



Howth 17 Footer Association

**2016 CHAMPIONSHIP
5th, 6th & 7th August 2016**



NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 1.1 The Championship is organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Middle Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin. Telephone: 01 - 832 2141.
All entries and enquiries to be addressed to the HYC Office office@hyc.ie

2 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the ISA, the rules of the Howth 17 Footer Class and this Notice of Race (NoR), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.
2.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
2.3 Owners shall be members of the Howth 17 Footer Class Association.
2.4 It is strongly recommended that all boats carry VHF Radios.
2.5 Entries can be made online, via the Howth Yacht Club website <http://hyc.ie/>
2.6 The non-refundable entry fee is €70.00 and shall be paid in advance of racing.
2.7 Entry Disclaimer

It is the Competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole, exclusive risk, in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta, competitors shall indemnify the Howth 17 Footer Class Association, Howth Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta. Competitors shall acknowledge that the Howth 17 Footer Class Association, Howth Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with these events.

2.8 Insurance

All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover. 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.

3 RACE AREA

- 3.1 Racing on Friday 5th August 2016 will start from the East Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin.
3.2 The Race Area will start in the vicinity of Ireland's Eye, North of Howth, Co. Dublin.

4 REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the Race Office in Howth Yacht Club. This is adjacent to the Marina Office.

Registration times:

Friday 5th August 2016 1700 - 1800

5 RACE SCHEDULE

5.1 Up to 5 races will be sailed

5.2 Regatta Briefing time to be confirmed

5.3 Warning Signal Race 1 Friday 5th August 2016 1855

Warning Signal Race 2 Saturday 6th August 2016 1030

Schedule of all subsequent races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

5.3 One Race is scheduled for Friday 5th August 2016

5.4 Four Races are scheduled Saturday 6th August 2016

5.5 Racing will take place on Sunday 7th August 2016 if the schedule of races has fallen behind.

5.5 No More than four races can be run in a day

5.6 No races will be started after 1500 hours on Sunday 7th August 2016, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500 that day

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Friday 5th August 2016 on hyc.ie

7 THE COURSE

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8 PENALTY SYSTEMS

8.1 RRS 44.1 (Taking a penalty) is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10 SCORING

10.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 BOAT STORAGE

11.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1900 on Friday 5th August 2016 and shall not be lifted or scrubbed until after the last race on Sunday 7th August 2016, except in the case of significant repairs being necessary and with the written approval of the Race Committee

12 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Howth Yacht Club is committed to minimising the environmental impact of the regatta. The regatta is registered as part of the Sailors for the Sea programme. As such, the following shall apply:

12.1 Participants are encouraged to minimise the carbon footprint of the regatta by reducing reproduction of paper documents by downloading the NOR, SI and other relevant documents to their electronic devices.

12.2 A penalty of disqualification will apply for all intentional violations of RRS 55 ("Trash Disposal") and repeated violations, whether intentional or not, may result in a non-excludable disqualification.

12.3 Competitors shall dispose of all trash properly, including when ashore. Recycling facilities are available

12.4 While afloat, trash may be given to support vestals

12.5 Competitors are encouraged to reuse drinks bottles. Drinking water is available from Howth Yacht Club during the regatta.

13 PRIZES

13.1 The Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winner

13.2 The Handicap Trophy will be awarded to the winner on HPH.

13.3 Prizes will be awarded to the first three helms on scratch. A boat may not win a scratch and handicap prize.

13.4 ISA medals will be awarded to the first three helms on scratch.

14 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 By participating in the regatta, competitors grant to the OA and its sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at the OA's discretion, any motion or still pictures, audio recordings, or similar media. This provision shall be interpreted as broadly as possible.
- 14.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, positioning equipment, or other electronic devices as provided by the OA.

15 DINING

Bar food will be available in the clubhouse during the event and there will be a Championship BBQ on Saturday 6th August 2016.

16 MEMBERSHIP

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on 6th and 7th August 2016, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.