

	<p>HOWTH YACHT CLUB</p> <p>Sportsboat Cup 2014</p> <p>1720 Class</p> <p>European Championship</p> <p>Friday 20th June to Sunday 22nd June 2014</p>	
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NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

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 shall 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. The Sailing Instructions shall be available on www.hyc.ie from 1st June 2014.
- 3.2 The Irish Sailing Association prescriptions shall apply.
- 3.3 The rules of the 1720 Sportsboat Class (1720SCR) shall apply. The maximum Crew Weight Limit (1720SCR C.1.4) shall be enforced. Facilities to comply with this requirement will be available at Registration.
- 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 Only boats for which the 2014 Class Fee has been paid shall be eligible to compete. Facilities to comply with this requirement will be available at Registration.
- 5.2 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.

- 5.3 **Entry fee**
A non-refundable fee of €150.00 shall be paid, in advance of racing.
- 5.4 **Late entries**
Entries received after 2200 on Wednesday 18th June 2014 will be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Committee and upon payment of an additional late entry fee of €30.00.
- 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 1720 Class Association, 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 1720 Class Association, 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.
- 5.6 **Insurance**
All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover of not less than €2,000,000.00 (or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors shall be prepared to demonstrate this cover, if so required. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

6. SAIL NUMBERS / IDENTIFICATION

- 6.1 Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of its mainsail which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form. Where relevant, the same number shall be shown on all sails.
- 6.2 Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form, written notice shall be given to the Principal Race Officer before the Warning Signal of the first class in the relevant Start Area. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a DNC or DNF.

7. NOT USED

8. REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the Race Office in Howth Yacht Club.

Registration times:

Thursday 19^h June 2014: 1700 – 2000

Crew weighing will take place during the same periods as registration and complete crews should be presented at one time.

9. RACE SCHEDULE

It is proposed to sail eight races.

A minimum of three races must be sailed to constitute a series.

Proposed Schedule of Races:

Friday 20th June 2014: Up to three races

Saturday 21st June 2014: Up to three races

Sunday 22nd June 2014: Remaining races to complete series of eight races.

No race will be started after 1500 Sunday 22nd June 2014, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500.

Regatta Briefing: 0900 Friday 20th June 2014

Warning Signal: 1200 Friday 20th June 2014

1200 Saturday 21st June 2014

1200 Sunday 22nd June 2014

Schedule of all subsequent races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Courses and Communications

10.1 Windward – Leeward courses shall be set.

10.2 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of operating on all international channels.

11. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System Rule A4 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score/s discarded according to the table below. Rule A4 is amended to accommodate rule A5 and will be used even when a series is a Regatta. A minimum of three races will constitute a series.

Discards applied based on races sailed

6 or more races sailed 1 discard

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by OA.

Perpetual prizes remain the property of Howth Yacht Club or the 1720 Class, as appropriate.

Prizes will be awarded to boats placed 1st to 3rd overall

A prize will be awarded to the first placed "Club 1720"

13. BERTHING AND CRANAGE

Berthing and cranage will be provided at Howth Yacht Club and included in the entry fee.

No boats may be hauled out of the water, from Friday 20th June 2014

until racing is completed on 1200 Sunday 22nd June 2014, without the prior permission of the race committee

14. OTHER INFORMATION

14.1 MEMBERSHIP

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club from Thursday 19th June 2014 to Sunday 22nd June 2014, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

14.2 FACILITIES

All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club during the event. An entertainment schedule will be displayed on the event website

Dining Room and Bar Food will be available during the event

The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These regulations are rigidly enforced by the Harbour Authority.

14.3 SUPPORT BOATS

Individual support boats will be required to register with the race committee. There will be restrictions placed on the movements of such boats in and around the race area from the warning signal to the finish of the race. These restrictions will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.