



DINGHY REGATTA

Sunday 20th July 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is Howth Yacht Club CLG

1. RULES

The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions (SI) and any changes thereto. (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the PC and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1. (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 on the Official Notice Board located beside the marina office. Code flag L will be displayed from the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge to indicate a change has been posted.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the Marina Office at Howth Yacht Club

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from the race officials

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Three races “back-to-back” will be sailed, subsequent races to be started as soon as possible after the previous race.

CLASS	FLAG	WARNING SIGNAL
IDRA 14	Q	12.00
PY	G	12.03
Optimist	O	12.06

All other classes outside of IDRA and Optimist will race in the PY Class.
The above order may be changed if there are more than six entries for a particular type of boat.

7. NOT USED

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be North/Northwest of Howth Harbour

9. COURSES

The courses to be sailed by each class is shown in Appendix A. After starting and until approaching the finish line to finish, the marks at the ends of the start/finish line are not marks on course.

10. MARKS

The Windward, Offset and Leeward mark shall be orange round buoys. The Inner windward mark shall be a round yellow buoy. The outer limit mark for the start will be an orange pillar mark and the finish mark (if the race is not shortened) will be a pink cherry buoy.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS NOT USED

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using a 3-2-1 starting sequence with a warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26

12.2 The starting line is between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the course side and an orange cylindrical mark at the port end of the start line.

12.3 Unless correcting a starting error, boats already racing shall not sail through the starting line whilst subsequent sequences are under way.

12.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.5. A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

12.6. General Recalls will be signalled by the display of the First Substitute with two sounds. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed, and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

13. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS33

14. THE FINISH

14.1 Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and a pink outer distance mark.

14.2 Where shortened course applies to all classes, it will be signalled by displaying Flag S and two sound signals. In the case of individual class or classes the appropriate class flags will be displayed with Flag S. The finishing boat for such an instance may be a RIB.

14.3 A committee vessel located near a mark making repetitive sound signals and displaying Flag F shall signify that after rounding the mark, boats shall proceed directly to the finish line.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 The penalty system of RRS 44.1 shall apply

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The time limit for each class shall be the lesser of 90 minutes, or 15 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat to sail the course and finish correctly. In the event of the first boat of a class finishing inside the 90-minute time limit, only boats of that class finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat will be recorded as finishers. This changes RRS 35.

16.2 After the first boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to the boat still racing in last place. The finishing position offered will be the number of boats finished and still racing plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last boat still racing. The Race Officer is not obliged to make such an offer. A boat that accepts such an offer will immediately cease racing, and the Race Officer may repeat this process with the next boat. The offer may be made via safety or support boat personnel. This will be signalled using code flag W. This changes RRS35

17. HEARING REQUESTS

Online Protest Portal

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The Protest Time Limit for a boat is 60 minutes from the time of the last finishing boat. The time will be posted on the Marina Notice Board.

Hearing request forms are available on the Online Protest Portal

Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted before the end of the protest time limit to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

The time and place of Protest Hearings will be initially posted on the Online Protest Portal within 15 minutes of the Protest Time Limit. The listing of a boat on this schedule shall constitute informing her of a hearing as per RRS 63.2. Parties involved shall present themselves and their witnesses at the time and place indicated on the schedule.

To request correction of an alleged error in a posted race result, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry via the Online Protest Portal.

18. SCORING

18.1 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

18.2 Dinghies sailed under the PY category will have their times recorded and be scored a finishing position in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) handicap system

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats retiring shall inform a safety boat as soon as possible and shall obey the instructions of the safety boat crew.

20. - 22. NOT USED

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels shall comprise of the committee boat called North Star, mark laying boats and safety boats

24. NOT USED

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support boats

26. -28. NOT USED

29. PRIZES

Per Notice of Race 24

30. RISK STATEMENT

30.1 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."

30.2 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 to and acknowledges the risk statement as included in the Notice of Race.”

APPENDIX A

Courses to be Sailed

The course will be Windward / Leeward for all fleets. The number of laps for each class will be displayed on the committee boat following its warning signal and shall be displayed for not less than 2 minutes before the start. This changes RRS 27.1. All marks shall be left to Port.

IDRA 14 & PY:

Lap 1: 1 – 2 – 3

Lap 2: 1 – 2 – 3

Lap 3: 1 – 2 – 3

Optimist

Lap 1: 1A– 3

Lap 2: 1A– 3

Lap 3: 1A– 3



