**Howth Yacht Club**

**Keelboat Club Racing 2016**

**Notice of Race**

1. **Organising Authority**

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club

1. **Race Area**

The race area is Howth Sound and North of Ireland’s Eye.

1. **Rules**
* Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) 2013 - 2016.
* The IRC Rules 2014, Parts A, B, and C (or D) shall apply.
* In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
* One-design boats shall be governed by the relevant Class Rules
* Non-Spinnaker class boats shall use only one headsail at any time (i.e. drop one headsail before setting another). This changes RRS 50.1.
* The Irish Sailing Association prescriptions will apply and can be found at:

<http://www.sailing.ie/Portals/0/Racing%20Section/Rules/ISA%20Prescriptions%202009-12.pdf>

1. **Eligibility**

(a) Where the word “Member” is used in these Instructions it shall include all classes of Member mentioned in Club Article 4, except Special Temporary Members.

(b) Boats shall be bona fide the property of, or chartered by, Members and shall be disqualified if any person other than a Member steers during a race (including a crew or ladies’ race).

(c) Advertising on boats shall be as per RRS 80

(d) Except by special direction of the Sailing Committee, a boat shall not be raced single-handed.

**5. Entry procedure**

(a) Boat owners who wish to compete in Club races shall enter online, via the club website <http://hyc.ie/>

(b) Results will be calculated from the time of receipt of the properly completed form. Prior to that a boat shall be recorded DNC (Did Not Compete). Boats competing in races where entry fees have not been paid may be subject to a protest by the OA under RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) and/or RRS 69 (Gross Misconduct)

**6. Entry Fee**

Entry fees are detailed on the online entry system.

**7. Entry Disclaimer**

The attention of all competitors is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3 “Acceptance of the Rules”, 4 “Decision to Race” and the ISA Safety Guidelines.

**8. Insurance**

All boats shall have adequate, valid third part liability insurance cover.

**9. Safety**

(a) Open boat entrants are referred to relevant class regulations or instructions.

(b) Competitors in all classes shall wear lifejackets or suitable personal floatation devices at all times. Wetsuits or dry-suits are not suitable personal floatation devices.

(c) It is strongly recommended that each boat carries a VHF radio.

**10. Crew Limitation**

IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.

**11. Race Schedule**

The Sailing Committee has power to alter the Racing Schedule, Times and Sailing Instructions during the season. Any such alteration shall be posted on the Club Notice Board not less than two hours before the start time of the first race so affected. This alteration will be indicated by displaying Code Flag L on the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge. If deemed necessary, the change will be notified by email to all owners affected who have paid entrance fees for races so affected except where modified by these Instructions and any amendments thereto.

**Tuesdays (J80s and Puppeteers)**

Series 1: 3rd May – 7th June (6 Races)

Series 2: 14th June – 19th July (6 Races)

Series 3: 26th July – 30th August (6 races)

Mini: 15th August – 30th August (3 Races)

Prize Categories: J80 Scratch, Puppeteers Scratch & Handicap

**Saturdays Pier Racing (Non-Spinnaker)**

Summer Series: 6th May – 26th August (16 Races)

*Excludes Lambay Races (4th June) and Aqua D-H Race (13th August)*

*The Gibney Classic (9th July) shall count towards the Sat N-S Series.*

Prize Categories: IRC and HPH (Non-Spinnaker)

**Tuesdays & Saturdays (Howth Seventeens)**

Series 1: 3rd May – 4th June (10 Races)

Series 2: 7th June – 16th July (12 Races)

Series 3: 19th July – 30th August (13 Races)

Mini: 16th August – 30th August ( 3 Races)

Prize Categories: Scratch and Handicap

Stuttard Cup (Scratch) & President’s Salver (Handicap):

24th May, 28th June, 16th August

(No Club Racing on 4th June – Lambay Races)

**Wednesdays (Class 1 & J80s, 2, 3 and White Sails)**

Series 1: 4th May – 8th June (6 Races)

Series 2: 15th June – 20th July (6 Races)

Series 3: 27th July – 31st August (6 races)

Mini: 17th August – 31st August (3 Races)

Prize Categories: IRC and HPH

Bridge Trophy (Class 3 HPH) & Fitzgerald Cup (Class 3 IRC):

18th May, 6th July, 10th August

**12. Race Times**

(a) Races will be started as per RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

(b) Starting times are as follows:

**Class** **Flag**  **Start**

**Tuesday** – Committee Boat Starts (Series 1 and Series 3)

Puppeteer 22 A 1915

J80 No. 2 1920

**Tuesday** – Pier Starts (Series 1 and Series 3)

17-Footer C 1905

**Tuesday** – Committee Boat Starts (Series 2)

Puppeteer 22 A 1915

17-Footer C 1920

J80 No. 2 1925

**Tuesday** – Pier Starts (30th August)

Puppeteer 22 A 1845

17 Footer C 1850

J80 No. 2 1855

**Wednesday** – Committee Boat Starts (4th May – 24th August)

Class 3 No. 3 1910

Class 1, 2 and J80 No. 2 1920

Non-Spinnaker No. 4 1925

**Wednesday** – Pier Starts (31st August)

Class 3 No. 3 1840

Class 1, 2 and J80 No. 2 1850

Non-Spinnaker No. 4 1855

**Saturday** – Pier Starts

Non-spinnaker W 1410

Puppeteer 22 A 1425

17-Footer C 1430

**Sunday** – Pier Starts (Special Races)

Class 3 No. 3 1040

Puppeteer 22 A 1045

17-Footer C 1050

**13. Scoring System**

(a) The scoring system shall be as per RRS Appendix A – Low Point System.

(b) One discard is allowed for every four races completed.

**14. Classes / Handicaps**

(a) Class 1, 2, 3 and the Non-Spinnaker Class shall race under IRC and HPH handicap systems and shall be allocated to a specific class by the HYC Results team and Sailing Committee

(b) HYC Results will allocate a performance Time Correction Factor (TCF) to each entrant in one-design keelboat classes. This TCF will be updated throughout the season. HPH handicaps will be allocated by HYC Results, in conjunction with the Sailing Committee and relevant Class Captain.

(c) All entrants in performance based handicap divisions shall nominate a helm to whom the performance TCF will apply.

(d) A competitor is obliged to notify the Handicapping Committee in a timely fashion of any material change of boat or crew. Failure to fulfil this requirement will render a boat liable to penalty.

(e) A boat/ class may have its handicap reviewed by the Handicapping Committee at any time.

(f) Each cruiser class boat entering for an IRC division shall submit a copy of their IRC certificate to results@hyc.ie before racing. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors. A boat may protest another boat for any alteration or infringement, which, under the rules of that handicapping system, would invalidate its TCC, issued in accordance with the details submitted.

(g) In crew or other special races, cruiser classes shall sail under their current HPH handicaps and one design classes shall sail under scratch, with the exception of nominated handicap special races.

(h) Helms in crew races shall be persons other than those nominated as helms in NOR 14 (c).

**15. Prizes**

(a) Prizes shall be awarded for each series/division, as specified in the Club Series section of this booklet, on the basis of average turnout as follows:

2 boats –1st

5 boats -2nd

8 boats -3rd

11 or more boats – 4th

For the Mini Series and special races (crew, ladies etc.) a 1st prize only shall be awarded for each division.

(b) Only members are eligible to win a prize.

(c) In a cruiser class series, a boat shall not be awarded an IRC and HPH prize. The IRC prize shall take precedence. In a one-design class series a boat shall not be awarded a scratch and handicap prize. The scratch prize shall take precedence.

The following perpetual trophies shall be awarded:

**Howth Seventeen**

PMPA Trophy Series 1 Scratch

Ireland's Eye Cup Series 1 H'cap

Centenary Salver Series 2 Scratch

Centenary Cup Series 2 H'cap

Kish Trophy Series 3 Scratch

Boyd No. 1 Cup Series 3 H'cap

Mark Lynch Cup Season Overall Scratch

Brendan Cassidy Trophy Season Overall H'cap

Stuttard Cup 3 Special Races Scratch

President's Salver 3 Special Races H'cap

Guinness Cup Past Owners Race Scratch

Heather Boyd Trophy Single-handed Race Scratch

Hogg Trophy Special Race Scratch

Syringa Cup Ladies Race Scratch

Boyd Tankard Special Crew Race Scratch

Ballot Trophy Ballot Race Scratch

Wilkinson Trophy Under 30s Race Scratch

Garryowen Cup Juniors Race Scratch

Jones Tankard Hot Shots Race Scratch

**Class 1**

Lighthouse Bowl Series 1 IRC

Jim Kelleher Trophy Series 1 HPH

Toughnut Cup Series 2 IRC

Genesis Cup Series 2 HPH

Crown Cup Series 3 IRC

Jameson Cup Series 3 HPH

Comanche Raider Cup Mini Series IRC

Candelabrum Mini Series HPH

Profits Cup Ladies Race HPH

**Class 2**

Guinness Cup Series 1 IRC

Okeechobee Cup Series 1 HPH

Audrey Pearson Trophy Series 2 IRC

Mercedes Benz Trophy Series 2 HPH

Solas Trophy Series 3 IRC

Silver Wind Trophy Series 3 HPH

Blythe Spirit Cup Mini Series IRC

Kumquat Cup Mini Series HPH

Mischief Cup Season Overall IRC

Cochise Cup Season Overall HPH

**Class 3**

Old Spice Trophy Series 1 IRC

AGB Trophy 1 Series 1 HPH

AIB Trophy Series 2 IRC

Follenus Cup Series 2 HPH

Smyth Trophy Series 3 IRC

AGB Trophy 2 Series 3 HPH

Fitzgerald Cup 3 Special Races IRC

Bridge Trophy 3 Special Races HPH

AGB Trophy 4 Islands Race HPH

**Non-Spinnaker Cruiser**

Mary Jones Trophy Series 1 HPH

Evo Stick Trophy Series 2 HPH

Endeavour Trophy Series 3 HPH

PJB Trophy Season Overall IRC

Voyager Trophy Season Overall HPH

**Puppeteer 22**

Gore-Grimes Cup Series 1 Scratch

Mermaid Trophy Series 1 H'cap

McCabe Cup Series 2 Scratch

Pat Kenny Trophy Series 2 H'cap

Sound Systems Trophy Series 3 Scratch

Hunter Advertising Trophy Series 3 H'cap

Bic Razor Trophy Saturday Series 1 Scratch

Flycatcher Trophy Saturday Series 2 Scratch

Llevante Trophy Ladies Race Scratch

Neville Maguire Hull Trophy Mini Series Scratch

Single-handed Trophy Scratch

Hegarty Perpetual Trophy Spring Warmers Scratch