



Howth to Drogheda Yacht Challenge

Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

Saturday 9th July 2016

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club Ltd.,
- 1.2. All entries and enquiries should be addressed to the Club Manager, Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin. Phone: 01 832 2141, Fax: 01 839 2430, 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 16. The Race Officer may communicate, in the starting area, on Channel 45.
- 2.6. The IRC Rules 2014, Parts A, B, and C (or D) shall apply.
- 2.7. IRC Rule 22.4, "Crew Limitation", shall not apply. There shall be no limitations on the number of crew or crew weight.
- 2.8. Protest requirements: the exemption for boats less than six metres shall not apply. This changes RRS 61.1(a) (2).

3. CLASSES

- 3.1. Races will be provided for the following classes and results will be calculated on the handicap divisions listed:-

IRC – All rating
HPH – All ratings. Where a boat does not have an existing HPH rating, one will be provided by the OA, prior to the event.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The 1st Warning Signal for all fleets shall be at 0955 on Saturday 9th July 2016



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4.2 The race will start from the East Pier at Howth Harbour

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 Starts will be off the East Pier of Howth Harbour
- 5.2 The Finish line shall be off the mouth of the River Boyne, whereupon the fleet shall motor in convoy to Drogheda Port. Further details shall be provided in the Sailing Instructions
- 5.3 Low Water at Howth on 9th July 2016 is 0928
- 5.4 High Water at Drogheda Port on 9th July 2016 is 1507

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entries shall be made online at hyc.ie or on the attached form.
- 6.2 The entry fee is €5.00
Cheques to be made payable to "Howth Yacht Club Ltd"
- 6.3 The closing date for entries shall be 2200 on Thursday 4th July 2016
- 6.4 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.

7. LATE ENTRIES

- 7.1 Entries received after 2200 on Thursday 4th July 2016 will be accepted only at the discretion of the OA.

8. SAIL NUMBERS/IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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. **Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a DNC or DNF.**
- 8.3 Class flags are not required.

9. HANDICAPS

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

Classes 1, 2, 3 & White Sail Cruisers

IRC	TCC values of current valid certificate which has a valid date on 1 st July 2016 or earlier.
HPH	Current HPH list

- 9.2 For IRC classes a copy of the current valid rating certificate shall be available, on board, for inspection.

10. PRIZES/TROPHIES

- 10.1 Prizes will be presented at the Maritime Festival supper on the quayside at approximately 2000 on Saturday 9th July 2016. Prizes shall be awarded on the following basis

- 1st Across the Line – Perpetual Trophy
- 1st and 2nd IRC – Perpetual Trophy for 1st Place
- 1st and 2nd HPH – Perpetual Trophy for 2nd Place
- 1st and 2nd Best Dressed Boat
- 1st and 2nd Best Dressed Pirate Crew

- 10.2 The annual Howth to Drogheda Challenge trophy will be awarded to the boat which has the largest winning margin, on corrected time, over second place in its division.
- 10.3 A boat may not win a prize on IRC and HPH. IRC takes precedence.



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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 Howth Yacht Club Marina Office at the following times:

Thursday 7th July 2016: 0900 - 2100

Other Information –

MARINA ACCOMMODATION (HOWTH)

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

BERTHING (DROGHEDA)

Competitors shall be offered overnight rafting berthing in Drogheda on Saturday 9th July 2016. Berthing accommodation is free of charge for visiting competitors
It is expected that boats shall be required to depart Drogheda between 1200 and 1300 on Sunday 10th July 2016.

MEMBERSHIP

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th July 2016, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

FACILITIES

All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club during the event.
Excellent cuisine may be enjoyed in a superb setting in Howth Yacht Club's dining room. Booking is essential, phone 01 – 8322 141

The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These regulations are rigidly enforced by the Harbour Authority.