



## Irish Fireball Association

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2016**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**



## NOTICE OF RACE

### **1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club in association with the Irish Fireball Association
- 1.2 Entries and enquiries should be addressed to: Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Middle Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin. Telephone: 01 - 832 2141, email: [office@hyc.ie](mailto:office@hyc.ie), website: [hyc.ie](http://hyc.ie). Entries may also be made online at [hyc.ie](http://hyc.ie) following the Open Events link

### **2. VENUE**

The venue will be the waters in the vicinity of Ireland's Eye, North of Howth, Co. Dublin.

### **3. RULES**

- 3.1 This event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Fireball Class Rules in force at the time of the event, this Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions. International Fireball Class Rule 23 'Limitations of Equipment' SHALL NOT apply to this event.
- 3.2 Rule 25 of the class rules, 'propulsion' may apply. Changes to this will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 3.4 RRS 40 (PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT) will be changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices when racing, apart from brief periods to change or adjust clothing. The OA may impose a penalty less than disqualification for violations of this rule.
- 3.4 Changes to the Notice of Race may be posted on [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie)
- 3.5 Subject to the approval of the Race Committee a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta (References RRS 77, Appendix G).

### **4. ADVERTISING**

The event is designated a Category C event in accordance with Appendix 1. The OA may require competitors to display Event Sponsors' advertising material as prescribed under Appendix.1 and International Fireball Class Rule 24.

### **5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

#### **5.1 General**

All competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Rules (RRS Appendix K1). The Regatta is open to boats of the International Fireball Class whose helm and crew are members of a National Fireball Class Association

recognised by Fireball International. Proof of membership shall be by means of a Fireball International membership card and boat sticker.

5.2 Entry Procedure

Entries can be made online, via the Howth Yacht Club website <http://hyc.ie/open-events>

5.3 Entry Fee

The entry fee will be €110.00

5.4 Entry Disclaimer

It is the Competitor's decision to enter the event or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the event is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta competitors shall indemnify Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland, XXXX 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 Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland, 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.

5.5 Insurance

All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover of not less than €3,500,000 (or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. 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.

**6. REGISTRATION**

Registration will take place from 0800 - 1000 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Race Office on the ground floor, at Howth Yacht Club.

Measurement, examination of measurement certificates and / or measurement checking may take place as part of the registration process. Each boat shall have a valid class measurement certificate, which must be available for inspection

**7. REGATTA SCHEDULE**

Regatta Briefing: Friday 12th August 2016 at 1000

Nine races are scheduled:-

Friday 12th August 2016 – up to 4 races

Saturday 13th August 2016 - up to 4 races

Sunday 14th August 2016 - remaining races to complete series of nine races

Warning Signals:

Friday 12th August 2016 - 1125

Saturday 13th August 2016 - 1100

Sunday 14th August 2016 - 1100

The schedule of all subsequent races as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

No race will be started after 1530 on the Sunday 14th August 2016 (except to restart a race which was subject to a general recall).

**8. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System Rule A4 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded according to the table below.

Discards applied based on races sailed	
1, 2 or 3 races sailed	no discard
4, 5 or 6 races sailed	1 discard
8 or more races sailed	2 discards

**9. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by organising authority. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association.

Gold Fleet	1st, 2nd and 3rd
Silver Fleet	1st

**10. DINING**

A bar food menu will be available at Howth Yacht Club on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August.  
A buffet dinner will be available on the evening of Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June.