



PUPPETEER 22 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 19th & 20th 2026

NOTICE OF RACE - UPDATED

- 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).
- Due to the postponement of the event in July and its rescheduling, the first day of the Championship will be sailed in conjunction with Day 2 of the HYC Autumn League.

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 shall apply.
- 1.3. [NP] [DP] All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio.
- 1.4. Boats shall only be helmed while racing at the event by the helmsperson declared on the entry form. The Race Committee may grant approval for a change to be made but it shall be sought in advance of a change and approval shall be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 1.5. The entries of boats for the postponed July dates remain valid for the rescheduled event. Those entered for the July event or subsequently and who are entered in the HYC Autumn League will have their results in Race 3 counted for the Autumn League.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on <https://hyc.ie/open-Events> before September 15th, 2026

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The SI will specify the location of the official notice board.
- 3.2. On the water, the Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be **Ch. 68**
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats.
- 3.4. All communications between the Class Captain and Race Committee and competitors, pre-event and during the event, will be carried through the HYC "Puppeteer Fleet" WhatsApp group. All owners/skippers must agree to have their mobile phone numbers logged on to this App.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Event is open to all boats of the Puppeteer 22 Class that are compliant with the Class Rules. Entrants are reminded of Class Rule 8.3 (helm to be member of Class Assoc).
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter the Event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-Events>
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the Event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is €100

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Warning Signal	Time
Sat. 19 th September - 3 races scheduled	Race 1	11:00
	Race 2	Immediately after finish of Race 1
	Race 3	13:00
Sun. 20 th September - 3 races scheduled	Race 4	10:30
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races

- 6.2 Six races are scheduled.
- 6.3 No more than four races can be sailed on any one day of the event.
- 6.4 No race will be started after 15:00 on Sunday 20th September, except for recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 15:00.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1. Boats shall be made available for spot checking for Class Rules compliance at a time, or times, of the OA's nomination before and during the event.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. The Race Area will be in the waters North of Howth, Co. Dublin.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be defined in the SI.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1 Boats competing in the event shall not be taken from the water during the event, except in the case of damage and with the prior approval of the Race Committee. Where permission to lift out is approved, boat hulls may not be cleaned whilst out of the water.

12. DATA PROTECTION

- 12.1. 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 Club and the Class. The OA reserves the right to uses or to license the use of any images and sound recording during and after the event free of charge.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. 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.'
- 13.2. 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:
- 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;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 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;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - 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.

14. INSURANCE

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

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first four competitors in both Scratch and Handicap divisions. Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the winners in both Scratch and Handicap Divisions. Irish Sailing medals (maximum five per boat) will be presented to the crews finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places overall on Scratch only. A competitor may not receive a Scratch and Handicap prize. The Scratch prize shall take precedence.
- 15.2 Perpetual Trophies may not be removed from the premises of Howth YC.
- 15.3 There will be a prizegiving in Howth YC at the close of the event.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on 19th and 20th September 2026, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.
- 16.2. The Regatta Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at:

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