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HOWTH SEVENTEEN FOOTER ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS  
11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> (& 13<sup>th</sup>) August 2023

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG

### 1. RULES

The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Irish Sailing prescriptions, the Class Rules and the sailing Regulations of Howth Yacht Club (where relevant).

Topsails are not permitted for the Friday Race.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions, including any change to the schedule of races, will be posted on the notice board located in the archway beside the Howth Yacht Club Marina Office not less than two hours before the scheduled start of racing on the day it will take effect (except as allowed by SI 6). An intention to race on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> will be posted by 20.00 hours on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

The Race Officer may communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 77.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the top of the the HYC Marina bridge

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP

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## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	High Water
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	18:55	21:04
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	10:30	09:37
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	As decided by the Race Officer	10:34

A maximum of 4 races are scheduled for Saturday. Races started from the Committee Vessel will be held back to back. For the second and subsequent race each day, the committee Boat may make repeated sound signals to signify an intent to display a Warning Signal.

Two races shall constitute the Championship. Should there be fewer than two races completed by Saturday evening, there shall be racing on the Sunday, conditions permitting, to bring the total number of races completed up to at least two. One discard shall be allowed when four races have been completed.

## 7. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag is International Code Flag C

## 8. RACING AREA

The race area will be in the normal racing waters for HYC club races.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1 The race scheduled for Friday evening shall be a normal Club course selected from the current HYC Tuesday Pier Start course card, with an East Pier start and finish. (See Howth Yacht Club Sailing Regulations and current Course Card).
- 9.2 A maximum of 4 races are scheduled for Saturday, sailed on either Windward /Leeward or Triangular/Olympic type courses with a Committee Vessel start and finish.
- 9.3 The course shall be Windward/Leeward Start –1-2-3-1-2-3 – Finish (2 rounds), unless shortened. The flying of International Code Flag “W” from the Committee Vessel will signal Windward/Leeward courses.
- 9.4 Triangular/Olympic courses shall be Start – 1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-Finish, unless shortened. The flying of International Code Flag “O” from the Committee Vessel will signal Triangular/Olympic courses. See Addendum A
- 9.5 Races will be sailed ‘back to back’.
- 9.6 The course for any race or races to be held on Sunday 13th will be decided by the Race Officer. A course may be either a normal club course with an East Pier start and finish or it may be a Windward/ Leeward or Triangular/Olympic course as described in SI 9.3 and SI 9.4. The Race Officer will post the information on the Official Notice Board not later than 90 minutes before the scheduled time of the first Warning Signal and may notify the fleet on VHF channel 77.
- 9.7 Where any race is being sailed using a Pier Start course selected from the HYC Course Card, the start and finish lines shall be as per that Course Card, unless a race is shortened at a mark of the course.

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## 10. MARKS (COMMITTEE VESSEL STARTS)

Black inflatable marks will be used for marks 1, 2, and 3, an Orange inflatable as the Outer Distance Mark for starting and a Red/Orange (Cherry) buoy as the Outer Distance Mark for finishing.

## 11. THE START (COMMITTEE VESSEL STARTS)

The Starting line will be between the red and white pole (or main mast) displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and an Outer Distance Mark, an Orange Pillar, which shall be left to port when starting.

A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The Race Committee may relocate marks during a race without signalling a change in course. This changes RRS 33.

## 13. THE FINISH

Except when a race is shortened at a mark of the course, the Finishing line will be between the red and white pole (or main mast) on the Committee Vessel displaying a blue flag and the Outer Distance Mark, a red (cherry) buoy. In the event of a RIB being used to finish a race, the line shall be from a vertical staff on the Vessel marking one end of the line.

Note. The Start Outer Distance Mark for the next race may be laid at the time of the finish

## 14. SHORTENING COURSE (Committee Vessel Starts)

The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Officer in accordance with RRS 32.2. If a race is to be shortened to finish at the start/finish line rather than at a mark of the course, it will be signalled by displaying code flag 'F' from a RIB stationed close to any mark on the course, accompanied by repeated sound signals. When the 'F' signal is made in the vicinity of Marks 1 and 2, then Mark 2 shall be the last mark rounded. After rounding the mark at which the "F" signal is displayed, boats shall sail directly from the mark to the start/finish line and cross it from the direction of the last mark rounded. This changes the RRS Race Signals.

## 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

## 16. TIME LIMITS

The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below

Date	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	20:45	15 minutes
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Not applicable	15 minutes
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Not applicable	15 minutes

The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

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## **17. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5290/event\\_links?name=howth-17-footer-national-championship](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5290/event_links?name=howth-17-footer-national-championship)
- 17.3 Notices will be posted on the RRS App within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Boyd Room.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b)
- 17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 The scoring system shall be as per RRS Appendix A4.1- Low Point System except that A4.2 is replaced by the wording of A9 from (1st line) ..... "a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall score one point more than the number of boats entered for the Championship."
- 18.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded per Notice of Race 10.

## **20. RISK STATEMENT**

- 20.1 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."
- 20.2 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 to and acknowledges the risk statement as included in the Notice of Race."

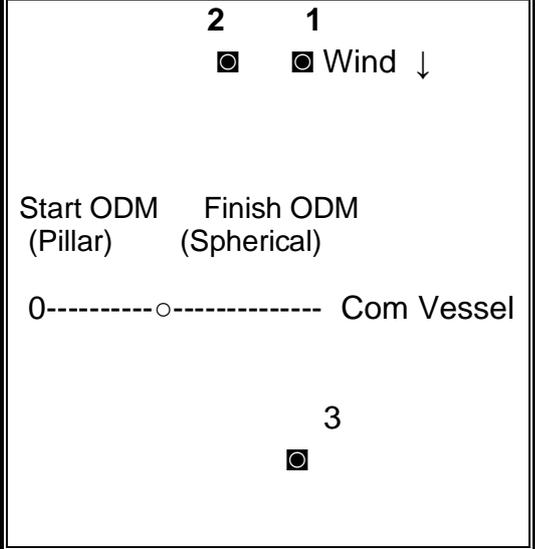
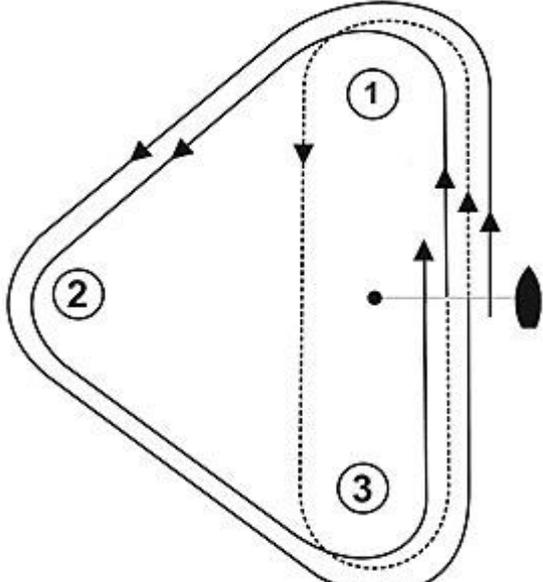
## **21. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat must be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

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# ADDENDUM A

All marks shall be left to port.

Windward / Leeward Course	Triangular/Olympic Course
 <p>2      1          ◻      ◻ Wind ↓</p> <p>Start ODM (Pillar)      Finish ODM (Spherical)</p> <p>0-----○----- Com Vessel</p> <p>3          ◻</p>	 <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p>
<p>Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish (2 rounds)</p>	<p>Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish</p>