



HOWTH YACHT CLUB

AUTUMN LEAGUE 2016

Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

Saturday 10th September to Saturday 22nd October
(Incorporating a Coastal Race 1st October
which will not be part of the Autumn League series)



Mercedes-Benz
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NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 1.1 The 2016 Howth Yacht Club Autumn League is organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.
- 1.2 Enquiries should be addressed to: The Club Manager, Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.
Telephone: 01 - 832 2141, email: office@hyc.ie , website: <http://hyc.ie> .

2. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the I.S.A., the rules of each Class concerned and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 2.3 Eligible boats are those in the classes which comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements.
- 2.4 Boats racing in Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non Spinnaker Cruisers shall comply with the definition of a cruiser as stipulated in the ICRA Constitution. Class 0 may be included, see 3.1 below
- 2.5 The OA reserves the right to refuse an entry to the series if, in its opinion, there is a conflict between a competitor's sponsor and the event sponsor.
- 2.6 It is strongly recommended that all boats carry VHF radios and keep a listening watch, Ch.77 for Offshore and Ch. 69 for Inshore committee boats.
- 2.7 "Crew Limitation" rules shall not apply in IRC divisions. Cushions may be removed.
- 2.8 Protest requirements: the exemption for boats less than six meters shall not apply. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 Races will be provided for the following classes and results will be calculated on the handicap divisions listed. If six or more boats are entered with an IRC Rating of 1.045 or above, a separate Class 0 will be provided for.

OFFSHORE COMMITTEE BOAT STARTS

	Flag	ECHO	IRC
Cruiser Class 1	No. 1	X	X
Cruiser Class 2	No. 2	X	X
Cruiser Class 3	No. 3	X	X
Non Spinnaker Cruiser Class 4	No. 4	X	X
Non Spinnaker Cruiser Class 5	No. 5	X	X

INSHORE COMMITTEE BOAT STARTS

	Flag	Scratch	H'Cap
Puppeteer 22	A	X	X
Squib	K	X	X
17 Footer	C	X	X
Taste of Racing	J	X	X

The "Taste of Racing" category will be sailed in the ISA SailFleet J80s. This is open to members and non-members to enter as individuals, rather than boats. Each boat will be skippered by an instructor and take an additional 4-5 people.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Six races are scheduled for all classes. There will be one special race on 1st October which will not count for the overall series. The format of the race will depend on weather conditions on the day and separate Sailing Instructions will be issued for this race on the day.

One race on each of the following Saturdays: 10th, 17th and 24th September and 8th, 15th and 22nd October.

4.2 First Warning Signal for all race days except 1st October and 22nd October and will be at 1430. On 1st October and 22nd October the first Warning Signal will be at 1300.

5. ENTRIES

5.1 Entries shall be made online at <http://hyc.ie>, following the 'Autumn League' link.

Entries received by 1700 Wednesday 31st August 2016 shall be charged at the discounted rates indicated below:-

	<i>Discounted Entry</i>	<i>Full Entry</i>
Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3, Non-Spinnaker Cruisers:	€120.00	€140.00
One design keelboats:	€100.00	€120.00

Entries for "Taste of Racing" shall be made via the HYC Office and are on a per-person basis.

"Taste of Racing" HYC Member €100.00 / Non-member €150.00

5.2 Non Spinnaker Cruisers will be divided into two classes (Class 4 and Class 5) based on TCF. The boats comprising these divisions shall be displayed on the Official Notice Board in the archway beside the marina office and on the HYC website.

5.3 The closing date for entries shall be 2200 on Wednesday, 7th September 2016

5.4 IRC Certs may be requested by the OA before or during the regatta.

5.5 Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non-Spinnaker Cruisers are automatically eligible for the ECHO division, providing the boat is included on the current I.S.A. ECHO list.

6. LATE ENTRIES

6.1 Entries received after 2200 on Wednesday, 7th September 2016 will be accepted only at the discretion of the OA.

7. SAIL NUMBERS/ IDENTIFICATION

7.1 Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on its spinnaker and on each side of its mainsail, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form. (Except where one-design class regulations apply) Where relevant the same number shall be shown on the genoa.

7.2 Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form, written notice shall be given to the Race Officer before the Warning Signal of that race. **Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat's disqualification.** This changes RRS 63.1.

7.3 Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non-Spinnaker Cruiser shall fly the relevant class numeral pennant from the backstay. **Any boat not doing so may be scored DNS.** This changes RRS 63.1. (Not applicable to J80s)

8. HANDICAPS

8.1 The following handicap data shall be used: **Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non Spinnaker Cruisers (4 & 5):**

ECHO: The OA shall allocate ECHO TCFs at its own discretion, based on the Current ECHO Standard of the boat.

IRC: TCC values of current certificate

One Design: Current handicap as notified by the Class Captain.

8.2 There may be updating of handicaps during the series, as follows: -

(a) Revision of ECHO/ One Design Handicap, should there be any material change to the boat including a change in helm or crew.

(b) ECHO / One Design handicaps may be revised during the series at the discretion of the Autumn League Handicapping Committee, who reserve the right to allocate handicapped boats to any class and to decide handicaps. Owners are advised to check the Official Notice Board for class and handicap information.

(c) IRC as declared at the start of the series shall remain in force for the series. A copy of the current IRC certificate shall be available on board for inspection as provided for within the IRC rules. IRC certificates shall not be dated later than 1st September 2016.

9. ECHO/ IRC CLASS DIVISIONS

9.1 ECHO/IRC classes will be divided on the following basis:

Cruiser Class 1 and Class 2	Divisions to be finalised before 2 nd September 2016, based on number of entries. IRC Ratings between 0.920 and above. It is the intention of the OA to split the fleet evenly between Class 1 and Class 2
Cruiser Class 3	IRC Ratings of 0.919 and below
Non Spinnaker Cruisers	As per NOR 5.2

10. PRIZES / TROPHIES

10.1 Daily prizes will be awarded to the winner of each division in each class of the Autumn League and will be presented as soon as possible after racing on the following week. Overall prizes will also be awarded on the basis of number of entries as follows: 2 boats = 1st, 5 boats = 2nd, 8 boats = 3rd, 11 or more boats = 4th.

The following trophies will be awarded:

Heineken Trophy	Overall Winner
Olympus Trophy	Team Trophy
Cronin Trophy	17 Footer Scratch
Alphida Cup	17 Footer Handicap
Evora Trophy	Cruiser Class 1 IRC
Joliba Cup	Cruiser Class 1 ECHO
Cuffe-Smith Trophy	Cruiser Class 2 IRC
Volvo Trophy	Cruiser Class 2 ECHO
Habu Trophy	Cruiser Class 3 IRC
PAB Travel Trophy	Cruiser Class 3 ECHO
Evora Trophy	Non Spinnaker Cruiser Class 4 IRC
Nissan Trophy	Non Spinnaker Cruiser Class 4 ECHO
Impala Regatta trophy	Non Spinnaker Cruiser Class 5 IRC
Denis Wickham Trophy	Non Spinnaker Cruiser Class 5 ECHO
Mildly Cold Trophy	J24 Scratch
Sleater Salver	J80 Scratch
Duropol Trophy	Puppeteer 22 Scratch
Snow Goose Trophy	Puppeteer 22 Handicap
Gilmour Cup	Squib Scratch
Hot Irish Trophy	Squib Handicap
HYC Trophy	Taste of Sailing Class

The overall prize giving will take place on Saturday, 22nd October 2016 at approximately 1800.

- 10.2** A boat may not win both a scratch and handicap prize in the same race or overall series. The scratch race/ series result shall take precedence.
A boat may not win both an IRC and ECHO handicap prize in the same race or overall series. The IRC race/ series result shall take precedence
- 10.3** The Heineken Trophy, which is perpetual, will be awarded to the boat that wins its class by the greatest margin of points over the second placed boat in the main series. For Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non Spinnaker Cruisers it shall be based on IRC and for one-design classes on Scratch – the calculation to be made by multiplying its winning margin, having taken discards into account, by the average number of starters in its class. The boat with the highest score will be the winner.
- 10.4** Olympus Team Trophy
This prize shall be for teams of three boats that are racing under IRC/ Scratch handicaps. Any combination of boats from any IRC and or Scratch Division is acceptable providing boats are not from the same class. No boat shall be a member of more than one team. Following the final race of the Autumn League and taking into account discards, the combined scores of the three boats from the full series shall apply and the winning team will be that with the lowest number of cumulative points. Competitors should advise the Race Office in writing of their teams prior to 0930 on Saturday, 12th September 2015.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1** Sailing Instructions will be available online on the HYC website, <http://hyc.ie> from 3rd September 2016. Sailing Instructions will be available in the Race Office at the following times: -

Friday 9 th September 2016	1630 to 1900
Saturday 10 th September 2016	1100 to 1330

12. RACING AREA

- 12.1** Races will be sailed in the waters north of Howth. Starts may be up to four miles north of Howth Harbour.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

1. MARINA BERTHS/ DRY SAILING

A limited number of Marina berths will be available for competitors at a reduced rate. These will be allocated in order of application and subject to suitable space availability, the period being Friday 9th September to Sunday, October 23rd 2016. The OA reserve the right to retract these offers in the event of a boat's non-participation in the event. Overstays on the Marina or hardstanding will be charged at the current applicable visitor rate per day.

Howth Marina will offer winter berthing to visiting Autumn League entrants at €100.00 per meter, from start of the Autumn League, to 8th April 2017, including free lift in and out and use of Cradle for 24 hours plus other offers as they may arise.

2. SOCIAL

Entertainment will be provided and a full social programme will be provided after the Saturday 22nd October 2016 races.

Eligible competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club for each race day subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership. All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club on the days of the event.

3. CAR PARKING

The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. The Harbour Authority rigidly enforces these regulations.