



FINGAL CRUISER CHALLENGE 2024

Notice of Race

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1 SERIES

The series will consist of the following Events:

		Organising Authority
May 18th	Fingal Coastal	Howth Yacht Club
June 1st	Asgard Race	Howth Yacht Club
June 22nd	Kish & Back Challenge	Howth Yacht Club
July 13 th	Gibney Classic	Howth Yacht Club
July 20 th	Rockabill and Back	Howth Yacht Club
August 10 th	Malahide Regatta	Malahide Yacht Club
August 24th	Dublin Bay Coastal Race	Howth Yacht Club

The Gibney Classic and Malahide Regatta will run as separate independent Events. These events will therefore have their own Notice of Race, Entry Form and Sailing Instructions and are entered for separate to this series. SI's will be issued for all other Fingal Series races to entrants in the Fingal Series via the Fingal Series What's App group. All entrants will be invited to join this group. The Series organising committee (SOC) may allocate additional race dates.

2 CLASSES

Eligible boats for this series are those in the Classes listed below that comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements for each of the Events listed. Results will be provided for the categories specified.

Class	IRC	HPH
Cruiser 1/2/3 and White Sail	X	X

3 ENTRIES

Entries shall be made online at www.hyc.ie. A nominal entry fee of €40.00 will apply to all entrants. Boats entering late will be awarded a DNS for any races completed prior to their Fingal Series' entry being submitted.

4 SCORING

The series will be scored as provided in appendix A of the racing rules using the Low Point System. Providing Five or more races finish, TWO discards shall be allowed. (Races without finishers shall be void). In the event of grouped Class results in individual races the Series organising committee (SOC) may allocate results to classes as identified in this notice.

5 HANDICAPS

Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3 & White Sail boats will race under the relevant IRC Handicap System and/or the HPH Handicap System as specified in each of the Events. Cruisers will be divided into classes as specified for each event as the individual Notices of Race will cover the different break points. For the Fingal Series races any boat that has not entered with a relevant Handicap will be allocated a HPH by the organising committee.

6 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

7 INSURANCE

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

8 PRIZES

An overall IRC & HPH Prizes will be awarded. The final prize giving will take place on a date to be arranged.

- Fingal Cruiser Challenge Trophy Overall: Awarded by the Series Organising Committee to the boat with the best attendance and results across all classes.
- Fingal Classics Trophy: Awarded by the Series Organising Committee based on attendance and results to a boat deemed to be a Classic by the SOC.