 17th August Two races Warning Signal 1100

The warning signal for the second race will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. There will be a provision to run an additional race if necessary.

A regatta briefing will be scheduled for 9:00am on Saturday 16th August to be held in HYC Clubhouse.

9. REGISTRATION

- 9.1 Boats shall register at the race office at Howth Yacht Club prior to the first race on Saturday. The Race office will be open on Friday at the following times: 1000 to 1700 and Saturday morning from 08.30.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The sailing instructions will be Sailing posted the Open Events page on www.hyc.ie and also hard copies will be available at the race office from Friday (between 1000 and 1700) and from 8:30am on Saturday.

11. SAIL NUMBER / IDENTIFICATION

- 11.1 Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of its mainsail and on its spinnaker, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form. Where relevant, the same number shall be shown on the genoa.

Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form, written notice shall be given to the Principal Race Officer before the Warning Signal of the race concerned. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat's disqualification. This changes RRS 63.1.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
13.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst single score.
13.3 Entrants in the "Irish Quarter Ton Cup" will be scored using their cumulative score and all scores will count.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1 Marina berths will be available for visiting participants free of charge by prior arrangement with HYC Marina Office for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. In addition, free carnage will be provided for lifts in and out for any participating boats. Please contact the HYC Marina Office in advance to arrange (01 8392777).

15. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS (ISAF2)

- 16.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be given to individual winners and runners up in both ECHO & IRC handicap divisions.
- 17.2 The Irish Quarter Ton Cup will be awarded to the lowest scoring Quarter Tonner competing as part of the Class 3 fleet.
- 17.3 The Class 3 Team Prize will be awarded to the Team with the lowest combined scores of their three boats under the modified Echo handicap system.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

20. SOCIAL

- 20.1 A social programme will be detailed on the Open Events section on www.hyc.ie closer to the event date.

Competitors should note mobile phones are not permitted in the Bar and Dining Areas of the club.

21. SPONSORSHIP

We are very pleased to welcome EURO CAR PARKS as our sponsor for this year's event.

The following declaration forms part of this entry and must be signed for the entry to be valid.

DECLARATION

I wish to enter the above named boat in the Cruiser 2 & 3 East Coast Championship and I agree to be bound by the R.R.S the Prescriptions of the ISA, the class Rules (where applicable), the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. I accept that the participation of the above named boat in the event is at my sole and exclusive risk in every respect. By this entry I hereby indemnify Howth Yacht Club, The East Coast Cruisers 3 Association, HYC Ltd., their officers, members, servants, agents and sponsors in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from the participation or intended participation of the above named boat in the event, and I acknowledge that Howth Yacht Club, The East Coast Cruisers 3 Association, HYC Ltd., their officers, servants, agents and sponsors accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property which I or any other person may sustain by reason of the participation or intended participation of the above named boat in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with this event.

Upon request I undertake to produce a valid Certificate of Insurance for adequate Third Party liability insurance.

I further declare that the Current Echo TCF for my boat was established using the helmsperson and crew who will be sailing the boat in this event. Any substitutions will not materially alter the performance of the boat.

Signed: _____

Capacity: _____