 **GP14 Class Autumn Open**

 **& Youth Championships**

13th & 14th September 2014

Howth Yacht Club

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

**1.2** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2013 – 2016).

**1.3** The following prescriptions of the GP14 Class national authority will apply: GP Association prescriptions will apply and all helms shall be paid up members of the International Association. Youth helms in the Youth Championship are exempt.

**1.4** The Prescriptions of the ISA shall apply.

**2 ADVERTISING**

Advertising shall be as per ISAF Regulation 20

**3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**3.1** The regatta is open to all boats of the GP14 class.

**3.2** Youth entry is available to boats where both the helm and the crew are under 21 years old on 13th Sept 2014.

**3.3** Online entry is available to competitors at hyc.ie

**4 CLASSIFICATION**

 N/A

**5 FEES**

**5.1** Required fees are as follows:

GP14 Autumn Open € 45.00

 GP14 Youths € 25.00

**5.2** Entries which are received after 6th September 2014 will be subject to an additional €10.00 entry fee.

**6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

N/A

**7 SCHEDULE**

**7.1** Registration:

Day and date : Friday 12th September 2014 From 1700 to 2100

 Day and date : Saturday 13th September 2014 From 0900 to 1100

**7.2** Measurement and Inspection

N/A

## 7.3 Dates of racing:

*Date* *Class* GP14 *High Water Height*

 13/9/14 Autumn Open race 1, race 2 1522 4.0 m

 Youths race 1, following race 2 of Open, race 2 soon after

 14/9/114 Youths race 3, race 4 1605 3.7m

 Autumn Open race 3, following race 4 of Youths, race 4 soon after

## 7.4 Number of races:

 *Class* *Number*  *Races per day*

 GP14 Autumn Open 4 see above

 GP14 Youth Championship 4 see above

## 7.5 Event timetable:

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on 13th September is **11:00** hrs. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on 14th September is **10:30** hrs.

Race 2 will start soon after race 1.

Please note that on Saturday racing will begin with races for the Open, while on Sunday the Youths races 3 and 4 are scheduled to proceed before the races for the Open. Any crew changes will be on the water.

**8 MEASUREMENTS**

N/A.

**9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at registration in the race office and will be available online from Wednesday 12th September on www.hyc.ie

**10 VENUE**

**10.1** Howth Yacht Club is hosting the event.

**10.2** Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth, starts may be up to four miles North of Howth Harbour

**11 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be as listed in the sailing instructions.

**12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

 RRS 42 shall apply

**13 SCORING**

**13.1** The scoring system is as follows:

The Low Point Scoring System Rule A2 will apply

N.B. All fleets, in the Autumn Open, will be scored on one result sheet so that any competitor may see their position relative to the entire entry and not just respective to their designated fleet.

**13.2** A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute a Championship/Open Event.

**13.3** (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

 (b) When 4 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**14 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall in each of the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets.

GP14 Class perpetual trophies will be awarded to the overall winners of the Autumn Open and Youth Championships

**15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

**16 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1,270,000 per event or the equivalent. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

**17 OTHER INFORMATION**

. **MEMBERSHIP**

 Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club from Friday 13th September to Sunday 15th September, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

 **FACILITIES**

 All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club during the event. An entertainment schedule will be displayed on the event website

 Dining Room and Bar Food will be available during the event

 The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These regulations are rigidly enforced by the Harbour Authority.