



Howth Yacht Club

In association with

Irish University Sailing Association

IUSA Student Yachting Nationals 2015

Date: 28th - 29th March

Incorporating the SYWoC Qualifiers for 2015.

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club (HYC) in association with the Irish University Sailing Association. All decisions on eligibility for this event will be made by IUSA.

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.

1.3 The Sailfleet J80 rules will apply.

1.4 Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times by competitors whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

2. Eligibility and Entries

2.1 The regatta is open to teams representing Irish universities and colleges with only one team for each institution.

2.2 Entries are limited to eight teams. Entries will be accepted in the order of the current IUSA rankings. Initially, only one team may enter from each institution. If, after the closing date for entries less than 8 teams have entered, institutions may apply for entry for a second team. These second teams will also be accepted in the order of the current IUSA rankings.

2.3 Teams will consist of up to five nominated competitors. Changes to the team will not be allowed without prior written approval of IUSA.

2.4 All competitors must be current members of third level institutions in Ireland and be eligible to compete at SYWOC 2015. In accordance with SWYOC constitution all competitors shall possess a valid student card for an Irish university or college.

2.5 At all times when racing, except when rule 47.2 applies, crews shall consist of 5 competitors with no weight limit. At least one crew member on board must be female.

2.6 At all times when racing, except when rule 47.2 applies, crews shall consist of at least 4 competitors from the institution being represented. One crew member may be a competitor from another eligible institution. This competitor may not helm.

2.7 Entries shall be made on the Entry Form, attached to this NOR

2.8 The entry fee is €250.00 per team.

2.9 The closing date and time for entries will be Thursday 26th March 2015 at 1600. Entries received after this date and time will be accepted at the sole discretion of IUSA.

2.10 All teams shall lodge a damage deposit of €1,000.00 by means of a credit card with Howth Yacht Club

2.11 In the event of damage, the apportioned cost of repairs and replacement shall be deducted from the damage deposit prior to its return. A schedule of repair costs will be presented as part of the Sailing Instructions.

2.12 The Race Office in Howth Yacht Club will be open, for registration, from 0800 until 0930 on Saturday, 28th March 2015.

3. Schedule

3.1 A briefing for all competitors will take place at 08.30 on 28th March in the HYC Clubhouse.

3.2 Boat allocation will be determined by a draw at the briefing.

3.3 Eight races are scheduled.

3.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on each day is 10.30.

3.5 On Sunday 29th March the first warning signal of a race will be not be given after 15.00

4. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on <http://hyc.ie/open-events> and at registration.

5. Racing Area

Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth Harbour.

6. Courses

The courses will be of a windward/leeward format.

7. Penalty System

7.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turn Penalty is replaced by a One-turn Penalty, except when SI 14.4(a) iii applies

7.2 When the Jury decides that a boat that is party to a hearing has broken a rule (except RRS 2, the rules of Part 2, RRS 28 and 31) the penalty may vary from a Scoring Penalty of 10% (calculated according to rule 44.3(c), to disqualification, at the discretion of the Jury.

7.3 The Sailing Instructions will change rule 63.1 so that judges may penalise boats on the water without a hearing.

8. Scoring

8.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

8.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.4 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. Equipment

9.1 The event will be sailed in ISA Sail fleet J80s.

9.2 The race committee may limit the use of spinnakers.

9.3 It is strongly recommended that all yachts carry a VHF radio. Communication on general matters relating to racing and safety may be transmitted by the race committee. The race committee will inform competitors at the briefing which channel will be used for these communications. The Organising Authority will not provide VHF radios for competitors.

10. Prizes

10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three teams.

10.2 The winning team will be offered the opportunity to represent Ireland at the Student World Yachting Cup 2015. The offer shall be accepted by 1200 Monday, 30th May 2015. If the offer is not accepted, the opportunity shall be offered to the second-placed team. Communication of this acceptance shall be to IUSA.

14. Other information

Further enquiries to Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.

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