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**Howth Yacht Club CLG**

**Round the Island Race 2019**

**Saturday 9th March**

**(including Team Challenge)**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

1. **Organising Authority:**

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.

2. **Rules:**

Racing shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and the rules of the Laser Class, except as amended by these Sailing Instructions. Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 is permitted.

3. **Classes:**

Racing will be for Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 Classes

4. **Eligibility:**

The event is open to all sailors, subject to the prescriptions of the ISA. Juniors are defined as those under 19 on the 1st January 2019.

5. **Registration:**

Registration, for those who have not already entered the HYC Laser Frostbite Spring Series, will be from 0900 - 0945 on 9th March 2019 at Howth Yacht Club. An Entry Form should be completed online by those not already entered – see Cl 6 below.

Teams of three boats will be selected at Registration and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board not later than 45 minutes before the Warning Signal.

6. **Entry Fee:**

Entry Fee (for race only) is €15.00. The Prizegiving Lunch, for those who wish to attend, will be at an additional cost and will be held immediately following the race.

Those sailors who entered for the Spring Series (Jan to March 2019) have their participation in the Round the Island races included in their entry form and fee payment for the Spring Series.

7. **Sailing Instructions:**

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the HYC Open Events website. A Briefing will take place outside the Marina Office at 0930.

8. **Race Area:**

The race area for the start / finish of the Round the Island will be north of the Harbour in Howth Sound.

9. **Schedule:**

Racing will take place on Saturday 9th March 2019. It is intended to sail a preliminary race before the Round the Island race, subject to weather conditions. The first Warning Signal is at 1055 with the warning signal for the Round The Island race following as soon as is practicable after completion of the preliminary race. The OA reserves the right to adjust the Race Schedule to suit the conditions on the day and, in the event of adverse conditions, to substitute an alternative format for the Round the Island race.

10. **Courses:**

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. **Equipment:**

All boats shall have a painter, with minimum diameter of 6 mm and at least 3 metres in length, made fast to the bow.

12. **Results:**

Class results shall be provided for each Laser rig size (Full, Radial and 4.7) where there are more than three boats with the particular rig size registered to race on the day. Results in the preliminary race, if held, will count for the Team Trophy but not for the individual results, which will be those for the Round the Island race only.

The overall Club Challenge trophy will be awarded to the winning team.  Teams of three boats will be selected at Registration and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board not later than 45 minutes before the Warning Signal. Team results will be calculated by adding the scores of each member of the team in all races sailed. In the event of a tie between teams on points, the tie shall be broken in favour of the team with the lowest aggregated points score in the last race and, if still tied, the team with the best result by a team member in the last race shall be the winner.

In calculating a team’s total score, where the team is composed of sailors using different rig sizes, the points for each team member shall be calculated by taking their overall fleet position in each race sailed, regardless of rig size**.**

13. **Prizes:**

The Prizegiving Lunch will take place in Howth Yacht Club on Saturday, 9th March 2019 at approximately 1330.

The Skehan Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Laser Standard Rig Class and a prize will be awarded to both the winner of the Laser Radial Class and the Laser 4.7 Class.

The Team Trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest score.