



NOTICE of RACE

Fri 24th – Sun 26th May 2024

Organising Authority - Howth Yacht Club CLG

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- 1.2 The Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the IRC Rating Rule 2024 parts A-C, OSR 3.14i (i & ii), the Irish Sailing ECHO Performance Handicap System and all the relevant Class rules and handicap systems.
- 1.3 IRC Rule 22.4.2 is amended as per Notice of Race Section 6.2.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all Cruiser Classes (IRC & ECHO) with a TCC of between 0.820 and 1.25. It is also open to the Sigma 33, Shipman, Squib, Puppeteer 22, Ruffian 23, E Boat, J80, 1720 and Howth 17 One Design classes. J109 yachts will compete as part of Class 1.
- 3.2 Saturday's Lambay Races will provide separate 'class racing' for one-design keelboats not already competing in the 3-day IRC/ECHO Championships
- 3.3 Racing will be provided for up to six separate Cruiser Classes with IRC and ECHO Handicaps.
- 3.4 Non spinnaker Classes shall only sail with a mainsail and either a jib or genoa (whisker poles are allowed). Non-spinnaker twin mast boats may also sail with a mizen sail set. Stay sails shall not be set. Boats shall have a current valid ECHO Standard handicap and/or a valid IRC rating certificate with a TCC rating of 0.820 and above.
- 3.5 Depending on the number of entries, the Organising Authority reserves the right to merge or subdivide any Class, combine the starts of Classes, or cancel racing for any Class.

3.6 The Organising Authority reserves the right to reallocate a boat into a different Class, after the commencement of the Regatta, should its performance merit such a move.

4. Fees & Class

4.1 Required fees are as per the table below:

	3-Day Championship		Lambay Races only	
	Early Bird	Full	Early bird	Full
Cruiser Class 0 and 1	€300	€400	€60	€75
Cruiser Class 2	€250	€350	€60	€75
Cruiser Class 3	€200	€300	€60	€75
Non-Spinnaker 33 ft and up	€250	€350	€60	€75
Non-Spinnaker <33 ft	€200	€300	€60	€75
One-Design Classes	€200	€300	€50	€65

(See NOR 6.5 for rating splits)

4.2 Entries of eligible boats shall be made online through the Regatta website waveregatta.com

4.3 Early Bird Entry will close Thursday 28th March 2024. Entry system will close on Tuesday 21st May 2024.

4.4 Confirmed entries will be posted on the event website.

4.5 Where relevant, entry fee covers both IRC and ECHO entry.

4.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority with a €50 late entry processing fee. Entries are non-refundable.

5. Schedule

5.1 The Regatta will consist of daily races between Friday 24th and Sunday 26th May 2024.

5.2 To assist in our sustainability drive, all documentation including Sailing Instructions will be online at waveregatta.com. The Race Office will be open for queries during the following hours and after racing each day.

Friday 24th May 08:00 – 10:00
Saturday 25th May 08:00 – 10:30

5.3 Race Programme:

The 3-day Championships:

Friday 24th May 10:55 First warning signal, with 2 other races scheduled to follow. (Three races in total)

Saturday 25th May 10:25 First warning signal with Lambay Race to follow (2 races)

Sunday 26th May 10:55 First warning signal, with 2 other races scheduled to follow.

There will be no starts after 15:30 on Sunday

17:30 Prize giving

For those entered the Lambay Races (Saturday) only:

All Cruisers:

Warning signal for Lambay Race will be made as soon as possible after the completion of the Round the Cans race. If no RTC race

takes place, then warning signal will be at 11:25.

One Designs

11:25 First warning signal.

18:00 Prize giving.

5.4 Racing will take place in the waters off Howth within a radius of 20 nautical miles from Rowan Rocks Buoy.

5.5 All boats should have relevant charts of the sailing area.

6. Measurements & Handicaps

6.1 IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED and have a VALIDITY DATE no later than Monday 20th May, 2024.

6.1.1. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this cut-off date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Office errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Office.

6.1.2. A boat's owner and/or person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.

6.1.3. The validity date may be extended in extraordinary circumstances at the sole discretion of the OA. The boat seeking the extension shall apply in good time in writing setting out the grounds for the extension.

6.2. IRC Certificates do not have to be presented at registration. Competitors shall ensure that the rating recorded in their Certificate Authority's database is correct at the Rating Deadline

6.3 IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replace by "The maximum number of crew on-board when racing shall be as per the boats IRC Cert + 1. When there is a female or under 18 crew on board when racing, this shall be increased to IRC Cert + 2."

6.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to carry out Equipment Inspection and request further information regarding a yacht's measurements. The Race Committee will appoint a Technical Committee under RRS 92 to carry out Equipment Inspection before and during the event. Details of the Technical Committee will be posted on the Official Noticeboard.

6.5 Handicap Cruiser Classes are allocated based on the following IRC ratings:

Class 0	1.041 – 1.300
Class 1	0.986 – 1.040
Class 2	0.936 – 0.985
Class 3	0.830 – 0.935
Class 4	0.951 – 1.100 (non-spinnaker)
Class 5	0.850 – 0.950 (non-spinnaker)

6.6 The Organising Authority reserves the absolute discretion, in the interest of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any class.

6.7 Boats racing under ECHO shall be assigned an opening handicap based on their standard ECHO rating and performance history using the formula developed by ICRA (cruiserracing.ie/technical/echo-handicap/). Handicaps shall be revised after each race using a progressive ECHO system. Such adjustment or failure to adjust shall not be grounds for protest.

6.8 Boats in Cruiser Classes shall display one of class numerals 0-6, Flags as required by the Sailing Instructions.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available online by May 17th at waveregatta.com and racingrulesofsailing.org

8. Courses

On Friday and Sunday, a maximum of three Windward/Leeward/Round the Cans/Coastal races will be sailed daily. The courses for the Saturday will be one Windward/Leeward/Round the Cans race plus the Lambay Racecourse. Full details to be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Penalty System

Rules 44.1 & 44.2 shall apply.

10 Scoring System

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11. Berthing

Berthing for all boats entered will be free and they shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina or harbour.

12. Hauling- Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

13. Crane

The club crane will be available up to Wednesday 15th May. However, with it reserved for emergency lifts only due to the hospitality and stage area build, all crane services will be limited during the week of the event and any desired service should be prearranged with the Marina Office. It will be operative again from Tuesday 28th May

14. Radio Communication

Each boat must have a working marine VHF radio. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

15. Prizes

15.1 Overall prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each Class with 10 entries or more. Additional Class prizes may be awarded other one-designs. Top U25 Prize will also be awarded, and a special Team Prize will be awarded for 3-boat teams with a minimum of one Under 25 on each crew (defined as being born before May 24th, 1999).

15.2. The following additional trophies will be awarded for the Saturday race only:

Boyd Cup No. 4

Sutton Cup

Boyd Cup No. 2

Juno Cup

Longyearbyn Trophy

17-Footer Scratch

17-Footer Handicap

Class 1 ECHO

Class 1 IRC

Class 1 IRC (Best HYC Boat)

Ernest Tweedy Cup	Class 2 ECHO
Heineken Trophy	Class 2 IRC
Lambay Trophy	Class 3 ECHO
Peninsula Trophy	Class 3 IRC
Bamford Trophy	Class 4 ECHO
Fitzpatrick Salver	Class 4 IRC
The Summit Inn Trophy	Class 5 ECHO
McAllister Trophy	Class 5 IRC
Knights Trophy	J24 Scratch
BP/ Teeling Trophy	Puppeteer 22 Scratch
John Pearson Cup	Puppeteer 22 Handicap
Horst Cup	Squib Scratch
Findlater Cup	Squib Handicap
IECA Trophy	E-Boat Scratch
Aidan J Colfer Cup	Shipman 28 Scratch
Ruffian Trophy	Ruffian 23 Scratch

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15.3 Overall Wave Regatta Trophy (Awarded for 3-day regatta only)

An overall prize will be awarded to the best performing IRC boat in the 3-day series.

The basis of the calculation is:

- The overall winner is decided as the boat having the Lowest Weighted Score.
- The Weighted Score is calculated as the Average Score divided by the number of final entries in that Class/Division

- The Average Score is calculated as the Total Points (including races discarded) divided by the Number of Races.

16. Insurance

Each participating boat shall carry adequate third-party liability insurance in force for the entirety of WAVE Regatta 2024.

17. Risk Assessment:

RRS Fundamental Rule 3 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:

- 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.
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

18. Accommodation & Social:

- 18.1 Details of accommodation will be available on the Wave Regatta website at waveregatta.com

18.2 A comprehensive entertainment programme will be provided each day after racing. Details will be on the Regatta website.

18.3 Helmsmen and crew competing in Wave Regatta 2024 and their guests shall be Temporary Members of Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the regatta and shall be bound by the rules of the Club. Howth Yacht Club reserves the right to remove Temporary Membership.

19. **Media Waiver**

Competitors give their consent to the Organising Authority to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the Wave Regatta.

20. **Further Information**

For further information, please visit waveregatta.com or contact The Regatta Secretary, Howth Yacht Club, Middle Pier, Howth Harbour, Howth, Co. Dublin. Email: office@hyc.ie or 01 8322141

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