



HOWTH 17 FOOTER ASSOCIATION 2014 CHAMPIONSHIP

HOWTH YACHT CLUB August 8th, 9th and (10th) 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club Limited

2. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

The event will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the I.S.A. prescriptions, the Class Rules, the sailing Regulations of Howth Yacht Club (where relevant), these Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.

Topsails shall not be set for the Friday Race.

3. ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted up to 2000 on Wednesday 6th August 2013. Late entries may be accepted up to 1800 on Friday 8th August 2014, at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be subject to an additional €10.00 late entry fee.

4. ALTERATION TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions including any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the notice board outside the Howth Yacht Club Marina Office not less than two hours before the scheduled start of racing on the day it will take effect.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>	<u>LW/HW</u>
Fri. 8 th August	1855	LW: 2230
Sat. 9 th August	1045	HW: 1103
Sun. 10 th August	As required by the Race Officer	HW: 1156

Three races shall constitute the Championship. Should there be two or fewer races completed by the Saturday evening, there shall be racing on the Sunday, so as to bring the total number of races completed up to a minimum of three races. There shall be one discard after the fourth race is completed.

The race officer may also, at her discretion, complete the schedule on Sunday.

6. RACING AREA

The race area will be in the normal racing waters for club races.

7. COURSES

The race scheduled for Friday evening shall be a normal Club course, with an East Pier start and finish. (See Howth Yacht Club Sailing Regulations and Saturday Pier Start Course Card).

The races scheduled for Saturday will be 4 x Windward /Leeward courses with a Committee Boat start and finish. Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be rounded to port in that order. The course shall be Start -1-2-3-1-2-3 – Finish = 2 rounds, unless shortened. (See Appendix)

Races will be sailed back-to-back.

The course for any race or races to be held on Sunday 10th August 2014 will be decided by the Race Officer. The course may be either a normal club course with an East Pier start and finish or it may be a Windward/ Leeward course as described above.

8. SHORTENING COURSE (Committee Boat Starts)

The course may be shortened at marks 1 or 3 in accordance with RRS Race Signals "S".

Should the Race Officer wish to shorten a race to finish upwind at the start/finish line (the boats having finished one round), she will signal this by displaying IC Flag "V" from a Rib to leeward of Mark 3 accompanied by repeated sound signals. This changes and amends the RRS Race Signals.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES (Committee Boat starts)

The Starting line will be between the red and white pole (or main mast) on the Committee Boat and an Outer Distance Mark, which shall be left to port when starting.

The Finishing line will be between the red and white pole (or main mast) on the Committee boat displaying a blue flag and the Outer Distance Mark, a red (cherry) buoy.

10. STARTING PROCEDURE

The starting procedure shall be as per RRS 26. The class flag will be IC Flag 'C'.

11. MARKS (Committee Boat Starts)

Inflatable marks will be used for marks 1, 2, and 3, an Orange inflatable as the Outer Distance Mark for starting and a Red (Cherry) buoy as the Outer Distance Mark for finishing.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the Friday evening race shall be 2045 and, provided a boat finishes within the time limit, it shall be extended by 15 minutes for subsequent finishers.

For the Saturday races, there shall be no fixed time limit. The Race Officer may shorten course at a mark.

13. PROTESTS

Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered to the Race Office not later than 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.

Details of Hearings will be posted on the Notice Board, beside the Marina Office, as soon as possible thereafter.

14. SCORING

The scoring system shall be as per RRS Appendix A- Low Point System except that A4.2 is replaced by the wording of A9 from (1st line) "a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series."

One discard shall apply after four races are completed.

15. COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee may communicate with competitors using VHF channel 37

16. LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. No responsibility shall be accepted by Howth Yacht Club and its respective officers, committee members servants or agents nor any sponsor, nor those officials or members connected with the championships for any loss, damage or claim of whatever nature however arising or caused in connection with the participation in or intended participation in this regatta.

The wearing of suitable personal flotation devices in all boats is compulsory.

17. INSURANCE

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

APPENDIX

All courses will be windward/leeward style courses and laid approx. as shown in the diagram below.

Course (unless other wise shortened)
Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish
All marks shall be rounded to port.

