



NOTICE OF RACE

J-Cup and J80 Irish National Championship 2017

Howth YACHT CLUB

Howth, Co. Dublin

2nd & 3rd September 2017

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club Ltd.,
- 1.2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to Howth Yacht Club, Middle Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin. Phone: 01 832 2141, Email: office@hyc.ie, Web: www.hyc.ie

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020, the Prescriptions of the I.S.A. 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 The OA reserves the right to refuse an entry if in its opinion there is a conflict between a competitor's sponsor and an event sponsor.
- 2.2 International J/24 Class Rules and International J/80 Class Rules will apply to those respective classes.
- 2.5 There will be no crew weigh in for any class.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to boats of the J/80, J/24 and J/109 class. For the J/80 Class, each boat is required to comply with the membership requirements of the Irish J/80 Class Association.
- 3.2 Any Changes of helm or crew after registration for the event must be applied for and agreed by the Race Committee in advance of the change being made.
- 3.3 All boats must be insured for 3rd party liability with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 or equivalent.

4.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 4.1 Safety – All boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules. Boats shall be equipped with a marine VHF radio in working order, the primary purpose of which is to monitor the Race Committee unless otherwise dictated by Class Rules. The channel used will be noted in the sailing instructions.
- 4.2 The Organising Authority may require competitors to affix bow numbers and/or sponsor stickers to both sides of the bow for the duration of the event.

5.0 ENTRIES

5.1 The entry fees are as follows:

J/24	€95
J/80	€95
J/109	€140

5.2 The closing date for entries is the 25th of August 2017. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee and all entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5.3 The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available on the Howth Yacht Club website www.hyc.ie.

6.0 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration will take place between 1800 and 2000 on Friday 1st September and between 0900 and 1030 on Saturday 2nd September, at the Race Office in HYC.

6.2 Racing will be held on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd with 6 races scheduled. The first warning signal will be made at 1155 on Saturday 2nd and at 1055 on Sunday 3rd. Three (3) races are scheduled for each day. No race will start after 1500 on Sunday 3rd except for the restart of a race following a General Recall. The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the schedule of races to ensure that a sufficient number of races are completed.

7.0 SCORING

7.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be used.

7.2 6 races are scheduled for each class, of which 3 shall constitute a series.

7.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded.

8.0 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

8.1 The Irish J/80 Class Association AGM will take place in HYC on Saturday 2nd at 2000.

9.0 PRIZES

9.1 The presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible following racing on Sunday 3rd September 2017.

10. COURSES

10.1 Racing will take place in in the waters north of Ireland Eye.

10.2 The course will be a Windward/Leeward layout with exact details specified in the sailing instructions.

10.3 There will be separate starts for each class.

11.0 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

11.1 Launching and berthing is included in the entry fee. Launching will take place at the HYC on Friday 1st from 1500 to 1900 and on Saturday 2nd between 0900 and 1030. Boats will be required to remain afloat for the duration of the regatta.

12.0 LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision To Race. The Organising Authority, and its officers, members and volunteers, will not accept liability for the loss of life or property, or personal injury, or damage caused by or arising out of the J-Cup 2017, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing. It is the responsibility of each competitor to participate in a race or to continue racing. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her personal accident and health insurance. A skipper is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing.

13.0 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

All helms and their crews competing in the Event will be granted Temporary Membership of Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the event and will be bound by the rules of the Club. The Club reserves the right to withdraw such temporary membership.