

HOWTH YC

CLUB KEELBOAT RACING 2022 ADVISORY NOTES

1. Keelboat racing starts on Tues, April 26th for One Designs, on Wed, April 27th for Cruiser Handicap fleets and continues on Saturdays. Mid-week racing continues finishes on Aug 31st and the last Saturday race will be on Sept 3rd.
2. A full season of racing is planned for the first time since 2019. Entries are being taken online at www.HYC.ie/club-events. The entry fee is **€145** and the online crew registration system that applied in 2020 and 2021 for the HSE's 'track and trace' requirement is no longer applicable
3. Tues night racing for Puppeteers will be started and finished from a Committee Vessel for Series 1, 2 and 3. The Squibs will also use the Committee Vessel for Series 1 and 2. The Howth 17s will start all Tuesday racing off the Pier and will be joined by the Squibs for Series 3. On 'standard' Saturdays, all races will be started and finished from the Pier. On Saturdays a Cruiser Class race for both Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats – boats will be asked to opt for which category they are competing in.
4. General Recalls - for **Committee Vessel** starts, the recalled Class shall drop back to the end of the planned starting sequence and the scheduled start sequence will continue without interruption. For **Pier** starts, the starting sequence shall be interrupted - the recalled Class will restart before the remaining Classes in the sequence.
5. The Race Committees may use VHF to advise their fleets about relevant matters – Ch 77 for Committee Vessel starts and Ch 69 for the Pier.
6. The versions of Course Cards in use at the start of the season will be:
 - Tuesday Committee Vessel – **Rev A**
 - Wednesday Committee Vessel – **Rev B**
 - Pier starts – **Rev A**
7. **Points to note:**
 - i) Howth Harbour and Sound are 'confined channels'. Before, during and after Club racing, boats shall keep clear of trawlers, ships and similar craft. Failure to do so may have consequences for future Club racing as well as for the boat(s) involved.
 - ii) Boats are required to display their correct sail numbers on their mainsail and, where required, on their headsails and spinnakers. **Numbers shall be of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail.**
 - iii) Competitors are obliged to wear suitable PFDs / buoyancy devices **at all times** whilst partaking in keelboat racing.
 - iv) For safety reasons, boats shall not race with anchors protruding beyond their bow.
 - v) To avoid unwarranted recourse to the emergency services, whilst racing every boat shall have an anchor and warp aboard that is appropriate for the boat and the Club racing area.

THE ABOVE ARE FOR ISSUED BY WAY OF INFORMATION. ALL COMPETITORS SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE READ AND FAMILIARISED THEMSELVES WITH THE NOTICE OF RACE, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION, WHICH SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT.