



HOWTH YACHT CLUB

Puppeteer 22 National Championships 2009

Howth Yacht Club, July 24th, 25th & 26th 2009

**Sponsored by
Sutton Cross Pharmacy**

Principal Race Officer: Derek Bothwell

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (includes amendment 1)

1.0 Notice to Competitors

1.1 All notices will be posted on the Championship Notice Board located in the main archway beside the marina office.

2.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions or Schedule of Races

2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the start on the day it will take effect except where any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.0 Signals Made Ashore

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina walkway and will be accompanied by the appropriate sound signals.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

4.0 Schedule of Races

Race No.	Day	First Warning Signal
1	Friday 24th July	1900
2	Saturday 25th July	1030
3	Saturday 25th July	As soon as possible after Race 2
4	Saturday 25th July	As soon as possible after Race 3
5	Sunday 26th July	1030
6	Sunday 26th July	As soon as possible after Race 5

5.0 Courses

5.1 **Friday 24th July:** A course will be selected from the HYC Committee Boat Tuesday Course Card which is available for download on the HYC website.

5.2 **Saturday & Sunday 25th – 26th July:** Courses will be either Windward/Leeward style courses or Triangle Courses denoted by the Code Flags "W" and "T" respectively, laid approx. as shown in the diagrams in the

21st July - Amendment 1 – correct indication of Flags W & T



attached appendix and with marks rounded in the sequence listed on the diagrams.

5.3 After starting and until approaching the finish line to finish, the marks at the end of the start/finish line are not marks on the course, except when the Committee Boat is on station to finish and flying a BLUE flag. Unless finishing, a boat shall not pass through the finish line in either direction when the BLUE flag is displayed.

The Class Flag for the Puppeteer Class is Flag A.

6.0 Marks

6.1 All course marks (1,2,3) will be black inflatables.

7.0 The Start

7.1 The start line shall be between the Red and White striped pole or the main mast on the committee boat and an orange inflatable mark, which shall be left to Port.

7.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

7.3 A boat that has not started 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS - This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

8.0 Change of Position of the Next Mark

8.1 The Race Committee may change the position of any mark to maintain the course configuration. The change will be made before the leading boat has begun the leg. For major changes, only, the change may be signalled as per RRS 33 using RED/GREEN flags and or (+) / (-) as appropriate.

9.0 The Finish

9.1 The finish line, unless shortened, will be between the Red and White pole, or main mast on the finishing vessel displaying a Blue flag and a small round Orange/Red buoy. The Race Officer may shorten any race and finish at any mark on the course at his discretion. Unless FINISHING, a boat shall not pass through the finish line in either direction when a BLUE flag is displayed on the Committee boat

10.0 Time Limits

10.1 The time limit for each race shall be as follows:

Friday evening Race – 2 hours.

Each Race on Saturday & Sunday – 2 hours

10.2 . Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

11.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

11.1 Protests shall be written on an official ISA Protest Form and lodged with the Protest Convenor (or placed in the protest box) located in the Race Office. A limited number of protest forms may be available in the Race Office, however Protest forms are available to download from HYC website.



11.2 The Protest time limit shall be 1 hour after the last boat finishes racing each day and shall be posted on the main Championship Notice Board.

11.3 The Schedule of Protests Hearings shall be posted on the Championship Notice Board and will be as follows;

Friday & Saturday Races – 10 Minutes after the expiry time of the Protest Time Limit on Saturday.

Sunday - 10 Minutes after the expiry time of the Protest Time Limit on Sunday.

11.4 Any boat intending to seek Redress or Protest another yacht in a Race shall display a Red Flag in accordance with Rule 61.1(a) and shall notify the Finishing Vessel of her intention to do so and seek acknowledgement from the Race Officials.

12.0 Scoring System

12.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point Scoring System. If four or more races are completed, one discard will be allowed.

13.0 Communication to Competitors whilst afloat

13.1 It is strongly recommended that all boats carry a VHF radio.

13.2 The Principal Race Officer may issue communications to Competitors by VHF Radio on Channel 77.

14.0 General Comments

14.1 The turnaround time after each race on Saturday July 25th and Sunday July 26th will be as short as possible.



APPENDIX

All courses for Races (apart from Friday evening) will be either windward/leeward style courses or triangle style courses denoted by the flags “W” or “T” on the Committee Boat and laid approx. as shown in the diagram below.

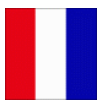
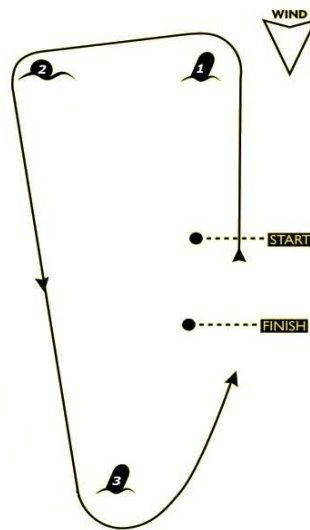


Course “W” Windward/Leeward:

Course (unless other wise shortened)

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

All marks shall be rounded to port.



Course “T” Triangle

Course (unless other wise shortened)

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish.

All Marks shall be rounded to port.

