



Howth Yacht Club
Open Laser/RS Aero
Frostbite Series
Spring 2021



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 - e-mail: admin@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 Laser Class Association, the RS Aero Class Association, the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2. Replica Laser sails or spars may be permitted provided their measurements fall within Laser 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 event is open to all ages of sailor in all categories of rig. Juniors are defined as those under 19 years of age on 1st January 2021

3. Schedule of Races

- 3.1. 20 races are scheduled over the series plus two special race days. Races will be held as follows:

| Series | Dates | Race Day | No. Races | Warning Signal |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| New Year's Day Race | 1 st January 2021 | Friday | 1 Race | 1155 |
| Rowan Trophy | 3 rd January 2021 to 7 th March 2021 | Sunday | 20 Races (2 per day) | 1045 |
| Round the Island Race | 13 th March 2021 | Saturday | 2 Races | 1055 |
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The races on Saturday 13th March may 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:

| Series | All EXCEPT Juniors | Juniors |
|---------------|--------------------|---------|
| Spring Series | €100.00 | € 60.00 |

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 either Flag "W" for Windward-Leeward Course, or Flag "O" for Olympic Course. In certain wind conditions a "triangles only" course may be set. This will be signalled by displaying Flag "T" on the Committee Vessel.
- 5.4. There will normally be two starts for each race – a Standard Rig/RS Aero start, and a combined Radial/4.7 Rig start. The Race Committee reserves the right to combine the fleets into a single start by displaying all four Class flags together. Boats in each fleet will receive a finishing place in their own fleet.

6. Registration & Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Registration will take place online on or before Sunday 3rd January 2021.
- 6.2. Sailing instructions will only be available online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events> and will be posted no later than 1700 on Friday 1st January 2021.

7. Sail Numbers

- 7.1. Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of her sail, 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, written notice shall be given to the Race Officer before the warning signal of the race(s) where the varied number is being used. **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 Spring 2021 HYC sticker on the transom, both of which will be provided at registration.
- 8.2. Masts 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 must be removed from the club premises on or before Monday 29th March 2021. Failure to do so will incur a storage charge of €20 per week thereafter and a boat may not be removed until the amount due for it is paid.

9. Trolleys

- 9.1. It is a condition of entry that each boat has a serviceable trolley. Owners are responsible for identifying their own trolleys.
- 9.2. To speed up recovery of boats after sailing, sailors are requested to take the first available trolley. Sailors may retrieve their own trolley on the last day of the series.

10. Scoring & Prizes

- 10.1. Scoring shall be as per Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A4, low points system.
- 10.2. Points are accumulated by the sailor - not by the boat.
- 10.3. One discard will be applied for every four races sailed, up to a maximum of four discards.
- 10.4. Overall prizes will be awarded up to 5th place in Standard, Radial and 4.7 divisions subject to sufficient entries. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the 1st Junior, 1st Lady, 1st Master (aged 30-40 on 1st January 2021), 1st Grand Master (over 40 on 1st January 2021) and a "silver fleet" division prize for standard rig. A prize will be awarded to the 1st RS Aero.

11. Competitor Responsibilities

11.1. It is the responsibility of each boat owner to decide whether or not to sail in such conditions as may prevail. 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.** 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.