



# HOWTH YACHT CLUB

## RS Irish National Championships

Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012 to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012

### Notice of Race

#### 1. Organising Authority

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club, in association with the RS Feva Ireland Association and the Irish RS Dinghy Class Association.
- 1.2 Changes to this Notice of Race (NoR) will be posted on [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) but no later than August 10<sup>th</sup> 2012.

#### 2. Rules and Eligibility

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions (SI) shall prevail.
- 2.2 Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association shall apply.
- 2.3 The rules of the RS Feva, RS 200 and RS 400 International Class Associations shall apply to the respective fleets.
- 2.4 Entry is open to all International RS Feva, RS 200 and RS 400 Class dinghies, sailed by helms and crews who are members of their National RS Class Associations and are also members of their National Authority (e.g. ISA) or an affiliated club.
- 2.5 Helms may not change crews during the event without prior written permission of the OA.
- 2.6 Substitution of helm or crew will not be allowed without the written approval of the OA.
- 2.6 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age shall submit declarations signed by their parent or guardian with their entry form or at event registration.

#### 3. Entries

- 3.1 Competitors are encouraged to use the online entry system at [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie). The entry charge for on-line entries made before 4<sup>th</sup> August will be €100 per boat and after that date a late entry fee of €125 will apply. The entry fee is non-refundable.
- 3.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

#### 4. Registration

- 4.1 Registration will take place from 0900 to 1030 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at the Race Office in Howth Yacht Club.

## **5 Schedule**

5.1 It is proposed to sail ten races.

5.2 Schedule of races;

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012: Up to four races

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012: Up to four races

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012: Remaining races, if possible, to complete a series of ten races.

Regatta Briefing: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012 1030

Warning Signal: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012 1155

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012 1025

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012 0955

The schedule of all subsequent races shall be as per the SI.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1430 on the last day of the event, except for postponements and general recalls of a race where the warning signal was made before 1430.

## **6 Scoring**

6.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A, will apply.

6.2 The minimum number of races to constitute an event shall be 4 (four).

6.3 There will be one discard after 4 races and two discards after 8 races.

## **7. Statement of Liability**

7.1 It is the Competitor's decision to enter the event or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the event is at their sole, exclusive risk, in every respect. By way of entry to the event, competitors shall indemnify the RS Feva Ireland Association, the Irish RS Dinghy Class Association, Howth Yacht Club Limited, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the event. Competitors shall acknowledge that the RS Feva Ireland Association, the Irish RS Dinghy Class Association, Howth Yacht Club Limited, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with these events.

## **8 Insurance**

8.1 Boats are required to sign a declaration to the effect that they are adequately insured for the duration of the event, including insurance against third party claims of at least €1.3 million or the equivalent in other currencies. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

## **9 Sailing Instructions (SI)**

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available at registration and may be placed on the RS Feva Ireland Association, the Irish RS Dinghy Class Association and HYC ( [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) ) websites in advance of the event.

## **10 Safety Regulations**

- 10.1 Lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.
- 10.2 All boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules.
- 10.3 Failure to observe the safety check system in use by the host club may result in disqualification, without a hearing, by the Organising Authority from that days racing.

## **11 Private or Team Support Boats**

- 11.1 Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period. During racing support boats shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

## **12 Prizes**

Prizes for the National Championship Regatta will be awarded as follows:

### **12.1 RS Feva National Championship**

Irish National Champion: The Jack Craig Perpetual Cup

Overall: Places 1-3

Mid Fleet: Places 1-3

1st under 13 on 1st Jan (both crew & helm)

1st under 14 on 1st Jan (both crew & helm)

1st under 15 on 1st Jan (both crew & helm)

- 12.1.1 No participants will be awarded more than one prize (RS Feva)

### **12.2 RS 200 National Championship**

Irish National Champion: The RS Sailing Perpetual Cup

Overall: Places 1-3

1<sup>st</sup> lady helm

1<sup>st</sup> Junior, under 19 on 1st Jan (both crew & helm)

### **12.3 RS 400 National Championship**

Irish National Champion: The Purple Marine Perpetual Cup

Overall: Places 1-3

1<sup>st</sup> Junior, under 19 on 1st Jan (both crew & helm)

- 12.4 The presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible following racing on Sunday 19th May.

### 13 Accommodation & Social

- 13.1 Information on local accommodation is available on [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie).
- 13.2 Food will be provided to competitors after sailing each day and is incorporated into the entry.
- 13.3 Championship dinner will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of August at 2000. Tickets will be on sale from the race office. Additional information will be posted on [hyc.ie](http://hyc.ie) closer to the Event date.
- 13.4 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.

### 14 Further Information

For further information please visit [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) or contact;

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### 15 Sponsorship

- 15.1 The RS Irish National Championships are kindly supported by;

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