

Brass Monkeys



New Year's Day Race 2025

In Aid of Howth Lifeboat

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Each person on board shall wear a Personal Flotation Device. RRS 40.1 shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI), including the course details, will be available online on the HYC website no later than Monday 30th December 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

The official notice board is located at beside the Marina Office. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

This is a Single Class, non-spinnaker event. The Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant 1

Boats may enter the event by registering online at <http://hyc.ie/open-events>

5. FEES

The entry fee is €20.00.

6. SCHEDULE

The Warning Signal will be at 1125.

7. VENUE

The Race Area is in the vicinity of Howth Sound and Ireland's Eye. The Start will be between a pole displaying a red or green flag at the New Lighthouse on the East Pier and the South Rowan Buoy.

8. COURSES

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. 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;

10. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid, third-party cover with an appropriate extension for racing risks.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in in the Clubhouse after the event.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

For further information, please contact office@hyc.ie 01 – 8322141

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