



Round the Island Race



PY Dinghy Class

7th March 2026

Notice of Race

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

1. Rules & Eligibility

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of Irish Sailing.
- 1.2. Replica ILCA sails or spars may be permitted provided their measurements fall within ILCA Class limits.
- 1.3. The ILCA Class is open to all ages of sailor in all categories of ILCA rig who shall, subject to the number of entries of the different rig types, compete with boats carrying the same rig type.
- 1.4. Juniors are defined as those under 19 years of age on 1st January 2026.
- 1.5. All boats shall have a painter at least 3 metres in length, made fast to the bow and stored so as to be readily accessible to someone rendering assistance from another boat.
- 1.6. Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of her sail(s), in accordance with Class rules, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form.
- 1.7. Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form for a race, written notice shall be given to the Race Officer before the warning signal of that race. **Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat's disqualification.** This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.
- 1.8. **Each competitor shall wear a buoyancy aid and suitable protective clothing at all times and RRS 40.1 shall apply.** Wetsuits will not be recognised as personal buoyancy. Competitors must be aware of the Irish Sailing Safety Guidelines and its recommendations.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing instructions will be available online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events> no later than Thursday 5th March 2026.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 3.2. Notices may also be circulated via WhatsApp messages to the Event Group -see NoR 16.1.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to the ILCA Class and dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) number lower than 1220.
- 4.2. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 4.3. Boats which have not already entered the HYC Dinghy Frostbite Series (either Full Series or the Spring Series) may enter the event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>.
- 4.4. Entries will not be accepted after Wednesday 4th March 2026.**
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. Boats will not be scored until a fully completed entry form, together with the correct fee, has been received.

- 4.6. Registration (for those who have not already entered the HYC Dinghy Frostbite Series) will be from 09.00 on the day of racing at Howth YC.
- 4.7. The entry fee for the Round the Island Race is included in the fee for the HYC Frostbite 'Both Series' and for the Spring Series.

5. Fees

- 5.1. The entry fees are set out below:

Class	Fee
Single Hander	€15.00
Double Hander	€25.00

Note: The entry fee for the Round the Island Race is included in the fee for the HYC Frostbite 'Both Series' and for the Spring Series.

6. Schedule

Event	Time
Briefing At Marina Office	09:30
First Warning Signal	10:55

- 6.1 Subject to the conditions on the day, the intention is to sail two races, an initial race in Howth Sound followed by the RTIR.
- 6.2 The races will be followed by a prize-giving lunch (NOT included in entry fee) - order from the Bar menu on the day.
- 6.3 The OA reserves the right to adjust the race programme and schedule to suit the conditions.

7. Race Area

- 7.1 The race area is the waters generally to the north of Howth Harbour and, for the Round the Island Race itself, extending around Ireland's Eye and to the east of Howth Harbour.

8. Courses

- 8.1. The course(s) will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions

9. Scoring

- 9.1. Scoring shall be as per Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A4, low points system.
- 9.2. Boats other than ILCAs will be scored according to the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system.

10. Dinghy Parking

- 10.1 Masts that are lowered when ashore, such as ILCAs, must be stored with the sections separated
- 10.2 Road trailers are only permitted in the dinghy park during delivery and collection of boats. Any road trailers left in the dinghy park outside of these times will be removed and placed on the pier at the owner's risk.
- 10.3 All boats (including members' boats) must be removed from the dinghy park on or before Monday 9th March 2026. Any boat not so removed will be placed on the pier at the owner's risk.

10.4 It is a condition of entry and participation that each boat has a serviceable trolley suitable for the boat being entered. 'Serviceable' includes suitable wheels which, for pneumatic types, shall be correctly inflated. Any sailor whose trolley is unserviceable or not suitable for use shall be excluded from participating in the event until the deficiency is remedied. Owners are responsible for identifying their own trolleys on completion of the series.

11.1 Data Protection

11.1 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 Classes involved and the Club. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

11.2 Competitors give their consent to the OA to upload their email addresses to the third-party online Hearing Request Portal which will communicate hearing requests/protests to which they are a party. The link to the portal is:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/12979/event_links?name=Howth%2520YC%2520Winter%2520Dinghy%2520Frostbite

12. 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;

13. Insurance

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

14. Scoring & Prizes

14.1 A prize will be awarded to the winner of each Class with three or more boats competing and further prizes may be awarded.

14.2 The Skehan Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the ILCA 7 Class.

15. Temporary Membership

15.1. All Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on the date of racing. Club facilities are not available to non-member participants at any other time.

16. WhatsApp Communications

16.1. It shall be a condition of entry that each competitor provides a mobile phone number with their entry, has access to a smartphone connected to the number provided and agrees to download the WhatsApp application and join the Group set up for the Event. Notices to competitors, including information about race cancellations due to adverse weather forecasts, will be broadcast to the Group. Only messages associated with participation in the Series shall be broadcast using the Group facility. Any Group member found to be misusing the Group shall be subject to protest and penalty. Howth YC, its servants and agents take no responsibility for the content of messages that may be broadcast by parties with access to the Group.

17. Further Information

17.1. Enquiries should be addressed to: Howth Yacht Club CLG, Middle Pier, Howth Harbour, Dublin D13 E6V3. Telephone: +353 1 8322141. E-mail: office@hyc.ie