



monday.com ICRA National Championships 2023
Incorporating J24 Nationals

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Howth Yacht Club
8th to 10th September 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

17/05/2023



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NOR 1. EVENT SCHEDULE

- 1.1 Sailing Instructions issued: 5th September
- 1.2 Lifting in: Between 6th and 7th September
- 1.3 Briefing: On Zoom at 21:00 on 5th September
- 1.4 Crew weigh in (where applicable) 08:00 – 09:00 8th September
- 1.5 1st warning signal: 11:30 on 8th September
- 1.6 Racing: 8th to 10th September
- 1.7 The prize giving: After racing on the final day of racing
- 1.8 Lifting out: 10th and 11th September

NOR 2. RACING AND CLASSES

- 2.1 Racing is planned as follows:

For groupings and restrictions	Course Types	Race area
Cruiser-racer A and B	2 coastal 3 inshore	Between Rockabill and Greystones ICRA National Championships Course Areas Between Irelands Eye and Lambay Island
Cruiser-racer C and below	7 inshore	ICRA National Championships Course Areas Between Irelands Eye and Lambay Island
Non-Spinnaker Cruiser-racer		
J24 One Design	7 Inshore	J24 National Championships Course Area Between Irelands Eye and Lambay Island

- 2.2 Cruiser-racer classes will be formed using GR Part 3.

NOR 3. SOCIAL EVENTS

- 3.1 Entertainment will be provided after sailing on Friday & Saturday.
- 3.2 A Championship Dinner will be hosted by the J24 class on evening of the 9th September.
All competitors are welcome. Tickets will be sold separately.

NOR 4. ENTERING

4.1 Key dates for entering:

Early bird entry deadline	Entry deadline	Rating Deadline
30 th June	25 th August	7pm on the 31 st Aug

4.2 The event can be entered online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>

4.3 The entry fees are as follows:

	Early bird entry €	Entry €
A to D	250	280
E to H	210	240
I and below inc. J24	170	200

4.4 The entry fee includes lifting in and out, and berthing during the event

GROUPINGS

Grouping	Designs	Rating band (IRC)
A		1.056– 1.155
B	Sunfast 3600	1.036 - 1.055
C	A35, Mills 30R, Sunfast 3300	1.010 – 1.035
D	J109	0.986 – 1.009
E	X332, J97, Elan 333, J80, First 34.7	0.956 – 0.985
F	Modified Half Tonner, Corby 26/27	0.936 – 0.955
G	Corby 25, X302	0.916 – 0.935
H	Formula 28, Modified Quarter Tonner, Sigma 33	0.896 – 0.915
I	Impala 28, J24	0.876 – 0.895
J		0.846 - 0.875

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NOR 5. PRIZES

5.1 The following prizes will be awarded:

Prize	Awarded to
Title of National Champion IS Gold Medal	The winner of each Cruiser-Racer class on IRC and ECHO The winner of the J24 One Design class on scratch Unless they have a separate National Championship, the winner on IRC for any design of boat with 4 or more entries at the Rating Deadline
IS Silver Medal	2 nd place boats in each Cruiser-Racer class on IRC and ECHO 2 nd place boat in the J24 Class
IS Bronze Medal	3 rd place boats in each Cruiser-Racer class on IRC and ECHO 3 rd place boat in the J24 Class
Overall	The boat with the lowest ICRA Overall Score as defined in the ICRA General Rules
Under 25 Overall	The boat in receipt of ICRA Under 25 funding with the lowest ICRA Overall Score
Grouping Winner	If they have not received a prize as Class winners, the winner of each ICRA Grouping on IRC
J24 Silver Fleet prizes	For 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd in the J24 class silver fleet on scratch
Spirit of ICRA	The boat that, in the opinion of the OA, best represents the spirit of competition, fair sailing, and enjoyment.
	Nominations from competitors are welcome.

5.2 Additional IS Medals can be ordered after the event.
The cost of these is not covered by the entry.

NOR 6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.1 A boat identified for an on-the-water equipment inspection will be signalled from Technical Committee Vessels by equipment inspectors and the boat shall follow their instructions.

6.2 Where a weight limit applies crew may be weighed on date indicated in NOR 1.
The location for crew weighing will be given in the Sailing Instructions. The Person in Charge is responsible for ensuring that a boats crew has successfully weighed in



NOR 7. LIFTING AND BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS

- 7.1 When arriving by road and pre-booked with the HYC marina office, a free lift in and out is available on the HYC marina cranes on the dates given in NOR 1.
- 7.2 Free trailer storage is available for the duration of the event.
- 7.3 Free berthing will be available in the HYC marina or commercial harbour from the 7th to 10th September. Space in the commercial harbour will be allocated by the HYC marina office.
- 7.4 When pre-booked with the HYC marina office and organizing committee, discounted berthing is available for a limited number of boats in the HYC marina for boats:
- Prior to the event: Arriving from the 5th onwards who were also entered in the J -Cup (Max 6 slots available)
 - After the event: For boats entered in the HYC Autumn League
- 7.5 Please ensure that you book your lift in time slot and pay with the marina office for any berthing outside of 7.3-7.4.
Boats are asked to co-operate with harbour and marina staff at all times.
- 7.6 There are no lift in after 20:00hrs on Sept 7th.
- 7.7 Boats intending to have their crew sleep aboard must be berthed in Marina & not fishing harbour



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NOR 8. Useful Contacts

- 8.1 Marina Office Ph: 01-8392777 email: marina@hyc.ie
HYC Restaurant Ph: 018322141 email: office@hyc.ie
General queries Ph: +353862340359 email: icranationals@cruiserracing.ie
- 8.2 Event website : <https://hyc.ie/icra-2023>
- 8.3 WhatsApp to stay up to date
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EIkoXsfxM5kA9uj6wtPNT8>



NOR 9. RULES

- 9.1 The Organizing Authority is Howth Yacht Club CLG
- 9.2 The event is governed by the:
Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Irish Sailing Prescriptions (ISP)
ICRA General Rules 2023 (GR)
International J24 Class Rules
- 9.3 The following rules are changed:
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| [RRS 25.2] | Meaning of other signals is as per GR Meaning of Other Signals |
| [RRS 32.1] | Is added too as per GR 5.6 |
| [RRS 33] | Changing the next leg may not be signaled as per GR 5.5 |

[RRS 35]	Outside time limit scored as per GR 5.8
[RRS 44.1]	Extended to cover bowsprit infringements as per GR 6.1
[RRS 44.1, RRS 44.3]	Penalties will be as per GR 6.1
[RRS T1(a)]	Post race penalty can be taken during a hearing as per GR 6.2
[RRS T1(b)]	Post race penalty is as per GR 6.1
[RRS60.1]	Penalties may be less than DSQ as per GR Terms, items marked [DP]
[RRS 62.2]	Window for requesting redress on final day shortened as per GR 6.3
[RRS 79, IRC 22.4]	Crew limits will be as per GR Part 2 and the ECHO Class Rules
[RRS 90]	Time limit for changes to results will be as per GR Part 7
[RRS A1]	Number of races to constitute a series will be as per GR Part 7
[RRS A2]	Races to be excluded will be as per GR Part 7
[RRS A4.1, A5]	Late starters scored DNS as per GR 5.4

NOR 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Enquiries and hearings will be managed using [racingrulesofsailing.org](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org).

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5516/event_links?name=irish-cruiser-racing-association-national-championships

10.2 Yellow flag Scoring Penalties will replace One and Two Turn Penalties.

NOR 11. CLEAN REGATTA

ICRA National Championships is a 'Clean Regatta' and is fully supportive of sustainability of our land and marine environments. We would also ask that you try and eliminate any plastic disposable bottles or wrapping in your consumables on board and to recycle any necessary plastic when ashore. The organisers would encourage competitors and supporters to do their bit on land by choosing to cycle, car share or use public transport to get to the event.

NOR 12. Risk Statement

12.1 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. For offshore races, 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 .