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HOWTH SEVENTEEN FOOTER ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

6th, 7th (& 8th) August 2010

Principal Race Officer: Scorie Walls

Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Howth Seventeen Footer Association Championships 2010 is organised by Howth Yacht Club.

2. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

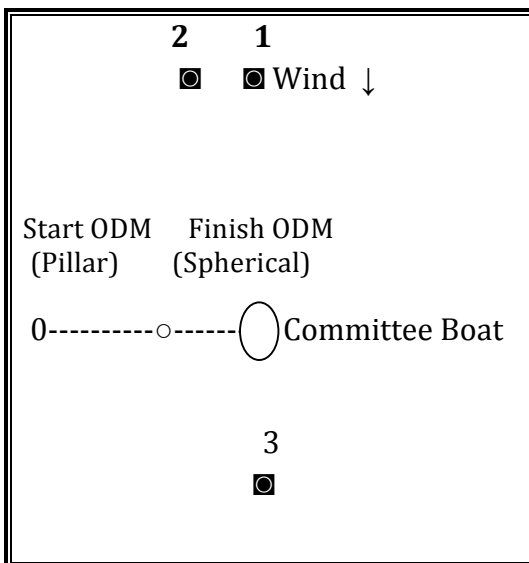
The event will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the I.S.A. prescriptions, the Class Rules, the sailing Regulations of Howth Yacht Club (where relevant), these Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.

3. ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted up to 20.00 hrs on Wednesday 4th August 2010. Late entries may be accepted up to the start of racing at the discretion of the Race Organiser.

4. ALTERATION TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions including any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the notice board outside the Howth Yacht Club Marina Office not less than two hours before the scheduled start of racing on the day it will take effect.



5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Warning Signal	HW
Fri. 6 th August	19.00hrs	21:14 hrs
Sat. 7 th August	10.45 hrs	09:51 hrs
Sun. 8 th August	As required by the Race Officer	0:49

Three races shall constitute the Championship. Should there be two or fewer races completed by the Saturday evening, there shall be racing on the Sunday so as to bring the total number of races completed up to a minimum of three races. There shall be one discard after the fourth race is completed.

The race officer may also, at her discretion, run an extra race on Sunday.

6. RACING AREA

The race area will be in the normal racing waters for club races.

7. COURSES

The race scheduled for Friday evening shall be a normal Club course, with an East Pier start and finish. (See Howth Yacht Club Sailing Regulations and Course Card). Topsails are not permitted for the Friday Race.

The races scheduled for Saturday will be 4 x Windward /Leeward courses with a Committee Boat start and finish.

Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be rounded to port in that order. The course shall be Start -1-2-3-1-2-3 - Finish = 2 rounds, unless shortened.

Races will be sailed back to back.

The course for any race or races to be held on Sunday 8th will be decided by the Race Officer. The course may be either a normal club course with an East Pier start and finish or it may be a Windward/ Leeward course as described above.

8. SHORTENING COURSE (Committee Boat Starts)

The course may be shortened at marks 1 or 3 in accordance with RRS Race Signals "S".

Should the Race Officer wish to shorten a race to finish upwind at the start/finish line (the boats having finished one round), she will signal this by displaying code flag "V" from a Rib to windward of Mark 3 accompanied by repeated sound signals. This changes and amends the RRS Race Signals.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES (Committee Boat starts)

The Starting line will be between the red and white pole (or main mast) on the Committee Boat and an Outer Distance Mark, an Orange buoy, which shall be left to port when starting.

The Finishing line will be between the red and white pole (or main mast) on the Committee boat displaying a blue flag and the Outer Distance Mark, a red (cherry) buoy.

10. STARTING PROCEDURE

The starting procedure shall be as per RRS 26. The class flag will be IC flag 'C'.

11. MARKS (Committee Boat Starts)

Black inflatable marks will be used for marks 1, 2, and 3, an Orange inflatable as the Outer Distance Mark for starting and a Red (Cherry) buoy as the Outer Distance Mark for finishing.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the Friday evening race shall be 20.45 hrs and provided a boat finishes within the time limit, it shall be extended by 15 minutes for subsequent finishers.

For the Saturday races, there shall be no fixed time limit. The Race Officer may shorten course at a mark, but not to less than one round. If no boat completes one round in less than 60 minutes, that Race will be abandoned.

13. PROTESTS

Protests and Requests for Redress shall be written on an official ISA Protest Form and shall be delivered to the Protest Box in the Race Office not later than 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.

Details of Hearings will be posted on the Official Club Notice Board as soon as possible thereafter.

14. SCORING

The scoring system shall be as per RRS Appendix A- Low Point System except that A4.2 is replaced by the wording of A9 from (1st line) "a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series."

One discard shall apply after five races are completed.

15. LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. No responsibility shall be accepted by Howth Yacht Club and its respective officers, committee members servants or agents nor any sponsor, nor those officials or members connected with the championships for any loss, damage or claim of whatever nature however arising or caused in connection with the participation in or intended participation in this regatta.

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk; see Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race and the ISA Safety Booklet. The wearing of suitable personal flotation devices in all boats is compulsory.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat must be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

