



Spring Warmers April 27th

Come and practice lots of boat manoeuvres!

NOTICE OF RACE

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Prescriptions of Irish Sailing shall apply. See link below.
<https://www.sailing.ie/Portals/0/documents/2020/racing/IS-Prescriptions-to-Racing-Rules-2021-24-Board%20Approved.pdf>
- 1.3.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on <https://hyc.ie/open-Events> before Thursday 25th April 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The SI will specify the location of the official notice board.
- 3.2. [NP] [DP] All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all Cruiser Classes 1, 2 and 3 and J80s.
- 4.2. The IRC rating system applies to boats racing under the Cruiser Class.
- 4.3. The class breakdown will be decided on 26th April 2024.

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- 4.4. Boats racing in Classes 1, 2, 3 shall comply with the definition of a cruiser as stipulated in the ICRA Constitution.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter the Event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-Events>.
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the Event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is €100.00.
- 5.2. The entry fee for entries received after 22nd April 2024 is €125.00
- 5.3. The entry fee will also cover the cost of the North Sails sailmaker Shane Hughes coaching.
- 5.4. Marina berths and dry-sailing facilities will be available to competitors from other clubs and are included in the entry fee.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Crew limits shall not apply

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under World Sailing Regulation 20.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

9.1

Date	Event	Time
Sat 29 th April	Race 1 Warning Signal Subsequent races	10:55 Immediately after preceding races

- 9.2. Four races are scheduled.
- 9.3. No race will be started after 1500 on Sat 29th April, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 1455
- 9.4. Should there be sufficient boats partaking we may introduce a second start to split the fleet.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. A copy of the current IRC certificate shall be available on board for inspection, as provided for within IRC Rules.

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12. VENUE

12.1 The Race Area will be in the waters North of Howth. Starts may be up to four miles North of Howth Harbour.

13. COURSES

13.1. There will be two alternate course types deigned to practice manoeuvres – these will be clearly outlined in the sailing instructions.

14. NOT USED

15. SCORING

15.1. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series

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

15.3. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. NOT USED

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18. BERTHING

18.1. Space will be allocated in order of application and subject to availability, the period being Friday 26th April 2024 to Sunday 28th April 2024. **This concession applies to bona fide competitors only and the OA reserve the right to charge the standard HYC visitors' rate in the case of a boat's non-participation in the event. Overstays will be charged at the standard HYC visitors' day rate.** Those requiring berths should contact Howth Yacht Club Marina Please contact Howth Yacht Club Marina marina@hyc.ie or +353-1-8392777 before the regatta, to confirm space is available.

19. NOT USED

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21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the Event. The OA reserves the right to uses or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. 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.

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded on the basis of the number of starters as follows:

- 2 boats = 1st
- 5 boats = 2nd
- 8 boats = 3rd
- 11 boats or more = 4th

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club for each race day, subject to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

25.2. The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These are rigidly enforced by the Harbour Authority.

25.3. A casual dining service will be provided in the club after sailing on Saturday 27th April and this will be followed by the prize giving.

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The Regatta Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at:

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