



HOWTH YACHT CLUB
AUTUMN LEAGUE 2017

Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

Saturday 16th September to Saturday 21st October



Mercedes-Benz
MSL Park Motors

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 1.1 The Howth Yacht Club Autumn League is organised by Howth Yacht Club CLG., Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.
- 1.2 Entries and enquiries should be addressed to: Howth Yacht Club CLG., Middle Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin, D13V6E3. Telephone: 01 - 832 2141, email: office@hyc.ie, website: <http://hyc.ie>.
Entries should be made online at <http://hyc.ie> following the 'Autumn League' link.

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 that 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
17 Footer	C	X	X
Squib	K	X	X
J80	J	X	X (LIMITED RACES)

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Six races are scheduled for all classes.
One race on each of the following Saturdays, 16th, 23rd and 30th September 7th, 14th and 21st October.
- 4.2 Should a race be cancelled for weather reasons, that race will be rescheduled for the next day (Sunday, weather permitting) with a first warning signal of 1200. This will not apply to the race scheduled for 21st October.
- 4.3 First Warning Signal for all race days except 21st October will be at 1430. On Saturday 21st October, the first Warning Signal will be at 1300.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entries shall be made either online at <http://hyc.ie>, following the 'Autumn League' link. The entry fees are as follows:
Entries received by 1700 Wednesday 30th August 2017 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:	€115.00	€135.00
One design keelboats:	€100.00	€120.00
J80s (Excludes J80 charter fee)	€ 75.00	€ 95.00

- 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, 6th September 2017.
- 5.4 Entries shall be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee or credit/ debit card details, together with a copy of the current IRC.
- 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, 6th September 2017 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 shall 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 initial ECHO handicaps for the first race at its own discretion and with a view to integrating boats that do not race together regularly.

IRC: As per current valid certificate.

One Design handicaps: As notified by the Class Captain.

- 8.2 (a) ECHO handicaps shall adjust after each race, as per progressive ECHO calculations.

(b) ECHO / One Design handicaps may also be revised manually during the series at the discretion of the Autumn League Handicapping Committee.

(c) A copy of valid 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 6th September 2017.

9. ECHO/ IRC CLASS DIVISIONS

Cruiser Classes will be sorted by IRC rating. Boats without a valid IRC certificate will be assigned to a class by the OA. Cruiser entries will be split into a minimum of three Classes, named: Cruisers 1, 2, and 3. If entries warrant, the number of classes may be increased. Non-spinnaker entries will be split into two classes.

The composition of these classes will be determined by the Organising Authority on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:

- i) The need for a reasonable number of boats in each class.
- ii) Having as close a spread as possible in the range of ratings in each class.

The allocation of entries into provisional classes will be posted on the HYC website by 1700 on Monday 11 September 2017. The Organising Authority reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any class.

Boats having an IRC rating 0.010 or less below the lower limit of the next class up may request permission to move up to the class above and race using the lower limit rating of that class. The decision of the Organising authority is final and not subject to appeal.

Owners are advised to check the Official Notice Board for class and handicap information.

Boats shall display class numerals 1-5 as required by the Sailing Instructions

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

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, 16th September 2017

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Sailing Instructions will be emailed to all competitors whose entry is received by 1200 on Wednesday, 6th September 2017 and will be available online on the HYC website, <http://hyc.ie> from that date. For entries received after that time and HYC members, Sailing Instructions will be available in the Race Office at the following times: -

Friday 15 th September 2017	1630 to 1900
Saturday 16 th September 2017	1100 to 1400

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 15th September to Sunday, 22nd October 2017. 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 €145.00 per meter, from start of the Autumn League, to 8th April 2018, 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 21st October 2017 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.