



Brassed Off Cup 2026

Howth Yacht Club

Friday 3 April 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Irish Sailing Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Boats competing shall comply with the Optimist Class Rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted at <https://hyc.ie/open-events> before the Regatta.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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 Regatta is open to Optimist Main Junior & Senior fleet competitors.
- 4.2 Boats shall have their full Class allocated sail number displayed in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS.
- 4.3 Entrants may be split into fleets on the day of the race at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 4.4 Eligible boats should enter using the Brassed Off Cup 2026 entry form online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>. All online entry forms must be consented to by a Parent / Guardian.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements at the Race Office and pay all fees online.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is €30.00

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5.2 Closing date is Tuesday March 31st after which a late entry fee will apply.

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9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration will be between 0930 and 1000 Friday 3rd April 2026
- 9.2 Competitors Briefing will be at 1000.
- 9.3 First Warning Signal 1100.
- 9.4 Three races are scheduled. No race will be started after 1530, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 1530.

10 NOT USED

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12 VENUE

- 12.1 The race area will be north of Howth harbour and west of Ireland's Eye.

13 COURSES

- 13.1 Courses types will be set out in the sailing instructions.

14 NOT USED

15 SCORING

- 15.1 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 [DP] Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters shall not encroach within 100m of any Race Course Area unless requested to assist by an Official Race Committee Boat between the time of the first Warning Signal and the time that the last competitor finishes the race.

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21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 By entering the regatta competitors and, where relevant, their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

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.' 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:

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- (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 adequate, valid, third-party cover with an appropriate extension for racing risks

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded to Senior / Junior participants. All participants will receive an Easter Egg at the Brassed Off Cup 2026.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club for each race day subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership

25.2 For further information please visit the HYC website, email us or call the Club us on the number provided: + 353 1 8322141 Email: office@hyc.ie

25.3 All boats must be removed from the Club immediately after the event.