



DINGHY CLUB RACING 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1. RULES

1.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on the club website before racing.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1. The official notice board is located beside the marina office.

3.2. The HYC Dinghy Racing WhatsApp group can be joined here

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JQRAK1WpOsj9OzES7zPLt8>

3.3. [NP] A club-nominated coach can speak to a boat during racing if the club has organised on-the-water coaching.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. Racing is open to ALL dinghies.

4.2. Classes are defined as follows:

- Optimist
- Mixed class racing under the PY handicap system

4.3. Helms (identified when entering the event) may be ranked into specified fleets.

4.4. Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.hyc.ie/club-events#event-454>

4.5. To be considered entered in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees, including Park Turtle registration. For more information visit <https://hyc.ie/dinghyracing>.

5. FEES

*Participants in summer junior sailing courses are exempt from entry fees.

Under 18 (at time of entry)

Junior Single Handed - €30

Junior Double Handed - €40

18 and older (at the of entry)

Senior Single Handed - €45

Senior Double Handed - €60

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6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Races will be held on Thursday nights from 01 May 2025 to 28 August 2025.
- 6.2. The first warning signal will be made at 19:00, with subsequent starts at 3 min intervals.
- 6.3. Where possible, it is proposed to sail two races per class per day.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The race area is west of Howth Harbour, south of Ireland's Eye and north of Claremont beach.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses will be chosen from Windward – Leeward or Triangle, with committee vessel starts. Further details will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Scoring shall be as per RRS Appendix A4, low points system. The PY handicap system will be used for the Mixed Class.
- 9.2. Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 9.3. One discard will be applied per four races completed.
- 9.4. Separate results will be posted for classes with more than 3 entries.

10. DATA PROTECTION

- 10.1. 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 regatta. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the event free of charge.

11. 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 (and responsible adult for minors under the age of 18) 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;

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- (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;

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid, third-party insurance cover.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes shall be awarded for each class (with more than 3 entries), on the basis of average turnout as follows:

- 2 boats – 1st
- 5 boats - 2nd
- 8 boats - 3rd

Dinghy classes with less than 3 entries will be included in the mixed class and a prize will be awarded for the mixed class as per the above allocation.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

The prize giving will be held after racing on 28 August 2025.

14. OTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1. All boats competing must display a HYC sticker on the transom. These will be provided upon registration at HYC.
- 14.2. Single handed boats' masts must be stored with the sections separated.
- 14.3. Road trailers are not permitted in the dinghy park other than for delivery or collection of boats. It should be noted that any offending trailers will be removed and parked on the pier at the owner's risk.