



**Howth 17-Footer
Association
2026 National Championships
7th, 8th & 9th August 2026**



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NOTICE OF RACE

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- 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 Event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Prescriptions of Irish Sailing to the Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply. See link below:
<https://www.sailing.ie/Portals/0/adam/Library/AgAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAaA/LinkOrDocument/IS-Prescriptions-to-Racing-Rules-2025-28-ISApplusWS%20Approved-FINAL.pdf>
- 1.3. Competitors shall wear lifejackets or suitable personal flotation devices at all times except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies, as per RRS 40.2(c).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on <https://hyc.ie/open-Events> before 5th August 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The SI will specify the location of the official notice board.
- 3.2. [DP] While racing, 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.

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4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Event is open to all boats of the Howth 17-Footer Class.
- 4.2. Each owner must be a paid-up member of the Howth 17-Footer Class Association.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter the Event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-Events>
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the Event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is €80.00. Late Entry fee will apply for any entry received after Monday 3rd Aug 5pm.

6. NOT USED

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under World Sailing Regulation 20.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

9.1

Date	Event	Time
Fri. 7 th August	Briefing	17:30
	Race Warning Signal	18:55 One race scheduled
Sat. 8 th August	Race Warning Signal	10:25
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races Three races scheduled
Sun. 9 th August	Racing will take place on Sunday if two races have not been completed by Saturday evening.	
	Race Warning Signal Subsequent races	10:25 Immediately after preceding races

- 9.2. Four races are scheduled.

- 9.3. No race will be started after 15:00 on Sunday 9th August, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 15:00.

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10. NOT USED

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11. VENUE

12.1. The Race Area will be in the waters North of Howth, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be defined in the SI.

14. NOT USED

15. SCORING

15.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

15.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. – 18. NOT USED

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

19.2. Boats shall be afloat by 18:00 on Friday 7th August 2025 and shall not be lifted or scrubbed until after the last race on Sunday 9th August 2025, except in the case of significant repairs being necessary and with the written approval of the Race Committee.

20. NOT USED

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. 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 OA reserves the right to uses or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

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.'

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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.

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. The Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winner
- 24.2. The Handicap Trophy will be awarded to the winner on HPH.
- 24.3. Prizes will be awarded to the first three helms on scratch. A boat may not win a scratch and handicap prize.
- 24.4. Irish Sailing medals will be awarded to the first three helms on scratch.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1. The Regatta Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at:

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