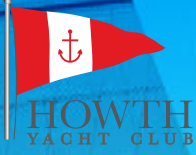




EVENT SPONSORS



HYC SPORTSBOAT CUP

FRI 27TH - SUN 29TH MAY '16 HOWTH YACHT CLUB

— SAILING INSTRUCTIONS —

1720, SB20, J80 SAILFLEET, TONNERS

VHF CH 77

RACE OFFICER : RUPERT JEFFARES





1. EVENT

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association shall apply. If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs take precedence.
- 1.2 Boats may be required to affix advertising supplied by the Sponsor to each side of their bows. If used, this advertising will be supplied by the organisers and shall be positioned, on each side of the hull, as instructed by the Organisers.
- 1.3 Boats shall not be removed from the water between the time of the scheduled start for Race 1 and the finish of her last race of the series. In an emergency, and only following a written request, the Race Committee may waive this SI.
- 1.4 Competitors shall be deemed Honorary Members of Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the Event.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 2.2 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 2.3 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 2.4 All boats are required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least €2,000,000
- 2.5 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred,

as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the racing and the event and includes the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.

- 2.6 Each boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

3. NOTICE BOARD & BRIEFING

The Notice Board will be located adjacent to the Marina Office entrance.

A Briefing will take place on the first floor of the clubhouse at 10:00 hrs on Friday 27th May and for the SB20 Eastern Championships at 10:00hrs on Saturday 28th May.

4. ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted on the Notice Board not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole at the marina bridge.
- 5.2 After a postponement has been signalled the Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (changes Race Signals).
- 5.3 When flag 'D' is signalled, boats shall not leave the harbour/marina. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (amends Race Signals).

6. RACE PROGRAMME

6.1 Day and Date Schedule of Races

Fri 27 May:	Race 1 - Warning Signal 12:00hrs followed by Race 2 & 3
Sat 28 May:	Race 4 - Warning Signal 12:00hrs followed by Races 5, 6 & 7
Sun 29 May:	Race 8 - Warning Signal 12:00hrs followed by Race 9

6.2 The starting sequence and flags will be as follows:

CLASS	FLAG
1720	F
SB20	Class Flag
J80 Sailfleet	J
Tonnors	T

The Start signal for each class will be the 5-minute warning for the next class where applicable. The Race Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of races and number of races to be sailed on a particular day.

- 6.3 There will be one discard after six races completed. Three races will constitute a series.
- 6.4 The SB20 Eastern Championships will be run over Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 May with 1 discard after 5 races completed. Three races will constitute a series.

7. No Warning Signal will be made after 14:30 hrs Sunday 29 May 2016, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 14:30 hrs.

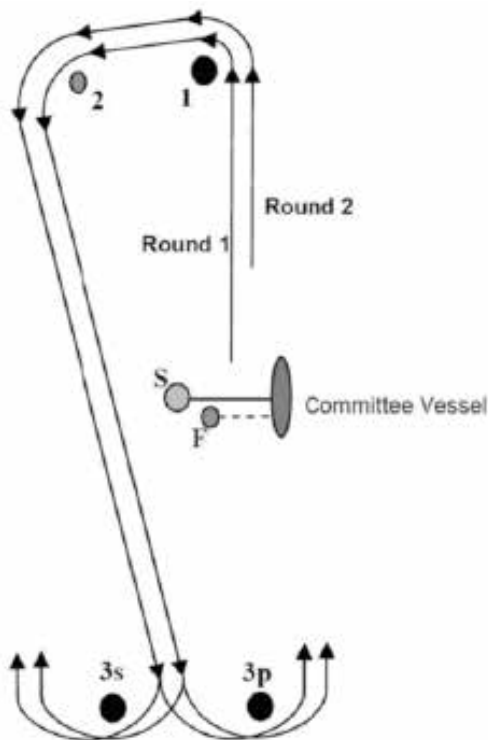
8. SAFETY

When Flag Y displayed before or with the warning signal, all competitors shall wear personal buoyancy whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40.

9. RACING AREA

Racing will be in waters North of Howth harbour entrance and the start may be up to 3 miles from the harbour.

10 THE COURSE



WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM

- 10.1 Course will be Windward/Leeward and the marks will be laid approximately as shown in the diagram (Attachment 1)
- 10.2 After starting marks shall be rounded to port (p) or to starboard (s) as follows:
1(p) - 2(p) - 3(s) or 3(p)
1(p) - 2(p) - 3(s) and 3(p) - Finish
- 10.3 The starting mark is only a mark of the course only when starting.
- 10.4 The finishing line ranks as an obstruction and boats shall not cross it when a Blue flag is flying, except when finishing. Breach of this SI shall result in the boat being scored DSQ without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1). (See SI 18)
- 10.5 The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed from the Committee Boat at the start.

11. MARKS

Course Marks are Large Black Inflatables.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26
- 12.2 The starting line shall be between an orange cylindrical mark (to be passed to port) and a red and white pole (or main mast) on the committee boat.
- 12.3 A boat shall start not later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

- 12.4 If flag U has been displayed as the Preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her Starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or it is postponed or abandoned before the Starting signal. This changes RRS 26, 63.1. A4 and A5. The scoring abbreviation UFD shall be used for a 'U Flag' penalty. This changes RRS A11.

- 12.5 If a start under the Black Flag Rule (RRS 30.3) is subject to a general recall the sail numbers of boats identified infringing RRS 30.3 will be displayed on the Committee Boat for at least five minutes before the signal First Substitute is removed. One long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed.

- 12.6 When the Race Committee decides that its application of RRS 30.3 entitles a boat to redress under RRS 62.1(a), it may give her redress by not displaying her sail number and not disqualifying her (amends RRS 30.3, 60.2 and 63.1).

13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 13.1 A significant change of course after the start will be signalled from a RIB making sound signals and displaying a red or green flag denoting change of position before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

- 13.2 In amendment of RRS 33, no signals will be made to indicate whether or not a leg has been shortened or lengthened.

14. SHORTENING COURSE

In amendment of RRS 32 if ICF "V" is displayed at the Leeward Gate yachts will proceed directly to the finish.

15. THE FINISH

The Finishing Line shall be between a red and white pole (or main mast) on a committee boat and a small ORANGE Finishing Mark.

16. TIME LIMIT

In amendment of RRS 35, any boat which fails to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat shall be scored as 'Did not finish'. The Time Limit for the leading boat shall be 90 minutes.

17. RETIRING

A boat shall make every effort to promptly inform the Race Committee of her retirement.

18. PROTESTS

- 18.1 In addition to the obligations in RRS 61.1(a) protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee Finish Boat of its intention to protest.
- 18.2 Protest Forms shall be available from the Race Office.
- 18.3 All protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.
- 18.4 The Protest Schedule shall be posted on the Notice

Board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit. The listing of a boat on this schedule shall constitute informing her in the context of RRS 61.1(b).

18.5 In amendment of RRS 66, on the last day of the regatta a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered: -

(a) within protest time if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day

(b) no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day.

19. CLASS RULES

19.1 BOWSPRIT RULE

Bowsprits shall not be extended on an upwind leg. An upwind leg is a leg on which spinnakers cannot be set. The upwind leg starts 5 boat lengths after rounding the mark at the beginning of the leg and finishes at Mark 1 when the stern of the boat crosses the extension of an imaginary line drawn through Mark 3 and Mark 1, after rounding Mark 1. For the purposes of this SI the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2 is NOT an upwind leg. (This means that bowsprits can be extended but boats cannot claim an overlap with a bowsprit if they couldn't fly a spinnaker on that leg.) For the purposes of RRS 18 when it is possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is extended. When it is not possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is retracted.

The penalty for infringing this SI may be a points penalty, suspended or imposed, instead of disqualification.

19.2 USE OF LARGE JIBS AND LARGE SPINNAKERS (1720 Only)

If the wind speed exceeds 25 knots the Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, display flag 'Q' before the warning signal for a race. This visual signal will be accompanied by one long sound signal. When this signal is displayed boats shall not use a large spinnaker but may use a small spinnaker which, if used, shall be flown from the hounds and

not the masthead. In addition, when this signal is displayed, boats shall not use a large jib but may use a small jib. This SI amends RRS 'Race Signals'.

19.3 CREW WEIGHT LIMITS

Shall apply for the 1720 Class

Shall not apply for all other classes

19.4 SAIL RESTRICTIONS SAILFLEET J80 CLASS

The Race Committee may at its discretion restrict the sails to be flown for the Sailfleet J80 class. If so the following flags will be displayed before the warning signal and will be accompanied by one long sound signal.

If flag 'E' is displayed flying of spinnakers is prohibited.

If flag 'R' is displayed the mainsail shall be reefed and remain in place until the end of the race. When flag R is displayed flying of spinnakers is also prohibited.

20. PENALTIES

For infringements of the Class Rules the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.

21. SCORING

21.1 Nine races are scheduled, of which three shall be completed to constitute a series. The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

21.2 If 6 or more races are completed one discard will be applied.

22. SCRUTINEERING

Boats may be scrutinised at any time during the event.

23. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by OA.

Prizes will be awarded to boats placed 1st to 3rd overall.

The overall Sportsboat Cup winner will be awarded the Romain Cagney Bowl.

Perpetual prizes remain the property of Howth Yacht Club or individual Classes, as appropriate.

APPENDIX A: SailFleet J80 Class Rules

B.1 Boats shall not be modified or caused to be modified in any way.

The following are **NOT ALLOWED**:

(a) Cross winching of foresail sheets.

(b) Sheeting foresails directly to a winch.

(c) Control of the mainsail using anything other than the mainsheet or boom vang (kicking strap).

(d) Marking of the hull, deck, sails or equipment.

(e) Perforating any sail.

(f) Cleaning of hulls, keels and rudders.

(g) Hiking out by holding the shrouds above the bottle screws.

(h) Hiking out by holding the lazy sheets or any control line.

(i) Electronic compasses, TackTicks or sailing aids of any type. Boats are to be sailed "as supplied"

B.2 Spinnakers may be used. Holding out jib with feet is permitted. Shrouds can not be held above bottlescrews while holding jib out with feet.

B.3 Only equipment and sails provided with the boat may be used.

B.4 Reefing: All boats shall reef mainsails when the race committee display flag E with 1 long sound at or before the warning signal for a race. Reefs shall remain in place until the end of the race.

B.5 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the OA's representative or protest committee immediately after the race where the damage occurred. The penalty for breaking this SI may be disqualification from the race(s) in question, unless the protest committee or OA is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply.

B.6 No changes shall be made to rig settings, forestay length or spreaders.

B.7 No part of a crew's body, with the exception of the head and upper limbs, shall protrude beyond an imaginary vertical line drawn as a tangent to the hull at the point where the crew member is positioned.