



Notice of Race Club Racing 2020



1. Organising Authority

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

2. Race Area

The race area shall be Howth Sound and North of Ireland’s Eye.

3. Rules

- Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”).
- The IRC Rules, Parts A, B, and C (or D) shall apply.
- In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- One-design boats shall be governed by the relevant Class Rules.
- Non-Spinnaker class boats shall use only one headsail at any time. This changes RRS 50.1.
- The Irish Sailing prescriptions will apply and can be found at: www.sailing.ie/racing/rules.

4. Eligibility

- (a) Where the word “Member” is used in these Instructions it shall include all classes of Member mentioned in Article 5 of the Club’s Constitution.
- (b) Boats shall be bona fide the property of, or chartered by, Members.
- (c) Advertising on boats shall be as per RRS 80.
- (d) Except by special direction of the Sailing Committee, a boat shall not be raced single-handed.

5. Entry procedure

- (a) Boat owners who wish to compete in Club races shall enter online, via the club website www.hyc.ie.
- (b) Results will be calculated from the time of receipt of the properly completed entry form. Prior to that a boat shall be recorded DNC (Did Not Compete). Boats competing in races where entry fees have not been paid may be subject to a protest by the OA under RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) and/or RRS 69 (Misconduct).

6. Entry Fee

Entry Fee for all classes: €125.00.

7. Entry Disclaimer

The attention of all competitors is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3 “Acceptance of the Rules”, 4 “Decision to Race” and the ISA Safety Guidelines.

8. Insurance

All boats shall have adequate, valid third party liability insurance cover.

9. Safety

- (a) Open boat entrants are referred to relevant Class regulations or instructions.
- (b) Competitors in all Classes shall wear lifejackets or suitable personal floatation devices at all times except when adjusting clothing. Wetsuits or dry-suits are not suitable personal floatation devices.

- (c) It is strongly recommended that each boat carry a VHF radio and keep watch on the designated Race Management channel. Failure to receive transmissions from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress.
- (d) In the interest of safety anchors SHALL NOT protrude beyond the bow of the boat.

10. Crew Limitation

IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight, with the exception of the requirements of NOR 4(d).

11. Race Series

Note: The Sailing Committee has authority to alter the Racing Schedule, Times and Sailing Instructions during the season.

Tuesday (Puppeteer, Squib & Taste of Racing J80s)

Series 1	28 th April – 26 th May	5 races
Series 2	2 nd June – 7 th July	6 races
Series 3	14 th July – 18 th Aug.	6 races
Mini Series*	18 th Aug. – 1 st Sept.	3 races
Prize Categories: J80 Scratch. Puppeteer & Squib Scratch and Handicap		

Tuesday & Saturday (Howth 17)

Series 1	28 th April – 26 th May	9 races
Series 2	2 nd June – 4 th July	10 races
Series 3	7 th July – 15 th Aug.	12 races
Mini Series*	18 th Aug. – 5 th Sept.	6 Races
Prize Categories: Scratch and Handicap		

Wednesday (Class 1, 2, J80, 3 and Non-Spinnaker)

Series 1	29 th April – 27 th May	5 races
Series 2	3 rd June – 8 th July	6 races
Series 3	15 th July – 19 th Aug.	6 races
Mini Series*	19 th Aug. – 2 nd Sept.	3 races
Prize Categories: IRC and HPH		

Saturday Pier Racing (Puppeteer, Squib & Non-Spinnaker)

Series 1	2 nd May – 23 rd May	4 races
Series 2	6 th June – 4 th July	5 races
Series 3	18 th July – 5 th Sept.	8 races
Prize Categories: Scratch and Handicap		

Excludes Wave Regatta / Lambay Race and the Gibney Classic

****The last race of Series 3 counts as the first race of the Mini Series***

12. First Warning Signals

Tuesday	Series 1, 2 & 3 (Committee Boat Starts)	1910
	Series 1 & 3 (Howth 17 Pier Starts)	1900
	Mini Series (Pier Starts)	1840
Wednesday	Series 1, 2 & 3 (Committee Boat Starts)	1905
	Mini Series (Pier Starts)	1840
Saturday	Pier Starts	1420

13. Scoring System

- (a) The scoring system shall be as per RRS Appendix A – Low Point System.
- (b) One discard is allowed for every four races completed.
- (c) No results shall be allocated for a race where less than two boats come to the starting area. This changes RRS 90.3.

14. Classes / Handicaps

- (a) Classes 1, 2, 3 and the Non-Spinnaker Class shall race under IRC and HPH handicap systems and boats shall be allocated to a specific Class by the HYC Results team and Sailing Committee.
- (b) HYC Results will allocate a performance Time Correction Factor (TCF) to each entrant in the keelboat classes. This TCF will be updated throughout the season. HPH handicaps will be allocated by HYC Results, in conjunction with the Sailing Committee and relevant Class Captain.
- (c) All entrants in performance based handicap divisions, including HPH, shall nominate a helm to which the performance TCF will apply.
- (d) A competitor is obliged to notify the Handicapping Committee in a timely fashion of any material change of boat or crew. Failure to fulfil this requirement will render a boat liable to penalty. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- (e) A boat / Class may have its handicap reviewed by the Handicapping Committee at any time.
- (f) Each Cruiser Class boat entering for an IRC division shall submit a copy of their IRC certificate to results@hyc.ie before racing. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors. A boat may protest another boat for any alteration or infringement, which, under the rules of that handicapping system, would invalidate its TCC, issued in accordance with the details submitted.
- (g) In crew or other special races, Cruiser Classes shall sail under their current HPH handicaps and One Design Classes shall sail under scratch, with the exception of nominated handicap special races.
- (h) Helms in crew races shall be persons other than those nominated as helms in NOR 14 (c).
- (i) For the 2020 season, boats allocated to the Cruiser 1 and Cruiser 2 Classes shall start together with Class flags 1 and 2 displayed. IRC and HPH race results will be calculated separately for boats allocated to Cruiser Classes 1 and 2.
- (j) Boats of the International J80 Class shall be assigned to a Cruiser Class that they will compete as part of. In addition to the results obtained within their assigned Cruiser Class, separate results shall be published for the J80 Class boats for each race / series.

15. Prizes

- (a) Prizes shall be awarded for each series/division, as specified in the Club Series section of this booklet, on the basis of average turnout as follows:

2 boats – 1st
5 boats – 2nd
8 boats – 3rd
11 or more boats – 4th

For the Mini Series and special races (crew, ladies, etc.) a 1st prize only shall be awarded for each division.

- (b) Only Members are eligible to win a prize.
- (c) In a Cruiser Class series, a boat shall not be awarded an IRC and HPH prize. The IRC prize shall take precedence. In a One Design Class series a boat shall not be awarded a scratch and handicap prize. The scratch prize shall take precedence.