



J80 National Championships 2019

Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 September 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND RULES

The organising Authority is the J80 Class Association of Ireland and Howth Yacht Club. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the current J80 Class Rules, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

2. ADVERTISING

Participating boats may be required to carry a sponsor's name on each side of the forward 25% of the hull.

3. SCORING

Under RRS 90.3 scoring shall be the Low Points Scoring System. A. If five races are sailed there will be one discard applied, subject to provisions of RRS Appendix A2 – Scores not Excludable. Ties will be decided in accordance with Appendix A8.

4. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats overall, and to the winner of each race, except that no helm and crew may win more than one race winner prize. There will also be an Under 25 prize category.

5. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- All Owners and Helmsmen shall be paid up members of their J80 Association of Ireland and their National Sailing Authority.
- Entries on the official Entry Form with accompanying fee by 2100 hrs on Friday 13 September 2019.
- Entries should be delivered to: Howth Yacht Club via the online entry portal on www.howthyachtclub.ie
- Registration will be at Howth Yacht Club before racing on Saturday 21 September between 9000hrs and 1030hrs. A change of helm or crew will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and will require a written application to the Race Committee.

Entry Fee: €120 per boat payable to Howth Yacht Club

Entry Fee will be reduced to €90 for yachts already entered in the Howth Autumn league

Entry Fee includes participation, parking/mooring and honorary membership of Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

There will be a separate charge for cramage if required.

6. COURSES AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

The courses will be Windward-Leeward, except if altered by the Race Committee for the Autumn League.

Five races will be sailed with three races constituting a Championship

Racing on Saturday 21 September will be in accordance with the Sailing Instructions of Howth Yacht Club Autumn League

The Warning Signal for the first race on Sunday 22 September will be at 1200hrs.

No warning signal will be made after 1600hrs on Sunday 22 September, except for a race whose warning signal was made before 1600hrs and was subject to a general recall

Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable following the finish of the previous race.

7. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn.

8. INSURANCE

Each competing J80 Owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain Third Party Insurance Cover of not less than three Million Euro (€3,000,000) for any accident.

All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

9. LIABILITY

No responsibility shall be accepted by the Howth Yacht Club, their directors, members, servants or agents nor any of the sponsors, nor those officials or members connected with the Event, for any loss, damage or any other claim of whatever nature however arising or caused in connection with the participation in or intended participation in this event.

10. RESPONSIBILITY

The safety of each J80 and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Owner(s) or the Person in Charge whose obligation it is to ensure that the J80 yacht is fully sound, seaworthy and is manned by an experienced crew with all the required safety gear. Neither this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions nor any action by Howth Yacht Club, the Organising Committee or Race Committee in any way limits the responsibility of the Owner(s) or the Person in Charge. Attention is drawn to RRS Part1 Fundamental Rules.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee unless for serious and unavoidable circumstances.

12. BERTHING

All competitors are required to berth at the Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship, commencing after racing on Saturday 21 September until the conclusion of racing on Sunday 22 September.

Further details/ information will be provided in the Sailing Instructions, which will be available on line on Friday 20 September at 1800hrs.