



IRISH HALF TON CUP 2021 and X302 CHALLENGE August 21/22, 2021

NOTICE of RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY - HOWTH YACHT CLUB

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024, the IRC insofar as this rule applies to competing boats, the respective Class Rules, this Notice of Race (NoR), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:

Shortened Course	Race Signals
RRS 28.1	Sailing the race
RRS 27.1	Other Race Committee actions before the start
RRS 32.1	Shortening or abandoning after the start
RRS 33	Changing the next leg of the course.
RRS 44.1	Penalties at the time of an incident
RRS 60.1(a), 60.1(b)	Right to protest
RRS 62.2	Redress
RRS 63.1	Hearings
RRS 65.2	Informing the parties and others
RRS 66	Reopening a hearing
RRS Appendix A2, A2.1, A4.2, A5.1	Scoring

IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply for the Half Ton Class. (See 7.4 herein)

1.3 Other Rules may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

1.4 Yachts competing in the Half Ton event must comply with the rules of Half Ton Class Association.

1.5 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The Half Ton event is open to all yachts which satisfy the Class rules and 1.4 above. The X302 event is open to X302 yachts.

3.2 All competitors will have a valid IRC Certificate. The certificate does not have to be an Endorsed IRC Certificate.

- 3.3 **ALL ENTRANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE JUNIOR SAILOR ABOARD FOR THE EVENT. A JUNIOR SHALL BE A PERSON WHO HAD NOT ACHIEVED THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY ON JAN 1ST, 2021.**

4. Fees

- 4.1 Entries shall be made using the Howth YC online entry system.
- 4.2 Entry fee is **€100**. Entries for the event will close at midnight on Sunday, August 15th. The Organising Authority shall have discretion to accept late entries, which may be subject to an additional fee.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 The series is planned to consist of 4 races. It is planned that three of them will be raced on a Windward Leeward course configuration on Saturday, Aug 21st followed by a single coastal race on Sunday, Aug 22nd. The Organising Authority reserve the right to vary the format should conditions warrant it, including sailing a fourth Windward Leeward (WL) race on Saturday or deferring some or all of the planned WL races to Sunday should the weather conditions warrant it in the view of the Race Committee.
- 5.2 Registration at Howth Yacht Club will not be required. All relevant documentation prior to the event will be posted online on Howth YC's website for download and printing by competitors.
- 5.3 Race Programme – subject to 5.1 above:

Saturday, August 21st

3 races are planned. The time of the first Warning Signal on Saturday, Aug 21st will be at 11.00.

The starting sequence for WL races will normally be Half Ton Class followed by the X302s, with the Warning Signal for the second Class to start coinciding with the Start Signal of the preceding Class. In the event of the Half Ton Class experiencing a General Recall at their start, the planned starting sequence will continue and the restart of the Half Ton Class shall be after the start of the X302s. In the event of both Classes having a General Recall, the latest Class to be recalled will restart after the other Class.

The Warning Signal for the second and third races on Saturday will be made as soon as is feasible after completion of the preceding race.

If a fourth race is to be sailed on Saturday, the Race Committee will announce it by VHF at the conclusion of Race 3 and will display ICF R at the finish of Race 3.

Sunday, August 22nd

A Coastal Race is planned and both fleets will start together for that race. The Warning Signal will be at 11.00. The course to be sailed will be broadcast on VHF Channel 74 prior to the Warning Signal.

- 5.4 Racing will take place in the waters off Howth within a radius of 25 nautical miles from Howth Harbour.
- 5.5 All boats must have relevant charts of the sailing area.

6. Sail Numbers – Identification

- 6.1. Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of its mainsail and on its spinnaker, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form. Where relevant, the same number shall be shown on all sails. **[NP]**

- 6.2. Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form, verbal notice shall be given to the Race Committee before the Warning Signal of the first Class in that sequence. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a score of DNC or DNF. **[NP]**

7 Handicaps, measurements and crew limits

- 7.1. IRC handicap data shall be used in this event for the Half Ton Class and X302s. A boat shall have an **IRC TCF** value from a current 2021 certificate that has a validity date of Aug 19th or earlier.
- 7.2. Valid IRC measurement certificates must be submitted prior to competing. Certificates shall be emailed to Results@HYC.ie and originals shall be produced on request during the event.
- 7.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to carry out measurement checks and request further information regarding a yacht's measurements.
- 7.4. Crew Limits for the Half Ton Class - crew numbers will be as indicated on the boat's IRC certificate **and one additional crew will be allowed**. The Half Ton Class will encourage each boat to carry a Junior who is under 18. Crew limits shall not apply to the X302 Class.

8. Sailing Instructions and amendments

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available before Aug 18th on the HYC website (www.HYC.ie) and amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Howth YC. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by the display of ICF L on the flagpole beside the marina access ramp no later than 90 minutes prior to the first race that they apply to.

9. Courses

- 9.1. Races on Saturday will use Windward Leeward courses. Full details to be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2. The course for the Sunday Coastal Race will be decided on Sunday morning and will be broadcast on **VHF Channel 74** prior to the Warning Signal. In addition to the charts referred to in SI 5.5, boats shall have aboard a copy of the Howth YC racing marks' positions and descriptions – downloadable at:

https://www.hyc.ie/system/resources/1368/original/Technical_Sheet_for_2021_Course_Cards.pdf?1621087481

10. Penalty System

- 10.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.

11. Scoring System

- 11.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. The low points system of Appendix A of the RRS will be apply.
- 11.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without a discard being allowed. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.

12. Berthing, Launching and Recovering

Berthing for all visiting boats will be free from midday Aug 20th to midnight Aug 22nd and they shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour. Arrangements to launch and recover boats shall be made directly with HYC Marina Office (01 8392777) and will be subject to a charge.

13. Hauling-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.

14. Radio Communication

Each boat must have a working marine VHF radio and keep a listening watch on **Channel 74**. The Race Committee may broadcast information by VHF that competitors require to participate in the regatta. Information that is broadcast by the Race Committee shall be deemed to have been received by competitors and alleged failure to receive it shall not form a basis for a redress claim. This restricts the provisions of RRS 60.1(b)

15. Prizes

Prizes will be presented as follows: **Half Ton Class**
Irish Half Ton Cup Overall Trophy

X302 Class

1st and 2nd place on IRC will be awarded HYC vouchers.

The Organising Committee may award other prizes.

16. Insurance

Each participating boat shall carry adequate third-party liability insurance in force for the entirety of the regatta

17. Risk Assessment

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: *'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'*.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organising authority does not relieve competitors of their own responsibilities.

18. Media Waiver

Competitors give their consent to Howth Yacht Club, Half Ton Class Association and the X302 Class to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness to promote the event and the respective interests of the above-named groups.

19. COVID-19 Measures [NP].

This event is subject to the COVID-19 Guidelines and Regulations of the Irish Government and the requirements adopted by Howth YC to protect its members. All persons participating in the event must comply with the requirements, which will determine how the event is organised and run and, if necessary, whether it has to be cancelled, postponed or otherwise restricted. Further information on the impact of the measures will be provided on the HYC website with the Sailing Instructions.

The skipper for each boat shall be responsible for registering the crew aboard their boat for each day of racing by completing a submission using the HYC online registration system – see link on HYC.ie homepage, lower right side of page. A separate submission for each day of the event is required and the submission for each day shall be made prior to the commencement of racing on the day to which the submission refers.

In the event of it not being possible to sail the event because of Government COVID restrictions, entry fees received will be refunded.

A breach of the above requirements may result in a boat and / or its crew members being penalised without a protest. Such penalties may include disqualification of a boat from a race, races or the event or exclusion of specific crew members from participation in the event or from the Club premises, including the HYC marina. This changes RRS 63.1 and App A5.1.