



**Howth Yacht Club  
Open ILCA/PY  
Frostbite Series  
2023 / 2024**



***PY Dinghy Class***

**Notice of Race**

**1. Organising Authority (OA)**

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- 1.2. Enquiries should be addressed to: Howth Yacht Club CLG, Middle Pier, Howth Harbour, Dublin D13 E6V3. Telephone: +353 1 8322141. E-mail: office@hyc.ie

**2. Rules & Eligibility**

- 2.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2021 - 2024) (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the rules of the ILCA Class Association & respective PY Classes, the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2. Replica ILCA sails or spars may be permitted provided their measurements fall within ILCA Class limits.
- 2.3. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 2.4. Boats will not be included in the results until a fully completed entry form, together with the correct fee, has been received.
- 2.5. The ILCA Class is open to all ages of sailor in all categories of ILCA rig who shall, subject to the number of entries of the different rig types, compete with boats carrying the same rig type.
- 2.6. Juniors are defined as those under 19 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

**3. Schedule of Races**

- 3.1. 32 races are scheduled over two series plus three special race days. Races will be held as follows:

<b>Series</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Race Day</b>	<b>No. Races</b>	<b>Warning Signal</b>
Round the Island Race	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Sunday	2	1055
PY 1 ILCA Courtney Cup	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Sunday	12 Races (2 per day)	1045
New Year's Day Race	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	Sunday	1 Race	1155
PY 2 ILCA Rowan Trophy	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2024	Sunday	18 Races (2 per day)	1045
Round the Island Race	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Saturday	2 Races	1055

The races on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March will be followed by a prize-giving lunch (NOT included in entry fee).

The OA reserves the right to adjust the race programme and schedule in exceptional circumstances and undertakes to provide adequate notice to competitors.

#### 4. **Entries**

4.1. Entries may be made online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>

4.2. The entry fees are set out below:

<b>Series</b>	<b>All EXCEPT Juniors</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
Both Series – Single Hander	€210	€140
Winter or Spring Series – Single Hander	€115	€80
Both Series – Double Hander	€320	€220
Winter or Spring Series – Double Hander	€170	€100

#### 5. **Race Area & Courses**

5.1. The race area is the waters to the North and West of Howth Harbour and is extended to the North and East of Ireland's Eye for the Round the Island Race.

5.2. Courses will be a mixture of Windward-Leeward, Olympic Courses and Triangles starting from a Committee Vessel.

5.3. Courses will be selected by the Race Officer on the day and indicated by displaying on the Committee Vessel before each race start a flag that advises the course to be sailed – see the Sailing Instructions.

5.4. The Race Committee reserves the right to combine the fleets into a single or more starts by displaying multiple Class flags together. The notional starting sequence will be shown in the Sailing Instructions but boats should assume they will start in the first sequence unless the flags displayed for the particular Class start indicate otherwise. Boats in each fleet will receive a finishing place in their own fleet.

#### 6. **Registration & Sailing Instructions**

6.1. Registration will take place in the Race Office (beside the Marina Office) on Sunday 5th November 2023 from 0900 to 1000.

6.2. Sailing instructions will be available online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events> no later than Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

#### 7. **Sail Numbers**

7.1. Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of her sail(s), in accordance with Class rules, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form.

7.2. Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form for a race, written notice shall be given to the Race Officer before the warning signal of that race. **Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat's disqualification.** This changes RRS 63.1.

#### 8. **Dinghy Park**

8.1. All competitors must display a trolley tag on their trolley, and a Winter 2023/2024 HYC sticker on the transom of their boat.

8.2. Masts that are lowered when ashore, such as ILCAs, must be stored with the sections separated.

8.3. Road trailers are only permitted in the dinghy park during delivery and collection of boats. Any road trailers left in the dinghy park outside of these times will be removed and placed on the pier at the owner's risk.

8.4. All boats (including members' boats) must be removed from the dinghy park on or before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Any boat not so removed will be placed on the pier at the owner's risk.

## 9. Trolleys

- 9.1. **It is a condition of entry and participation that each ILCA boat has a serviceable trolley suitable for an ILCA boat.** 'Serviceable' includes suitable wheels which, for pneumatic types, shall be correctly inflated. Any ILCA sailor whose trolley is unserviceable or not suitable for use with an ILCA boat shall be excluded from participating in the event until the deficiency is remedied. Owners are responsible for identifying their own trolleys on completion of the series.
- 9.2. To speed up recovery of boats after sailing, sailors are requested to take the first available trolley on the slip, suitable for the type of boat they are sailing, when coming ashore each day. Sailors shall retrieve their own trolley on the last day of each series.

## 10. Scoring & Prizes

- 10.1. Scoring shall be as per Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A4, low points system. However, RRS A5.2 is changed in that RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply for the Series.
- 10.2. Boats other than ILCAs will be scored according to the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system.
- 10.3. Points are accumulated by the sailor - not by the boat.
- 10.4. One discard will be applied for every four races sailed, up to a maximum of four discards per series.
- 10.5. Prizes will be awarded for each fleet, subject to sufficient entries, at the race organiser's discretion.
- 10.6. For the Round the Island race(s) on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, only boats entered for the Winter (or both) Series of the 2023/2024 event will be scored and the results of all races sailed on that day shall count as races for the Winter Series.

## 11. Competitor Responsibilities

- 11.1. It is the responsibility of competitor(s) to decide whether or not to sail in such conditions as may prevail or may be forecast. Competitors are reminded that they sail entirely at their own risk, and of RRS Fundamental Rule 4 'Decision to Race'.
- 11.2. The attention of each competitor is drawn to the potential dangers of sailing at this time of the year and should bear in mind that the series is a winter event in which wind chill, water temperature and weather conditions can quickly induce fatigue. **Each competitor shall wear a buoyancy aid and suitable protective clothing at all times and RRS 40.1 shall apply.** Wetsuits will not be recognised as personal buoyancy. Competitors must be aware of the Irish Sailing Safety Guidelines and its recommendations.
- 11.3. Each participating boat must be insured with adequate, valid, third-party cover, which must be inclusive of a racing risks extension.

## 12. Temporary Membership

- 12.1. All Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on racing days. Club facilities are not available to non-member participants at any other time.

## 13. WhatsApp Communications

- 13.1. It shall be a condition of entry that each competitor provides a mobile phone number with their entry, has access to a smartphone connected to the number provided and agrees to download the WhatsApp application and join the Group set up for the Series. Notices to competitors, including information about race cancellations due to adverse weather forecasts, will be broadcast to the Group. Only messages associated with participation in the Series shall be broadcast using the Group facility. Any Group member found to be misusing the Group shall be subject to protest and penalty. Howth YC, its servants and agents take no responsibility for the content of messages that may be broadcast by parties with access to the Group.