



## THE SHIPMAN ASSOCIATION

### IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Howth Yacht Club



**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

## Notice of Race

### **1. Organising Authority**

1.1 The Shipman Irish National Championships are organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd. in association with the Shipman Association.

1.2 All enquiries should be addressed to The Event Coordinator, Shipman 2017, c/o Howth Yacht Club CLG., Howth, Co Dublin,  
**Phone:** +353 (0) 1 8322141, **Email:** [office@hyc.ie](mailto:office@hyc.ie)

1.3 Changes to this NoR will be posted on the HYC website, [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) no later than 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

1.4 The sailing instructions will be posted on the HYC website no later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August

### **2. Rules and Eligibility**

2.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the Class rules of the Shipman Association, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto. In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the latter shall prevail.

2.2 Entry is open to all Shipman 28 boats that are currently listed and are fully paid up members of the Shipman Association.

2.3 Entry is conditional upon compliance with the Declaration and Acknowledgements contained in the Championship Entry Form and Declaration by all competitors.

2.4 The boat must be helmed by the owner, or part owner who must be a regular helm of the boat in the current season and be a Member of the Shipman Association.

2.5 The crew on each boat shall consist of the team which normally crew that boat at club level or crew of equivalent skill and experience.

2.6 All boats must display the Shipman Burgee on the backstay while racing.

### **3 .Schedule of Races, Registration and Briefing**

Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Number of Races	High Water Howth
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	11:55	2	15.13 hrs.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	11:55	2	15.58 hrs.

### **4. Scoring**

4.1 RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point scoring system shall apply.

4.2 A boat that did not start, did not finish or that retired after finishing shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat disqualified shall be scored additional points equal to 5 more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. This changes RRS A4.2.

4.3 The Championship shall comprise four races and one race shall be sufficient to provide a result. If all four races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If only three races are completed all race scores will count unless the Race Committee decides otherwise.

4.4 The Irish Shipman Championship AND Shipman Handicap Race Series are run on the following basis;

(a) The Low Point System RRS Appendix A.4.1 shall apply to the Irish Shipman Championship.

(b) The Handicap Series will run concurrently with the Championship and separate prizes will be awarded for the Handicap results. The handicapping of boats shall apply as fixed by the Race Committee and Handicapper. The Shipman Race Committee and Handicapper reserve the right to alter the appropriate handicaps before and during the Championship.

(c) A boat may not win a Scratch and Handicap prize in the same race or series. The Scratch series shall take precedence.

### **5. Prizes**

First Race: Scratch; The O' Connor Cup

Handicap; The Viking Cup

Second Race: Scratch; The Olle Enderlein Plate

Handicap; The Whiterock Plate

Third Race: Scratch; The Commodore Trophy

Handicap; The Vice Commodore Trophy

Fourth Race: Scratch; The Tony Geraghty Memorial Trophy (Picture)

## **6. Competitors responsibility and Safety**

No responsibility shall be accepted by Howth Yacht Club Ltd., the Shipman Association, the Organising Authority, its members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event, for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in this event.

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative, whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any action of the Organising Authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative.

Attention is drawn to RRS- Part 1 Fundamental Rules.

Boat owners and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain third party insurance cover of not less than one million, two hundred and seventy thousand ( 1,270,000) Euro and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance on request.

International Code flag Y may be flown at any start in accordance with RRS 40 and if flown then it is mandatory that all competitors wear approved personal buoyancy. However it is strongly recommended by the Race Committee that all competitors wear personal buoyancy and a safety harness as appropriate

## **7. Racing Area and Courses**

7.1 Races will be sailed in the waters north of Howth harbour. Starts may be up to 3 miles from Howth harbour.

7.2 Competitors are advised to ensure there is a working VHF radio on board each boat.

## **8. Fees and Entry**

8.1 Entry fee is €85.00.

8.2 Entries may be made online at the Howth Yacht Club website, ([www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie))

## **9. Accommodation and Social**

9.1 Information on local accommodation is available on the Club website - [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie)

9.2 A Championship dinner will be held in Howth Yacht Club on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 19.30. Tickets €35.00 each can be booked online at [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie)  
Bar menu will be available Friday evening.

9.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of HYC for the duration of the Event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

## **10. Marina**

10.1 Marina berths will be available free of charge to participants from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017.