

Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

Friday 17th August 2012 to Sunday 19th August 2012

Sailing Instructions

1. Organising Authority

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club, in association with the RS Feva Ireland Association and the Irish RS200 and RS400 Dinghy Class Associations.

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, RS200 and RS400 International Class Associations shall apply to the respective fleets.
- 2.4 Entry is open to all International RS Feva, RS200 and RS400 Class dinghies, sailed by helms who are members of their National RS Class Associations and both helm and crew who 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 Race Committee.
- 2.6 Substitution of helm or crew will not be allowed without the written approval of the Race Committee. Any such swaps will affect eligibility for some Prize Categories.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 RS 200 & RS 400 ONLY. Boats may touch a mark other than the starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be located on the side wall of the HYC Marina Office.

4. Changes to Sailing Instruction

4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and

signalled to the competitors by the display of IC Flag L at least two hours before the scheduled warning signal time or any postponement thereof of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1900 on the day before it shall take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole adjacent to the entrance to the Howth Yacht Club marina.
- 5.2 Flag AP (with 2 sound signals) means all races are postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP is lowered (with 1 sound signal).
- 5.3 Flag N Reans "No more races will be sailed today" this changes "Race Signals".
- 5.4 Flag L means that a notice has been posted on the Official Notice Board.

6. Schedule

- 6.1 Ten races are scheduled for the Championship over three days.
- 6.2 Schedule of races;

Friday 17th August 2012: Up to four races

Saturday 18th August 2012: Up to four races

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

Regatta Briefing:	Friday 17 th August 2012	1030
Warning Signal:	Friday 17 th August 2012	1155
	Saturday 18 th August 2012	1025
	Sunday 19 th August 2012	0955

The anticipated order of starts will be:

- 1) RS Feva
- 2) RS400
- 3) RS200

However, competitors are advised to watch the flag signals which will determine the order of starts.

- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Races will be back to back each day.

- 6.5. The RS Feva fleet will be divided into Gold and Silver fleets on Friday evening as long as three races have been sailed and completed by that time. If not then, on Saturday evening as long as five races have been sailed and completed by that time. Division criteria shall be at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 6.6. RS Feva Gold and Silver fleets will start together unless weather conditions dictate otherwise.

7. Class Flag

- 7.1. The RS Feva class flag will be Flag F.
- 7.2 The RS 200 class flag will be Flag E.
- 7.3 The RS 400 class flag will be Flag Q.

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be North of Howth harbour and the start area could be up to four miles North of Howth harbour.

9. The Courses

- 9.1 The diagram in "Attachment A Course" shows the layout of the course. All marks shall be left to port, with the exception of mark 6a for the RS200 and RS400, which shall be left to starboard. The courses to be sailed are also set out in Attachment A. The course to be sailed by each class will be indicated by a numeral board displayed on the committee boat no later than the warning signal for the class concerned.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the approximate magnetic bearing from the start to mark 1 may be displayed on the race committee signal vessel.
- 9.3 The use of a leeward gate system is optional and at the discretion of the race committee.
- 9.4 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If for some reason it is not possible to lay a gate and there is only one mark in place, then this mark shall be regarded as a port hand rounding mark.

10. Marks

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be large yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 Marks 5, 6a and 6b will be large black inflatable buoys.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be a large orange inflatable buoy.
- 10.4 The Race Committee boat will be the HYC committee boat "Free Enterprise"
- 10.5 Finishing marks will be small red dan type buoys.

11. The Start

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2. The Start line shall be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat and the Starting Mark.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start".

12. The Finish

12.1 There will be two finishing lines, which will normally apply, except if a race is shortened: (See diagram in Attachment A)

- one for the RS Feva, which will be located on the starting line side of the Committee Boat and will be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat and a finish mark. This line will be to windward of mark 4

- one for the RS200 and RS400, which will be to windward of the Committee Boat and boats will finish from the gate (marks 6a and 6b). The finish line will be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat and a finish mark.

12.2 When the Committee Boat is on Station as a Finish Boat a Blue Flag shall be flown.

13. Shortened Course

- 13.1 The race may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer at any mark on the Course. Should a race be shortened at the gate, the provisions of RRS 32.2(c) shall apply.
- 13.2 This shall be carried out by hoisting Flag S and two sound signals as the first boat approaches the mark.
- 13.3 All boats must finish through the finish line in the direction from the previous mark.
- 13.4 In the event of a shortened course, the finish line will be between the staff displaying Flag

S ____ and the relevant mark.

14. Time Limit

- 14.1 If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after a valid start the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 If no boat sails the course and finishes within 90 minutes of a valid start the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 The finishing time limit for all boats shall be 20 minutes after the first boat finishes after a valid start.

15. Adverse Weather Conditions RS Feva Silver Fleet

15.1 The Race Officer may, at his absolute discretion, decide to abandon racing for the RS Feva Silver Fleet.

15.2 The Race Officer will abandon racing for the RS Feva Silver Fleet by making the following signal:

Flag "N" over "Numeral Pennant 3" **S** be displayed with three sound signals either ashore, at the place specified in these Sailing Instructions or on the main Race Committee boat. This changes "Race Signals".

16. Scoring

- 16.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 16.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

(c) When 8 or more races have been completed; a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores"

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 If a competitor is intending to protest this must be done in accordance with RRS 2009-2012 and he/she shall inform the Race Committee on completion of the race concerned.
- 17.2 The time limit for lodging a protest is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race on that day.

18. Tides

Friday 17th August 2012	Saturday 18th August	Sunday 19th August
HW 1211 hrs	HW 1249 hrs	HW 1328 hrs
LW 1751 hrs	LW 1829 hrs	LW 1908 hrs

19. Safety

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 It is mandatory that all competitors (Helm and Crew) sign the Safety Declaration going afloat AND sign in on return to the dinghy park. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- 19.3 All boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Class Rules.
- 19.4 Competitors may not launch until authorised by the Beach Master.
- 19.7 All competitors shall remain within a designated area on completion of races until advised otherwise by safety boat.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21. Support Boats

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall remain more than 100 metres from the race course area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. In addition, they shall not position themselves on the extension of the Start Line during start sequences.
- 21.2 The penalty for failing to comply with SI 21.1 may be the disqualification of boats associated with the infringing personnel in that race or such other penalty that the jury may decide.

22. Radio Communication

- 22.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 22.2 This restriction includes mobile telephones.

23. Statement of Liability

23.1 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, the Irish RS Dinghy Class Association, Howth Yacht Club Limited, 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.

24 Insurance

24.1 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.

25 Prizes

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

25.1 RS Feva National Championship Overall Prizes;

Gold Fleet:	Places 1-3
Irish National Champion	The Jack Craig Perpetual Cup
1st three Irish places:	ISA medals
Silver Fleet:	Places 1-3

ISA Medals and the Jack Craig Perpetual Cup are awarded to participant's who are resident on the island of Ireland.

25.2 RS Feva National Championship Category Prizes;

1st under 13 on 1/1/12	(both crew & helm)
1st under 14 on 1/1/12	(both crew & helm)
1st under 15 on 1/1/12	(both crew & helm)
1st Girl	(both crew & helm)

- 25.3 No participants will be awarded an Overall prize (25.1) and a Category prize (25.2). No participants will be awarded more than one Category prize. This applies to RS Feva only.
- 25.2 RS200 National Championship

Overall:	Places 1-3
1st Irish Boat:	Irish National Champion; The RS Sailing Perpetual Cup
1st three Irish places:	ISA medals
1st Lady Helm	
1st Junior	Under 19 on 1st Jan (both crew & helm)
ISA Medals and The RS Sailing Perpetual Cup are awarded to participant's who are resident on the island of Ireland.	

25.3 RS400 National Championship

Overall:	Places 1-3
1st Irish Boat:	Irish National Champion; The Purple Marine Perpetual Cup
1st three Irish places:	ISA medals
1st Junior	Under 19 on 1st Jan (both crew & helm)

ISA Medals and The Purple Marine Perpetual Cup are awarded to participant's who are resident on the island of Ireland.

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

26. Rights to use name and likeness

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

27. Sponsorship

26.1 The RS Irish National Championships are kindly supported by;

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RS Nationals 2012 Attachment A - Course



RS Feva

(Marks 1,2, 3 and 4 are large yellow inflatable)
Course 1. Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish 1 (F1)
Course 2. Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish 1 (F1)
Course 3. Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish 1 (F1)

RS 200 & RS 400

(Marks 5, 6a and 6b are large black inflatable)
Course 1. Start - 5 - 6a,6b - 5 - 6a,6b - Finish 2 (F2)
Course 2. Start - 5 - 6a,6b - 5 - 6a,6b - 5 - 6a,6b - Finish 2 (F2)
Course 3. Start - 5 - 6a,6b - 5 - 6a,6