



Howth 17 Footer Association 2020 National Championships

7th, 8th, & 9th August



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NOTICE OF RACE

1 COVID 19

Skippers and crews will be required to comply with obligations and restrictions adopted by Howth YC with the intention of mitigating transmission risks associated with the COVID 19 pandemic. These will include contact tracing requirements for those entering Howth YC and other measures. The specific requirements will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 2.1 The Championship is organised by Howth Yacht Club CLG., Middle Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin. Telephone: 01 - 832 2141. All entries and enquiries to be addressed to the HYC Office office@hyc.ie

3 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the ISA, the rules of the Howth 17 Footer Class and this Notice of Race (NoR), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.
- 3.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3 Owners shall be members of the Howth 17 Footer Class Association.
- 3.4 It is strongly recommended that all boats carry VHF Radios.
- 3.5 Entries can be made online, via the Howth Yacht Club website <https://www.hyc.ie/open-events>
- 3.6 The non-refundable entry fee is €65.00 shall be paid in advance of racing.
- 3.7 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 Howth 17 Footer Class Association, 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 Howth 17 Footer Class Association, 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.
- 3.8 Insurance
All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

4 RACE AREA

- 4.1 Racing on Friday 7th August 2020 will start from the East Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin.
- 4.2 The Race Area on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th will be in the vicinity of Ireland's Eye, North of Howth, Co. Dublin.

5 RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Up to 5 races will be sailed
- 5.2 Regatta Briefing time to be confirmed
- 5.3 Warning Signal Race 1 Friday 7th August 2020 1855
Warning Signal Race 2 Saturday 8th August 2020 1025

Schedule of all subsequent races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

- 5.4 One Race is scheduled for Friday 7th August 2020
- 5.5 Four Races are scheduled Saturday 8th August 2020
- 5.6 Racing will take place on Sunday 9th August 2020 if two races have not been completed by Saturday 8th August 2020
- 5.7 No More than four races can be run in a day
- 5.8 No races will be started after 1500 hours on Sunday 9th August 2020, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500 that day

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Friday 7th August 2020 on hyc.ie

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.7

8 PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 8.1 RRS 44.1 (Taking a penalty) is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 BOAT STORAGE

- 10.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1900 on Friday 7th August 2020 and shall not be lifted or scrubbed until after the last race on Sunday 9th August 2020, except in the case of significant repairs being necessary and with the written approval of the Race Committee.

11 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Howth Yacht Club is committed to minimising the environmental impact of the regatta. The regatta is registered as part of the Sailors for the Sea programme. As such, the following shall apply:

- 11.1 Participants are encouraged to minimise the carbon footprint of the regatta by reducing reproduction of paper documents by downloading the NOR, SI and other relevant documents to their electronic devices.
- 11.2 A penalty of disqualification will apply for all intentional violations of RRS 55 ("Trash Disposal") and repeated violations, whether intentional or not, may result in a non-excludable disqualification.
- 11.3 Competitors shall dispose of all trash properly, including when ashore. Recycling facilities are available
- 11.4 While afloat, trash may be given to support vestals
- 11.5 Competitors are encouraged to reuse drinks bottles. Drinking water is available from Howth Yacht Club during the regatta.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 The Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winner
- 12.2 The Handicap Trophy will be awarded to the winner on HPH.
- 12.3 Prizes will be awarded to the first three helms on scratch. A boat may not win a scratch and handicap prize.
- 12.4 ISA medals will be awarded to the first three helms on scratch.

13 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 13.1 By participating in the regatta, competitors grant to the OA and its sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show at the OA's discretion, any motion or still pictures, audio recordings, or similar media. This provision shall be interpreted as broadly as possible.
- 13.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, positioning equipment, or other electronic devices as provided by the OA.

14 MEMBERSHIP

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on 7th, 8th and 9th August 2020, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.