



HOWTH YACHT CLUB
International Moth
Irish Open 2014



Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

Saturday 17th May and Sunday 18th May 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 1.1 The International Moth Irish Open 2014 is organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.
- 1.2 Entries and enquiries should be addressed to: Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin. Telephone: 01 - 832 2141, Fax: 01 - 839 2430, email: admin@hyc.ie, website: www.hyc.ie. Entries may also be made online at www.hyc.ie following the Open Events link

2 VENUE

The venue will be the waters in the vicinity of Ireland's Eye, north of Howth, Co. Dublin.

3 RULES

- 3.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") 2013 - 2016. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 3.2 No National prescriptions will apply.
- 3.3 The rules of the International Moth Class shall apply.
- 3.4 RRS 40 (PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT) will be changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices when racing, apart from brief periods to change or adjust clothing. The jury may impose a penalty less than disqualification for violations of this rule.
- 3.4 Changes to the Notice of Race may be posted on www.hyc.ie

4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Advertising for the regatta shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA
- 4.2 The OA may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material.
- 4.3 The OA reserves the right to refuse entry to the event if there is, in its opinion, a conflict of interest between a competitor's sponsor and the event sponsor.
- 4.3 Any boat considering accepting or entering with sponsorship that might be affected by this rule is advised to contact the OA before entering.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Moth class.
- 5.2 All sailors shall be a member of their National Moth Class Association or the International Moth Class Association.
- 5.3 Entry procedure
Entries can be made online, via the Howth Yacht Club website (www.hyc.ie) or by returning the entry form, with fee, which can be downloaded from the same website.
- 5.4 Entry fee
A non-refundable fee of €25.00 shall be paid in advance of racing.
- 5.5 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 International Moth Class Association, the International Moth

Association of Ireland, 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 International Moth Class Association, the International Moth Association of Ireland, 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.

5.7 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.

5.8 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.

6 REGISTRATION

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

Registration times:

Saturday 17th May 2014: 0830 - 1030

7 RACE SCHEDULE

7.1 Up to 7 races will be sailed

7.2 Regatta Briefing 0930 Saturday 17th May 2014

7.3 First Warning Signal: 1100 each day
Schedule of all subsequent races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

7.3 Four Races are scheduled Saturday 17th May 2014

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

7.6 No races will be started after 1500 hours on Sunday 17th May 2014, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500 that day

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Saturday 16th May 2014 at the Race Office or on www.hyc.ie

9 THE COURSE

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

10 PENALTY SYSTEMS

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

11 SCORING

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

11.2 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.

12 BOAT STORAGE AND REPAIRS

12.1 Competitors are requested to keep their boats at their assigned places in the boat park.

12.2 Competitors must do fibreglass and carbon sanding and repair work in the designated area provided by the host club.

13 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Howth Yacht Club is committed to minimizing the environmental impact of the regatta. As such, the following shall apply:

- 13.1 Participants are encouraged to minimize the carbon foot print of the regatta by reducing reproduction of paper documents by downloading the NOR, SI and other relevant documents to their electronic devices.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 Competitors shall dispose of all trash properly, including when ashore.
- 13.4 While afloat, trash may be given to support vessels
- 13.5 Competitors are encouraged to reuse drinks bottles. Drinking water is available from Howth Yacht Club during the regatta.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 The Moth Trophy will be awarded to the Irish Open Champion
- 14.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first three helms.
- 14.3 A prize will be awarded to the sailor who achieves the fastest verified speed.

15 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, positioning equipment, or other electronic devices as provided by the OA.
- 15.3 All competitors may be required to participate in a daily press conference.

16 DINING

Bar food will be available in the clubhouse during the event. If there is demand for a group dinner, this can be facilitated.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 For further information please contact:
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