

	<p><b>HOWTH YACHT CLUB</b></p> <p><b>Sportsboat Cup 2014</b></p> <p><b>Dragon Class</b>  <b>Quarter Ton Class</b>  <b>RS Elite Class</b>  <b>Sailfleet J80 Class</b>  <b>SB20 Class</b></p> <p><b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014</b></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](http://www.hyc.ie) from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014.

3.2 The Irish Sailing Association prescriptions shall apply.

3.3 The rules of the Quarter Ton Class shall apply to that Class. See NoR Appendix A

3.4 The Rules of the SailFleet J80 Class shall apply. See NoR Appendix 2

3.5 The Rules of the SB20 Class shall apply.

3.4 Changes to the Notice of Race may be posted on [www.hyc.ie](http://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 General**

All competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Rules (ISAF Regulation 19).

The Regatta is open to boats registered with the International Dragon Association and whose owners are members of the International Dragon Association.

The Regatta is open to boats registered with the Quarter Ton Class and whose owners are members of the Quarter Ton Class Association.

The Regatta is open to boats registered with the RS Elite Association and whose owners are members of the RS Elite Class Association.

The Regatta is open to boats registered with the SB20 Association and whose owners are members of the SB20 Class Association.

The Regatta is open to ISA SailFleet J80s.

### **5.2 Entry procedure**

Entries can be made online, via the Howth Yacht Club website ([www.hyc.ie](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 relevant Class Associations, 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 relevant Class Associations, 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 and on its spinnaker, as per the relevant Class rules, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form. Where relevant, the same number shall be shown on all sails. Attention is drawn to NoR Appendix A for the Quarter Ton Class.

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. HANDICAPS (Quarter Ton Class only)**

7.1 The following handicap data shall be used for the Quarter Ton Class:

IRC: TCC values of current valid certificate which has a valid date of 1st June 2014 or earlier.

7.2 A copy of the current valid rating certificate shall be available on board for inspection.

## 8. REGISTRATION

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

Registration times:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014: 1700 - 2000

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014:** Up to three races

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014:** Up to three races

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014:** Remaining races to complete series of eight races. However, the Race Committee may amend the above schedule, should weather conditions require.

No race will be started after 1500 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014, except following postponements, general recalls and abandonments of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500.

Regatta Briefing: 0900 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Scheduled Warning Signal first Class:	1200	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2014
	1200	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2014
	1200	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

There will be two course areas, to be defined in the SI.

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.

- Gold Fleet. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places overall

## 13. BERTHING

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

No boats may be hauled out of the water, from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 until racing is completed on 1200 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014, without the prior permission of the OA.

## **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.

## **Appendix A Quarter Ton Class Rules**

(Class rules can be found at <http://www.quartertonclass.org>). Competitors' notice is particularly drawn to the following Quarter Ton Class rules:

1. All boats shall have a current IRC Certificate with a maximum rating of 0.920.
2. All boats shall have a Series Age Date prior to 1996.
3. All boats shall have a Hull Series Date prior to 1996 (Note: Any hull changes should be pre-agreed with the Rating Authority to ensure that modifications do not alter the boat's Hull Date.
4. All boats or a sistership shall have had an RORC Rating of 16 ft or less between 1967- 1970 or an IOR Rating of 17 ft - 18 ft for the years 1971 - 1978, or an IOR Rating of between 17.5 - 18.5 for the years 1979 - 1996.
5. Crew. The maximum number of crew shall be 5. However, where a boat is crewed by 5 females, that boat may carry a 6th crewmember.
6. The owner or joint owner shall steer the yacht. In exceptional circumstances, where the owner prefers not to helm, dispensation may be given for an ISAF Category 1 sailor to helm the boat (Alternate Helm). Written permission for the Alternate Helm must be obtained from the Quarter Ton Class Secretary at least 7 days prior to the event. Being ISAF Category 1 does not mean automatic acceptance as an Alternate Helm. The Alternate Helm is expected to be a regular member of the crew.
7. Applications will be considered from boat owners who believe that their boats were genuine Quarter Tonners but who are unable to provide an IOR or RORC Rating. The Secretary will seek the guidance of the RORC Rating Office whose decision shall be final.
8. Sail Numbers. In order to preserve the heritage of the Quarter Tonners from the early days, it is permitted to use the original sail designation and numbers. eg. K (GBR), I (ITA), F (FRA).
9. Bowsprits and Prodders, either fixed or retractable are prohibited, unless originally designed prior to 1996. All spinnakers must be tacked down to the yacht's spinnaker pole, except when hoisting, gybing, or approaching a mark whilst dropping the spinnaker.

## **Appendix B**

### **SailFleet J80 Class Rules**

B.1 Boats shall not be modified or caused to be modified in any way.

The following are **NOT ALLOWED**:

- (a) Cross winching of foresail sheets.
- (b) Sheeting foresails directly to a winch.
- (c) Control of the mainsail using anything other than the mainsheet or boom vang (kicking strap).
- (d) Marking of the hull, deck, sails or equipment.
- (e) Perforating any sail.
- (f) Cleaning of hulls, keels and rudders.
- (g) Hiking out by holding the shrouds above the bottle screws.
- (h) Hiking out by holding the lazy sheets or any control line.
- (i) Electronic compasses, TackTicks or sailing aids of any type. Boats are to be sailed "as supplied"

B.2 Spinnakers may be used. Holding out jib with feet is permitted. Shrouds can not be held above bottlescrews while holding jib out with feet.

B.3 Only equipment and sails provided with the boat may be used.

B.4 Reefing: All boats shall reef mainsails when the race committee display flag E with 1 long sound at or before the warning signal for a race. Reefs shall remain in place until the end of the race.

B.5 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the OA's representative or protest committee immediately after the race where the damage occurred. The penalty for breaking this SI may be disqualification from the race(s) in question, unless the protest committee or OA is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply.

B.6 No changes shall be made to rig settings, forestay length or spreaders.

B.7 No part of a crew's body, with the exception of the head and upper limbs, shall protrude beyond an imaginary vertical line drawn as a tangent to the hull at the point where the crew member is positioned.

B.8 The penalty for not complying with any of the above rules will be an umpire two turn penalty without a hearing or immediate disqualification from the event for continuous non-adherence to the above rules. This changes RRS 63.1.