



Class 2 & 3 East Coast Championships

5th & 6^h August, 2017

Notice of Race



1. RULES

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the East Coast Cruiser 3 Association govern the event, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 The Organising Authority (OA) will be Howth Yacht Club CLG., in conjunction with the East Coast Cruiser 3 Association.

2. VENUE

- 2.1 Races will be sailed in the waters north of Howth. Starts may be up to three miles north of Howth Harbour.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising for the championships shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3.2 The OA may require competitors to display event sponsors advertising material.

4. RULES

4.1 This event shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) 2017 - 2020. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI shall prevail.

The Irish Sailing prescriptions shall apply.

Changes to the NoR may be posted on the Open Events page on www.hyc.ie

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 Class 2 boats must be classified as Class 2, i.e. have an IRC of between 0.920 and 0.970.

Class 3 boats must be classified as Class 3 as per Class Rules, i.e. yachts with ISA ECHO Standard between 0.825 and 0.919, boats.

The OA may move a boat into a different class, at its discretion, and the entrant will be notified in advance of the regatta.

5.2 Boats Sailing under IRC 2017 should be in possession of a current endorsed certificate, which may be inspected by the OA.

5.4 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of Howth Yacht Club CLG.

5.5 The online entry Declaration forms part of this entry and competitors must accept the conditions for the entry to be valid. These championships will be an individual event.

5.6 Entries can be made online via the Howth Yacht Club website (www.hyc.ie)

5.7 Competitors are reminded that no individual or body involved in the organisation of this event accepts any liability for injury or damage howsoever caused. Each owner/skipper must sign a declaration that his/her boat is covered by a policy of adequate third party indemnity insurance. Entries are accepted on the basis that in no circumstances will liability for injury to person(s) or property attach to Howth Yacht Club CLG., the East Coast Cruiser 2 or 3 Association, their servants or agents.

6. CLASSIFICATION

6.1 As this is an amateur event, persons that would be classified as Category 3 by ISAF are not permitted to crew or helm whilst racing. The OA will have final decision with regard to any dispute over classification.

7. FEES

7.1 The Entry Fee is €65.00, payable online.

8. RACE SCHEDULE

It is proposed to sail five races

Saturday 5th August Three Races Warning Signal 1100
The warning signal for the second & third race will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

Sunday 6th August Two races Warning Signal 1100

The warning signal for the second race will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. There will be a provision to run an additional race if necessary.

9. BRIEFING

9.1 Briefing will be at 0930, Saturday 5th August in Howth Yacht Club

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The SI will be posted the Open Events page on www.hyc.ie and hard copies will be available at the HYC Marina Office from 0830 on Saturday 5th August 2017.

11. SAIL NUMBER / IDENTIFICATION

11.1 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 in its entry. Where relevant, the same number shall be shown on the genoa.

Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that declared in its entry, written notice shall be given to the Principal Race Officer before the Warning Signal of the race concerned. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat's disqualification. This changes RRS 63.1.

13. SCORING

13.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst single score.

14. BERTHING

14.1 Marina berths will be available for visiting participants, free of charge, by prior arrangement with HYC Marina Office for Friday and Saturday night. In addition, free crantage will be provided for lifts in and out for any participating boats. Please contact the HYC Marina Office in advance to arrange (01 8392777).

15. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be given to individual winners and runners up in both ECHO & IRC handicap divisions.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

20. SOCIAL

- 20.1 A social programme will be detailed on the Open Events section on www.hyc.ie closer to the event date.

21. MEMBERSHIP

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August 2017, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

22. FACILITIES

Excellent cuisine may be enjoyed in a superb setting in Howth Yacht Club's dining room. Booking is through the Club Office, 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.