



**MERMAID NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
5th - 7th August 2016**



NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 1.1 The Championship is organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Middle Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin. Telephone: 01 - 832 2141. All entries and enquiries to be addressed to the HYC Office office@hyc.ie

2 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the ISA, the specifications and rules of the Mermaid Sailing Association and this Notice of Race (NoR), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Owners shall be members of the Mermaid Sailing Association.
- 2.4 Entries can be made online, via the Howth Yacht Club website <http://hyc.ie/>
- 2.5 The non-refundable entry fee is €150.00 and shall be paid in advance of racing.
- 2.6 Entry Disclaimer
It is the Competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole, exclusive risk, in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta, competitors shall indemnify the Mermaid Sailing Association, Howth Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta. Competitors shall acknowledge that the Mermaid Sailing Association, Howth Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with these events.
- 2.7 Insurance
All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

3 RACE AREA

- 3.1 The Race Area will be the waters in the vicinity of Ireland's Eye, North of Howth, Co. Dublin.

4 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 4.1 Registration will take place in the Race Office in Howth Yacht Club. This is adjacent to the Marina Office.
Registration times:
Wednesday 3rd August 2016 1830 - 2000
Thursday 4th August 2016 1000 – 1300
- 4.2 Boats may be subject to scrutineering and/or measurement at any stage during the Championship. Boats may be randomly selected for weighing each day.

5 RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Up to 7 races will be sailed
- 5.2 Regatta Briefing Thursday 4th August 2016 1100
- 5.3 Warning Signal Race 1 Thursday 4th August 2016 1400
Warning Signal Race 3 Friday 5th August 2016 1300
Warning Signal Race 5 Saturday 6th August 2016 1130

Schedule of all intermediate races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

If the race schedule is incomplete racing may be held on Sunday 7th August 2016 at the discretion of the Race Committee.

- 5.4 Two Races are scheduled for each day
- 5.5 More than two races can be run in a day, if it is deemed appropriate. Signals for this eventuality will be as directed in the SI.
- 5.6 No races will be started after 1500 hours on Sunday 7th August 2016, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500 that day

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 6.1 SI will be available on or before Wednesday 3rd August 2016 on hyc.ie and at Registration.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8 NOT USED

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 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.

10 BOAT STORAGE

- 10.1 Boats shall not be lifted or scrubbed until after the last race on Sunday 7th August 2016, except in the case of significant repairs being necessary and with the written approval of the Race Committee

11 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Howth Yacht Club is committed to minimising the environmental impact of the regatta. The regatta is registered as part of the Sailors for the Sea programme. As such, the following shall apply:

- 11.1 Participants are encouraged to minimise the carbon footprint of the regatta by reducing reproduction of paper documents by downloading the NOR, SI and other relevant documents to their electronic devices.
- 11.2 A penalty of disqualification will apply for all intentional violations of RRS 55 ("Trash Disposal") and repeated violations, whether intentional or not, may result in a non-excludable disqualification.
- 11.3 Competitors shall dispose of all trash properly, including when ashore. Recycling facilities are available
- 11.4 While afloat, trash may be given to support vessels.
- 11.5 Competitors are encouraged to reuse drinks bottles. Drinking water is available from Howth Yacht Club during the regatta.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 The Mermaid Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner.
- 12.2 The Daphne Cup will be awarded to the winner among those boats eligible.
- 12.3 The Designer's Tankard will be awarded to the winner among those boats eligible. The winner of the Daphne Cup will not be eligible to win the Designer's Tankard.
- 12.4 Prizes shall be awarded to the skipper and crew of first three boats and crews overall
- 12.5 Prizes shall be awarded to the skippers and crews of the winners of the Daphne Cup and the Designer's Tankard.
- 12.6 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the first boat in each race, and to the skipper and crew of the leading boat in the Daphne Cup in each race, who have not already won a Daphne prize., and to the skipper and crew of the leading boat in the Designer's Tankard in each race, who have not already won a Designer's prize.
Eligibility for the Daphne Cup and Designer's Tankard will be determined by the Mermaid Sailing Association.

13 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 13.1 By participating in the regatta, competitors grant to the OA and its sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at the OA's discretion, any motion or still pictures, audio recordings, or similar media. This provision shall be interpreted as broadly as possible.
- 13.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, positioning equipment, or other electronic devices as provided by the OA.

14 DINING

Bar food will be available in the clubhouse during the event and there will be a Championship BBQ on Saturday 6th August 2016.

15 MEMBERSHIP

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on 4th - 7th August 2016, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 Boats may use the HYC crane facilities to launch. There is no additional cost for this.
- 16.2 Boats will be rafted on the Howth Yacht Club Marina at no additional cost during the event. Competitors should bring adequate warps and fenders.
- 16.3 Parking regulations are enforced in Howth Harbour and competitors should be mindful of this.
- 16.4 Competitors wishing to avail of camping space are asked to contact office@hyc.ie and indicate space required.
- 16.5 Competitors wishing to park a camper van beside HYC are asked to contact office@hyc.ie so that space can be cordoned off.
- 16.6 Accommodation information can be found at <http://hyc.ie/local-accommodation>