HOWTH YACHT CLUB

CLUB DINGHY RACING 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club.

1.   Rules

1.1   Racing is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2013 – 2016) and the Rules of each Class concerned.

1.2   Club races shall be arranged by the Sailing Committee, which shall appoint a Race Officer (RO) who shall be responsible for the management of the races in respect of course selection, signals and recording times. The RO shall have power to postpone or abandon starts for any reason.

2.   Eligibility

2.1   The series are open to boats of the classes:

- Optimist

- Sundry (Racing under P.Y. handicap)

    Note: The Sundry fleet will be split into two divisions: High PY and Low PY

2.2   Boats shall be the property of, or chartered by, Members of Howth Yacht Club. Boats shall be disqualified if any person other than a Member steers during a race.

2.3   The crew in double-handed dinghy classes shall be a Member.

2.4   Boats may enter by completing the Entry Form online at www.hyc.ie or by sending a hard copy, with the required fee, to Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.

3.   Entry Fee

The entry fees are :

Optimist: €100.00

Sundry. Single-handed: €100.00

Sundry. Double-handed: €150.00

This fee includes the dinghy parking fee for the duration of the series.

4.   Schedule of Racing

Series	Dates	Classes	Briefing Time	1st Warning Signal
Spring Series	Sundays 10th April – 15th May 2016 6 Races	Sundry / Optimist	0915	1025
June Series	Sundays 22nd May – 26th June 2016 6 Races	Sundry / Optimist	0915	1025
Summer Series	Thursdays 2nd June – 25th August 2016 13 Races	Sundry / Optimist	1745	1855
Regatta Fleet	Thursdays 2nd June – 25th August 2016 13 Races	Optimist Regatta Fleet	1745	1855

5.   Sail numbers

5.1   All boats shall display sail numbers on both sides of the mainsail.

5.2   No two boats may have the same sail number

5.3   The sail number on the spinnaker shall be the same as the sail number on the mainsail.

5.4   Should an owner wish to sail under a different sail number, notice shall be given to the RO before the warning signal of the race concerned. Notice shall be given in each instance of such alteration. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in the boat being treated as a non-starter.

6.   Racing Area

The race area will be to the North West of Howth Harbour.

7.   Penalty System

The penalty system shall be as per RRS 44.1
One Turn for hitting a mark.
Two turns for boat-on-boat infringements.

8.   Scoring

8.1   The scoring system shall be as per RRS Appendix A – Low Point System.

8.2 One discard is allowed for every four races completed.
8.3 A Class Captain, in consultation with the Honorary Sailing Secretary, may request that a Club race, previously scheduled, be starred. This request must be made in writing and received by the Honorary Sailing Secretary at least 72 hours before the scheduled start of the race concerned. Notice of races starred under this procedure will be displayed on the Sailing Notice Board at least 48 hours before the scheduled starting time.
8.4 Races may be "starred" only for national or regional championships.

9.   Prizes

9.1 Club prizes shall be awarded for each series/division, on the basis of average turnout as follows: 2 boats –1st, 5 boats -2nd, 8 boats -3rd, 11 or more boats -4th.
9.2 Perpetual Trophies shall be awarded as follows:

• Vice Commodore's Trophy	Overall Summer League	Optimist
• Jones Trophy	Silver Fleet Summer League	Optimist
• Christopher Cup	Best Under 12	Optimist
• Mirror Cup	Silver Fleet Autumn League	Optimist
• Aura Cup	Overall Thursdays	Sundry
• Fraser Casey Trophy	End of Season Races	Optimist
• Mellon Salver	End of Season Races	Sundry

9.2 Only members are eligible to win a prize.

10.   Insurance
All boats competing in club races shall have adequate, valid, third party liability insurance cover in place

11.   Race Management and Shore Duty Assistants
It is a condition of entry that sailors or, in the case of juniors, parents or guardians of those juniors, assist with race management or shore duties where requested.