



Brass Monkeys
New Year's Day Race
2026
In Aid of Howth Lifeboat
Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club

1. RULES

The event is governed by the RRS

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 web site no later than Tuesday 30th December 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

The official notice board is located 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. The channel is stated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The event is open to class 1, 2 and 3 boats however it is a non spinnaker event.

5. FEES

The entry fee will be €25

6. SCHEDULE

The warning signal will be at 11:25

7. RACE AREA

The Race Area is in the vicinity of Howth Sound and Irelands 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

RRS Rule 3 applies

Sailing is by its very 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 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 sailing the event and they are fit to participate.
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials 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 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 the club house after the event.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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