

HOWTH YACHT CLUB
International J24 Class Association of
Ireland
Eastern Championships



Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th May 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
- 1.3 Rules of the International J/24 Class will apply. In particular, Class Rule 8.2, changing rule 42 (prohibiting hanging off mast or shrouds to promote a roll tack or gybe, and allowing all parts of a main-sheet to be pulled simultaneously), and Class Rule 8.3 changing rule 49 (regulating crew position outside the upper lifeline) will apply.

2 SPONSOR ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display sponsor and/or bow stickers. These will be issued on arrival and shall be fixed to both sides of the bow of the boat before launching.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the side of the Howth Yacht Club Marina Office.
- 3.2 The Race Office is adjacent to the Marina Office

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the top of the marina walkway.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Schedule of racing is as follows:

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| Friday 4 th May 2012 | 1400 - 2100 | Registration Last Crane lift at 2100 |
| Saturday 5 th May 2012 | 0800 – 0930 | Registration First Crane lift at 0830 |
| | 0900 | Regatta Briefing |
| | 1030 | Warning Signal for first race of the day – additional races to follow |
| Sunday 6 th May 2012 | 1030 | Warning Signal for first race of the day – additional races to follow |

- 6.2 Six races are scheduled.
- 6.3 Up to four races may be sailed on any one day.
- 6.4 No race will be started after 1500 Sunday 6th May 2012, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonments shortly after the start. (OR except for postponements and general recalls of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500.)

7 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be the International Code Flag J.

8 RACING AREA

Races will be sailed in the waters to the North of Howth. The starting line may be up to four miles from the harbour. More information can be found at www.hyc.ie/racearea

9 THE COURSE

9.1 Windward/Leeward courses will be used. The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be black inflatable buoys.

10.2 The start mark will be an orange inflatable buoy. The finish mark will be a red / orange Dan-type buoy.

10.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 For second and subsequent races each day, an attention signal, flag F with one sound, will be made five minutes before the warning signal. Flag F will be removed with one sound signal, one minute before the warning signal.

11.3 The starting line will be between a red/white staff on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the port-end starting mark. Inner distance marks *may* be laid adjacent to the Race Committee boat, and are starting marks for the purpose of RRS 18, 28.1 and 31.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG, OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.

12.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12.3 Minor changes to the course will not be signalled.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a red/white staff on the race committee boat and the finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for each race will be 2 hours.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit

15.2 Appendix P – immediate penalties for breaking rule 42 will apply. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. Breaches of Rule 49 as modified by Class Rule 8.3 may be penalised using Appendix P as modified above. This changes rule P1.

15.3 To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, protest committee members may blow a whistle and point a ICF 'U' flag at the infringing boat(s) when they see what appears to be a breach of the rules. They may then lodge a protest if no action is taken by infringing boat(s)

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2
Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as notified on the official notice board.
- 16.3 Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)
- 16.4 Breaches of SI 2 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for this and for breaches of SI 17.1, 18 and 20 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, or
b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the hearing was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes rule 66.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 If 4 races are completed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible
- 18.2 At all times afloat, competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation device. This changes rule 40.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2 Boats shall sail with their correct sail numbers. Breaches of this sailing instruction will result in disqualification. Provision to sail under any other number shall be sought in writing from the race committee before going afloat and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.
- 19.3 A spare spinnaker may be carried subject to declaration of its colour(s) on the entry form. In the event that the main spinnaker is damaged beyond repair afloat, the spare may be used in subsequent races. Use of the spare spinnaker must be declared by hailing the committee boat. This amends IJCA rule 3.6.1

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 Equipment and Inventory checks may be carried out on boats on a random basis.
- 20.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION Channel 77.

- 23.1 The Principal Race Officer may pass information on Ch 77.
- 23.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by organising authority. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the International J24 Class Association of Ireland.

Gold Fleet: 1st and 2nd places overall
Silver Fleet: 1st place overall

Perpetual Trophies
Gold Fleet: "Crazyhorse" Trophy

Silver Fleet: "Billy Whizz" Trophy

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk (See Fundamental Rule 4 "Decision to Race" and the ISA Safety Booklet.
- 25.2 The responsibility for the safety of competing boats and their crews lies solely with the said competitors. Howth Yacht Club, HYC Events Ltd. and / or the Organising Committee shall not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after racing.

26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat shall have adequate, valid third-party liability insurance for racing.

27 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

All competitors and associated family, race officials and safety boat crew are deemed to be members of Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship. As such they shall observe the rules of the Club.

APPENDIX A

Windward-Leeward Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be rounded to Port

Mark 2 ● ● Mark 1



Mark 3 ●