

HOWTH YACHT CLUB



Double handed Race

Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

Saturday 30th July 2016



Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) will be Howth Yacht Club Ltd.,
- 1.2. All enquiries should be addressed to the Honorary Sailing Secretary, Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin. Phone: 01 832 2141, Email: office@hyc.ie, Web site: hyc.ie

2. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 - 2016, the Prescriptions of the I.S.A., 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 OA.
- 2.3. Eligible boats are those in the classes which comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements.
- 2.4. The OA reserves the right to refuse an entry if in its opinion there is a conflict between a competitor's sponsor and the event sponsor.
- 2.5. It is strongly recommended that all boats carry VHF radios and keep a listening watch on channel 77.
- 2.6. The IRC Rules 2014, Parts A, B, and C (or D) shall apply.
- 2.7. There shall be a limit of two persons on the number of crew.
- 2.8. Protest requirements: the exemption for boats less than six metres shall not apply. This changes RRS 61.1(a) (2).
- 2.9. Any type of self-steering apparatus may be used during this event, but competitors must maintain a watch on deck at all times.
- 2.10. It is recommended and advised that both crew wear personal buoyancy aids or lifejackets during the race.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1. Races will be provided for all white sail cruisers combined and all spinnaker classes combined and results will be calculated on the handicap divisions listed:-
- 3.2. The starting sequence will be in accordance with the following separate divisions:-

	Flag	ECHO	IRC
White Sail Class	No. 4	X	X
Spinnaker Class	No. 2	X	X

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The 1st Warning Signal will be at 09.55.

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5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. Entries shall be made online at hyc.ie The entry fees is €25.00 for all classes.
- 5.2. The closing date for entries shall be 2200 on Wednesday 27th July 2016.
- 5.3. Entries shall be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee or credit/debit card details, together with a copy of the current valid IRC certificate, where relevant.
- 5.4. Spinnaker class & White Sail class entries are automatically eligible for the ECHO division providing the boat is included on the current ISA ECHO list.

6. LATE ENTRIES

- 6.1. Entries received after 2200 on Wednesday 27th July 2016 will be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Committee and upon payment of an additional late entry fee of €10.00

7. SAIL NUMBERS/IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form, written notice shall be given to the Principal Race Officer before the Warning Signal of the first class in the relevant Start Area. **Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a DNC or DNF.**
- 7.3. Spinnaker class & White Sail class shall fly the relevant class numeral pennant/flag from the backstay. **Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a DNC or DNF.**

8. HANDICAPS

- 8.1. The following handicap data shall be used in this event:

Spinnaker Class & White Sail Class

ECHO	Current ISA ECHO list
IRC	TCC values of current valid certificate which has a valid date on 27th July 2016 or earlier.

- 8.2. The attention of competitors is drawn to the ECHO declaration on the Entry Form. All competitors in ECHO divisions shall comply with this declaration.
- 8.3. For IRC classes a copy of the current valid rating certificate shall be available on board for inspection.

9. ECHO/IRC CLASS DIVISIONS

- 9.1 ECHO/IRC classes will be divided on the following basis:

Spinnaker class	All IRC and or ECHO rated yachts
White Sail Cruisers	All IRC and or ECHO rated yachts

10. PRIZES/TROPHIES

- 10.1. Prizes will be presented in the Clubhouse as soon as possible after racing on Saturday 30th July 2016 and will be awarded on the basis of the number of starters for each class and in each of IRC and ECHO as follows:

2 boats = 1st
5 boats = 2nd
8 boats or more = 3rd

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11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

11.1. Sailing Instructions will be available online at hyc.ie and will also be available from the Race Office at the following times:

Friday 29th July 2016	1800 – 1900
Saturday 30th July 2016	0800 – 0900

12. RACING AREA

12.1. The race will take account of the area bounded by Kish lighthouse, Rockabill lighthouse and Howth.

Other Information –

MARINA ACCOMMODATION

Competitors requiring marina accommodation, which is limited, should complete the relevant section on the Entry Form. Marina accommodation is free for visiting competitors.

MEMBERSHIP

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on Saturday 30th July 2016, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.