



Key Capital Private
Spring Warmer Series 2017



**For Class 1, 2 and 3, SB20, J24, J80, Puppeteer 22, &
Squib
Saturdays – 1st and 8th April 2017**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

1.1 The Howth Yacht Club Spring Warmer Series is organised by Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.

2 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020, 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 shall comply with the definition of a cruiser as stipulated in the ICRA Constitution.
- 2.5 It is strongly recommended that all boats carry VHF radios and keep a listening watch, Ch.77.
- 2.6 Protest requirements: the exemption for boats less than six metres shall not apply. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).
- 2.7 Each boat owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and howsoever occurring and shall maintain adequate third party insurance cover. All owners /competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.
- 2.8 Personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times while racing.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 Four races are scheduled .The schedule of races will be as follows:

- Sat. 1st April** **Race 1:** The First Warning Signal for Race 1 will be displayed at 1055
 Race 2: The First Warning Signal for Race 2 will be displayed as soon as practical after Race 1.
- Sat. 8th April** **Race 3:** The First Warning Signal for Race 3 will be displayed at 1055
 Race 4: The First Warning Signal for Race 4 will be displayed as soon as practical after Race 3.

3.2 The Starting sequence shall be as follows

	Flag	Handicap	Scratch
Class 1&2	1	X	
SB20	Class Flag		X
J24 & J80	J		X
Class 3	3	X	
Puppeteer 22	A	X	X
Squib	K	X	X

Class 1 & 2	1100 or Five Minutes after the First Warning Signal.
SB20	1105 or Five Minutes after the Class 1 & 2 start.
J24 & J80	1110 or Five Minutes after the SB20 start .
Class 3	1115 or Five Minutes after the J24 start
Puppeteer 22	1120 or Five Minutes after the Class 3 start.
Squib	1125 or Five Minutes after the Puppeteer 22 start.

3.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to amend the Schedule of Races depending on prevailing conditions.

3.4 Two races shall constitute an Event. One discard will be permitted if four races are completed.

3.5 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A shall apply.

4 ENTRIES

4.1 Boats shall enter online at <http://hyc.ie/open-events> not later than 2100 hrs on Thursday 30th March 2017.

4.2 The entry fee is €50.00

4.3 Marina berths and dry-sailing facilities will be available to competitors and are included in the entry fee. Space will be allocated in order of application and subject to availability, the period being Friday 31st March 2017 to Sunday 9th April 2017. This concession applies to bona fide competitors only and the OA reserve the right to charge the standard HYC visitors' rate in the case of a boat's non-participation in the event. Overstays will be charged at the standard HYC visitors' day rate.

5 HANDICAPS

5.1 The following handicap data shall be used:

Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3

IRC TCC values of current valid certificate.

5.2 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 IRC Rules.

5.3 IRC CLASS DIVISIONS

IRC classes will be divided on the following basis:

Cruiser Class 1	IRC Ratings of 0.980 and above
Cruiser Class 2	IRC Ratings between 0.910 and 0.979
Cruiser Class 3	IRC Ratings of .909 and below

5.4 Puppeteer 22 and Squib classes

Current values as provided by each class

6 LATE ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entries for eligible boats received after 2100 on Thursday 30th of March 2017 will be accepted only at the discretion of the OA.

7 LAUNCHING

- 7.1 Boats will be launched on Saturday mornings unless otherwise notified. Boats may be craned in on Friday by prior arrangement with the Marina office.

8 PRIZES/TROPHIES

- 8.1 Prizes will be presented in the Clubhouse as soon as possible after racing on Saturday 8th April 2017 and will be awarded on the basis of the number of starters as follows:

2 boats = 1st
5 boats = 2nd
8 boats = 3rd
11 boats or more = 4th

- 8.2 Scratch prizes will be awarded for one design fleets and IRC handicap prizes will be awarded for cruiser classes only.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing instructions will be available at the HYC Marina Office or online from Thursday 30th March 2017.

10 RACING AREA

- 10.1 Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth, starts may be up to four miles North of Howth Harbour
- 10.2 All races shall be windward/leeward courses.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices. A listening channel will be available from the committee boat on Channel 77.

12 SOCIAL

- 12.1 Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club for each race day, subject to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.
- 12.2 The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These are rigidly enforced by the Harbour Authority.