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|  hycFlag_2 | **HOWTH YACHT CLUB****GIBNEY CLASSIC 2015****Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.****Saturday 22nd August 2015** |  |

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1** **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

**1.1** The Gibney Classic is organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin. Telephone: 01 - 832 2141.

 All entries and enquiries to be addressed to the Club Manager.

**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 each class concerned and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

**2.2** Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

**2.3** Eligible boats are those in the Classes that comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements.

**2.4** It is strongly recommended that all boats carry VHF Radios.

**2.5** The Gibney Classic will be the scoring race for HYC Club Racing on Saturday, 22nd August 2015.

**3 CLASSES**

**3.1** Races will be provided for the classes listed below. Results will be provided for the categories specified.

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|  | **Class** | **Class Flag** | **IRC** | **ECHO** | **Scratch** | **HPH** |  |
|   | Class 1/2 | No. 1 and No. 2 | X | X |   |   |   |
|   | Non Spinnaker Cruiser | No. 4 | X | X |   |   |   |
|   | Class 3 / J80 | No. 3 | X | X | X (J80)  |   |   |
|   | Puppeteer 22 | A |   |   | X |   |   |
|   | Howth 17 Footer | C |   |   | X | X |   |
|   | Squib | K |   |   | X | X |   |
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**3.2** **Racing Area**: Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth. The start will be from a committee boat North of Howth.

**4 RACE SCHEDULE**

**4.1 Saturday 22nd August 2015**:

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|  | **Class** | **Class Flag** | **Warning Signal** | **Start** |  |
|   | Class 1/2 | No. 1 and No. 2 | 1355 | 1400 |   |
|   |  Non Spinnaker Cruiser | No.4 | 1400 | 1405 |   |
|   | Class 3 / J80 | No. 3 | 1405 | 1410 |   |
|   | Puppeteer 22 | A |  1410 | 1415 |   |
|   | Howth 17 Footer | C | 1415 | 1420 |   |
|   | Squib | K | 1420 | 1425 |   |
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**5 ENTRIES**

**5.1** Boats may compete by submitting the entry form with the appropriate fee or by entering online at <http://hyc.ie/open-events>

**5.2 The entry fee is €10.00**

**6 SAIL NUMBERS/ IDENTIFICATION**

**6. I** Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on its spinnaker and on each side of the mainsail, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form. Where relevant, the same number shall be shown on the genoa. Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form, notice shall be given to the Race Officer before the warning Signal of the particular race concerned.

**6.2** Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non Spinnaker Cruisers shall fly the relevant class numeral pennant from the backstay. Any boat not doing so shall be disqualified.

**7 HANDICAPS**

 The following Handicap Data will be used in this event: -

**7.1** Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3 & Non Spinnaker : Boats will race under the relevant IRC Handicap System and/or the ECHO Handicap System.

**7.2** Cruisers will be divided into the following classes:

 Class 1 - IRC 0.980 and above;

 Class 2 - IRC 0.919 to 0.979;

 Class 3 - IRC 0.919 and below

**7.3** There will be no crew limitations under IRC.

**7.4** For ECHO Handicap, any change in the normal helm shall be notified to the Race Office results@hyc.ie in a timely fashion. Failure to fulfil this requirement will render a boat liable to a penalty.

**8 PRIZES**

**8.1** Prizes will be presented in Gibneys, Malahide as soon as practical after racing

**9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**9.1** Sailing instructions and course cards will be available in HYC Marina Office and online from Wednesday 19th August 2015.

**10 MARINA BERTHS**

**10.1 Howth Marina, Friday 21st August**

Subject to availability, a limited number of Howth Yacht Club Marina berths will be offered free of charge to visiting competitors for one night on the Friday 21st August 2015. Competitors who wish to avail of this should give prior notice to the HYC Marina Office

(01 - 839 2777 or marina@hyc.ie)

**10.2 Malahide Marina, Saturday 22nd August**

 Subject to availability, a limited number of Malahide Marina berths will be offered free of charge to visiting competitors during their attendance at Gibneys for the Prizegiving on Saturday 22nd August 2015.