



HOWTH YACHT CLUB

International Moth

Irish Open 2014

Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

Saturday 18th May and Sunday 19th May 2014



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 1.3 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 64.1 (a) is changed in that the protest committee may impose penalties other than DSQ.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board(s) located at the entrance to the club, beside the Marina Office

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) 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.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at on the flag pole by the gangway to the marina.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than reasonable time to access the sailing area.'

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:

Date

17th May 2014 4 races

18th May 2014 3 races

- 5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the number of races is not more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to instruction 3.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be the International Moth logo on a white background.

7 RACING AREAS

Howth Sound or West of Ireland's Eye

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Addendum 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length will be 1000m-1500m.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 Competitors will continue sailing the course until Code Flag S is displayed on the finishing boat.

8.4 Competitors will be awarded their finishing score based on the number of laps completed by them and their finishing position. A boat that still has at least a lap to complete when the winner has sailed the course and finished shall be recorded as a finisher the next time it passes between the Finishing Boat and Mark 2 from the direction of Mark 1. No additional signals shall be made to indicate the race is shortened for such boats. This changes Rule 33.2. A boat finished after sailing a lap or more less than the winner shall be awarded a finishing place behind boats that have sailed more legs of the course and ahead of boats that have not sailed as much of the course.

8.5 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatable.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 No areas are designated as obstructions.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11.5 If Code Flag U has been displayed as the Preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed, or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26, 63.1 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 No change will be made during a race.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Mark 1 time limit 25 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 The target time for the first boat in all races will be not less than 25 minutes.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and Requests for Redress or Reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing for that day, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Centenary Room (2nd Floor of the main building).

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 A list of boats that, under SI 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

16.6 Breaches of SI 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

- 16.7** On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

- 16.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

- 16.9** Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17 SCORING

- 17.1** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 17.2** (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

- 17.3** A boat's score will be:

1 point for the boat completing most laps and finishing before all other boats

2 points for the boat completing most laps and finishing before all other boats except the race winner

3 points for the next placed boat and so on

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the OA.

- 22** **Not used**

23 SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23.2 Support boats shall be marked with pink or yellow flag, which will be issued at the Race Office

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 Not used

26 Not used

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

28 PRIZES

- Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats overall.
- A prize will be awarded to the boat which achieves the fastest verified speed.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30 INSURANCE

All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover. 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.

ADDENDUM 1
THE COURSE

Start – 1 – Leeward gate – 1

(Repeated until Code Flag S is displayed on the Finish Boat, no less than 25 minutes after the Start)

