

WITH SUPPORT FROM
**Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall**
Fingal County
Council



LAMBAY RACES 2025

Organised by Howth Yacht Club CLG.

Saturday 31st May 2025 and

Sunday 1st June 2025



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.

1. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of Irish Sailing (IS),
- 1.2. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 1.3. Eligible boats are those in the Classes which comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements.
- 1.4. IRC Rule 22.4, "Crew Limitation", shall not apply. There shall be no limitations on the number of crew or crew weight.
- 1.5. The exemption for boats less than 6 metres shall not apply. This changes RRS 60.2(a) (1).
- 1.6. [NP] Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of its mainsail and on its spinnaker, if used, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form.
- 1.7. [NP] Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form, verbal notice shall be given to the Race Committee by VHF radio at least twenty minutes prior to the first Warning Signal of that day. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a DNC. (NP)

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on <https://hyc.ie/open-events> before 26th May 2025.

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. 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 the following classes

	Class	Class Flag	IRC	ORC	HPH	Scratch
Offshore Committee Boat	Class 0	0	X		X	
	Class 1	1	X		X	
	Class 2	2	X		X	
	Class 3	3	X		X	
	Non-Spinnaker A	4	X		X	
	Non-Spinnaker B	5	X		X	
Inshore Committee Boat	Sports Boats	J		X	X	
	Puppeteer 22	A			X	X
	Howth 17 Footer	C			X	X
	Squib	K			X	X
	Ruffian 23	Q			X	X
	E-Boat	E			X	X

Within the Class 3 fleet, trophies will be awarded to each of the J24, Sigma 33 and Shipman 28 boats to first complete the course, provided that at least two of that respective boat type had started the race.

- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter the Event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 4.3. For a boat's entry to be considered as valid for the event, all registration requirements shall have been completed and all entry fees paid.
- 4.4. Entrants IRC TCC shall be that listed on the Irish Sailing website at link <https://www.sailing.ie/Racing/Racing-Services/Echo-IRC-Ratings>
- 4.5. The following handicap data shall be used in this event:

Classes 0, 1, 2, 3 & Non-Spinnaker

HPH

Howth Performance Handicap – Howth YC system of progressive performance handicap. For non-Howth YC boats, a HPH rating shall be determined based on the ECHO system.

IRC

Current Irish Sailing IRC list with the current certificate valid until 1st June 2025 or later.

ORC

Current ORC certificate valid until 1st June 2025 or later.

One Design

Current handicap as notified by the Class Captain and/or by the HYC Sailing Committee.

4.6. Handicap Cruiser Classes will be 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
Non-Spinnaker A	0.951 – 1.100
Non-Spinnaker B	0.850 – 0.950

4.7. The OA reserves the right to allocate any boat to any class, and amalgamate classes.

4.8. Class allocations and splits will be advised by 9:00am on Wednesday 28th May 2025.

5. FEES

5.1.

Class	Entry Fee (Up to Sun. 4 th May)	Entry Fee (From Mon. 5 th May)
Lambay Races 31st May 2025		
0,1, 2, 3, Non-Spinnaker	€75.00	€90.00
Sports Boats / One Designs	€50.00	€65.00
Windward / Leeward / Round the Cans Races 1st June 2025		
0,1, 2, 3, Non-Spinnaker	€75.00	€90.00
Sports Boats	€50.00	€65.00

5.2. The last date for entry is Friday 23rd May 2025.

6. NOT USED

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

Date	Race Course	1 st Warning Signal	Time Limit
Saturday 31 st May	Single race around Lambay Island.	10:55	17:30 provided one boat has finished in that class. Otherwise 17:00
Sunday 1 st June	Three windward/leeward races for Classes 0,1,2,3 and sports boats Two round the cans for non-spinnaker boats	10:55	Warning signal for last race no later than 15:30

- 9.1. If, due to unsuitable weather, it is not possible to run the Lambay Races on Saturday 31st May it is the intention of the Race Committee to run the Lambay Races on Sunday 1st June 2025. The times of the Warning Signal for Saturday 31st May will be applicable.
Those races originally planned for Sunday 1st June will be postponed until a later date.
- 9.2. The final format for racing on Sunday 1st June will depend on the number of entries received by Monday 4th May. If numbers are insufficient for a particular class, that class may be amalgamated with another class or those races may be cancelled.

10. NOT USED

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

- 12.1. Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth. Starts may be up to three miles North of Howth Harbour.

13. COURSES

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14. NOT USED

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply

16. NOT USED

17. NOT USED

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. Berthing will be available, free of charge, on the Howth Yacht Club Marina or swinging moorings for the duration of the Event. Competitors requiring marina accommodation, which is limited, should complete the relevant section on the Entry Form.
- 18.2. Competitors are requested to bring lines and fenders suitable for stacked marina berthing.

19. NOT USED

20. NOT USED

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 use 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.'
- 22.2. 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 presented after racing on Saturday and Sunday and will be awarded on the basis of the number of starters as follows:

2 boats = 1st Winner

6 boats = 2nd Place

10 boats or more = 3rd Place

Date	Race Course	Prizes
Saturday 31 st May	The Lambay Races	Winner and places for cruisers (IRC and HPH) Winner and places for one designs and sports boats (Scratch and HPH)
Sunday 1 st June	Three windward/leeward races for Classes 0,1,2,3 and sports boats Two round the cans for non-spinnaker boats	Individual race winners for IRC and HPH. For series of 2 or more races, overall winner for IRC and HPH

24.2. The following trophies will be awarded, subject to sufficient entries for each prize:

Lambay Lady	Special Award (see 24.3)
Mercedes Benz IRC	Class 0 IRC
Mercedes Benz ECHO	Class 0 HPH
Juno Cup	Class 1 IRC
Longyearbyn Trophy	Class 1 IRC (Best HYC Boat)
Boyd Cup No. 2	Class 1 HPH
Heineken Trophy	Class 2 IRC
Ernest Tweedy Cup	Class 2 HPH
Peninsula Trophy	Class 3 IRC
Lambay Trophy	Class 3 HPH
Fitzpatrick Salver	Non-Spinnaker A IRC
The Summit Inn Trophy	Non-Spinnaker A HPH
McAllister Trophy	Non-Spinnaker B IRC
Bamford Trophy	Non-Spinnaker B HPH
Teeling Trophy	Puppeteer 22 Scratch
John Pearson Cup	Puppeteer 22 Handicap
Boyd Cup No. 4	17 Footer Scratch
Sutton Cup	17 Footer Handicap
Horst Cup	Squib Scratch
Findlater Cup	Squib Handicap
Ruffian Trophy	Ruffian 23 Scratch
IECA Trophy	E-Boat Scratch
Knights Trophy	J24 Scratch
Whelan Cup	Sigma 33 Scratch
Aidan J Colfer	Shipman 28 Scratch

- 24.3. The Lambay Lady, which is perpetual, will be awarded to the boat that the OA considers to be the best performing boat on the day.
- 24.4. A boat in a one design or sports boat class which wins either a scratch prize or trophy will not be eligible for a handicap prize in that same race / series.
- 24.5. A boat which wins either an IRC prize or trophy will not be eligible for an HPH prize in that same race / series.
- 24.6. J24, Sigma 33 and Shipman 28 will race as part of their respective cruiser class and not have individual class starts.

25. OTHER INFORMATION

25.1. MEMBERSHIP

25.1.0 Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club for the weekend of Friday 30th May to Sunday 1st June 2025, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

25.2. FACILITIES

25.2.1 All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club during the event. There will be a mix of entertainment with food available immediately after racing and dinner in the evening with live music.

25.2.2 Excellent cuisine may be enjoyed in a superb setting in Howth Yacht Club's dining room. Booking is essential, phone 01 – 832 2141

25.2.3 The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These regulations are rigidly enforced by the Harbour Authority and may result in a fine of €150.