



Howth 17 Footer Association 2023 National Championships

11th, 12th and 13th August



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NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 1.1 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

2 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Owners shall be members of the Howth 17 Footer Class Association.
- 2.4 It is strongly recommended that all boats carry VHF Radios.
- 2.5 Entries can be made online, via the Howth Yacht Club website <https://www.hyc.ie/open-events>
- 2.6 The non-refundable entry fee is €75.00 shall be paid before Wed 9th Aug 2023.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 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.

3 RACE AREA

- 3.1 Racing on Friday 11th August 2023 will start from the East Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin.
- 3.2 The Race Area on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th will be in the vicinity of Ireland's Eye, North of Howth, Co. Dublin.

4 RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Up to 5 races will be sailed
- 4.2 Regatta Briefing time to be confirmed
- 4.3 Warning Signal Race 1 Friday 11th August 2023 1855
Warning Signal Race 2 Saturday 12th August 2023 1030
Schedule of all subsequent races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.4 One Race is scheduled for Friday 11th August 2023
- 4.5 Four Races are scheduled Saturday 12th August 2023
- 4.6 Racing will take place on Sunday 13th August 2023 if two races have not been completed by Saturday 12th August 2023
- 4.7 No More than four races can be run in a day
- 4.8 No races will be started after 1500 hours on Sunday 13th August 2023, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500 that day

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Friday 11th August 2023 on hyc.ie

6 THE COURSE

6.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 PENALTY SYSTEMS

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

8 SCORING

8.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 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.

9 BOAT STORAGE

9.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1900 on Friday 11th August 2023 and shall not be lifted or scrubbed until after the last race on Sunday 13th August 2023, except in the case of significant repairs being necessary and with the written approval of the Race Committee.

10 PRIZES

10.1 The Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winner

10.2 The Handicap Trophy will be awarded to the winner on HPH.

10.3 Prizes will be awarded to the first three helms on scratch. A boat may not win a scratch and handicap prize.

10.4 ISA medals will be awarded to the first three helms on scratch.

11 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

11.1 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.

11.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, positioning equipment, or other electronic devices as provided by the OA.

12 MEMBERSHIP

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on 11th, 12th, & 13th August 2023, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

13 Risk Statement

13.1 Rule 3 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:

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;