



HOWTH YACHT CLUB

FINGAL CRUISER CHALLENGE 2026

Organised by Howth Yacht Club CLG.

Notice of Race

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG, hereinafter referred to as the 'Club'.

1. SERIES

The series will consist of the following Events:

		Organised by:
May 9	Fingal Coastal R1	Howth Yacht Club
May 16	Fingal Coastal R2	Howth Yacht Club
May 23	Asgard Race	Howth Yacht Club
June 6	Kish & Back Challenge	Howth Yacht Club
July 11	Rockabill and Back	Howth Yacht Club
July 18	Malahide Regatta	Malahide Yacht Club
July 25	Dublin Bay Coastal Race	Howth Yacht Club
August 15	Gibney Classic	Howth Yacht Club
August 22	Pursuit Race	Howth Yacht Club

The Gibney Classic and Malahide Regatta will run as separate independent Events. These events will therefore have their own Notice of Race, Entry Form and Sailing Instructions and are entered for separate to this series. Sl's will be issued for all other Fingal Series races to entrants in the Fingal Series via the Fingal Series What's App group. All entrants will be invited to join this group. The Series organising committee (SOC) may allocate additional race dates.

2 CLASSES

- Eligible boats for this series are those in the Divisions listed below that comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements for each of the Events listed. Results will be provided for the categories specified.
- Cruiser Class entries (including Sportboat type craft such as J70s, J80s and the like) that wish to race using spinnakers shall be assigned to Division A or Division B depending on their characteristics. Boats racing without spinnakers shall be assigned to Division C.
- Divisions A, B and C shall race under IRC and / or HPH handicap systems. Boats shall be allocated to Division A or B by the OA

DIVISION	IRC	HPH
Cruiser A, B and C	X	X

3 ENTRIES

Entries shall be made online at www.hyc.ie. Boats entered for the Club racing series 2026 shall be entered in this Series. A nominal entry fee of €30 will apply to all entrants not entered or not eligible to be entered in the Club racing series 2026.

Boats entering late will be awarded a DNS for any races completed prior to their Fingal Series' entry being submitted.

4 SCORING

The series will be scored as provided in appendix A of the racing rules using the Low Point System. Providing Five or more races finish, TWO discards shall be allowed. (Races without finishers shall be void). In the event of grouped Class results in individual races the Series organising committee (SOC) may allocate results to classes as identified in this notice.

5 HANDICAPS

Cruiser Divisions A, B and C will race under the relevant IRC Handicap System and/or the HPH Handicap System as specified in each of the Events. Cruisers will be divided into classes as specified for each event as the individual Notices of Race will cover the different break points. For the Fingal Series races any boat that has not entered with a relevant Handicap will be allocated a HPH by the OA..

6 PRIZES

An overall IRC & HPH Prize will be awarded. The final prize giving will take place on a date to be arranged.

Fingal Cruiser Challenge Trophy Overall: Awarded by the Series Organising Committee to the boat with the best attendance and results across all classes.
Fingal Classics Trophy: Awarded by the Series Organising Committee based on attendance and results to a boat deemed to be a Classic by the SOC.

7 SAFETY

It is recommended that competitors in all Divisions shall wear lifejackets or suitable personal flotation devices at all times.