



IUSA Student Yachting Nationals
28th & 29th March 2026

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority and Venue

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club

2. Rules & Eligibility

2.1. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the HYC J80 rules Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.

2.2. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

2.3. The event is open to the top ten universities/colleges in Ireland. This ranking is decided by IUSA.

2.4. Appendix UF will apply

2.5. On the water judging may be in place.

3. Entries

3.1. Entries shall be made directly HYC office

3.2. The cost of hosting the event is €3,500.00

3.3. The closing date and time for entries will be Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 1600. Entries received after this date and time will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

3.4. Entries are limited to ten teams. Priority will be given to universities / colleges in order of IUSA rankings.

3.5. Each boat shall be limited to a crew of five people of mixed gender. A crew member may not be added, removed or substituted without prior written approval from the OA.

3.6. The Race Office will be open for registration from 08:00 until 09:00 on Saturday 28th March 2026

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4. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on <http://hyc.ie/open-events>

5. Briefing & Draw

5.1. A briefing to all competitors will be given by the Principal Race Officer at 08:30 on Saturday 28th March 2026, in the clubhouse.

5.2. The boat allocation and draw will be announced at the briefing

6. Safety

6.1. Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times by competitors whilst afloat.

6.2. It is strongly recommended that all yachts carry a VHF radio. Communication on general matters relating to the racing may be transmitted by the race committee. Howth Yacht Club will not provide VHF radios to competitors.

7. Racing Area

Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth Harbour.

8. Courses

The courses will be windward/leeward format and the full programme will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Schedule of Races

9.1. Races shall be as per the schedule in the Sailing Instructions.

Time of first Warning Signal on both days of the event will be 10:00 hours

9.2. The format will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions

10. Scoring

10.1. The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores shall be excluded

10.3. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship. If running a Qualifying and Final series one race is required to constitute the final series.

11. Equipment

11.1. The event will be sailed in HYC J80s.

11.2. Spinnaker use is at the discretion of the race committee. This will be fully outlined in Sailing Instructions.

12. Damage deposit

12.1. Entrants shall deposit €500.00 by means of a credit card, with Howth Yacht Club.

12.2. Should any damage occur, any apportioned damages shall be deducted from the damage deposit prior to its return. A schedule of repair costs will be presented as part of the Sailing Instructions.

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13. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the first three teams.

Irish Sailing medals will be presented to the first three teams

14. Other information

14.1 To reduce the environmental impact of the regatta, it is affiliated with the *Sailors For The Sea* organisation.

- Competitors are encouraged to use public transport to get to and from Howth.
- Bike racks are available on the club grounds.
- A drinking water fountain is provided for sailors and we ask that sailors bring reusable water bottles.

14.2 Further enquiries to Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.

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