



Howth Yacht Club CLG

Round the Island Race

Saturday 9th March 2024



PY Dinghy Classes

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **Organising Authority:**

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG. 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:**

Racing shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the rules of the ILCA Classes, and the rules of any other Class applicable to entered boats, except as amended by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. Advertising in compliance with World Sailing Regulation 20 is permitted.

Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA, who shall have discretion to cap the number of entries in any Class.

Replica ILCA sails or spars may be permitted provided their measurements fall within ILCA Class limits.

In the event of a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

3. **Classes:**

Racing will be for ILCA 7, 6 and 4 and racing will be provided for the PY dinghy handicap class subject to a minimum of 6 entries having been received by midnight on March 6th.

4. **Eligibility:**

The event is open to all sailors. Juniors are defined as those under 19 on the 1st January 2024.

5. **Registration:**

Registration (for those who have not already entered the HYC Dinghy Frostbite Series) will be from 0900 - 0945 on 9th March 2024 at Howth Yacht Club. An Entry Form should be completed online using the HYC website.

6. **Entry Fee:**

Entry Fee (for race only) is €15 for single handed classes, €25 for double handed classes.

The Prizegiving Lunch will be payable as an additional cost for those attending it and will follow the race. The Class Captain shall be advised before competitors go afloat whether they intend to attend the lunch to facilitate the caterers

Those sailors who are entered in either the Howth YC overall winter Dinghy Frostbite or the Spring Series of the event are already entered in the Round the Island Race (RTIR) but are requested to advise the Class Captain whether they will be racing. Payment for lunch will be collected on the day from those attending

7. **Entry Deadline:**

Entries are to be submitted before midnight on Wednesday, 6th March 2024 to allow for resourcing of the event

8. **Sailing Instructions:**

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and at will be posted on the HYC Open Events website. A Briefing will take place outside the Marina Office at 0930.

9. **Race Area:**

The race area for the start / finish of the Round the Island will be north of Howth Harbour and West of Ireland's Eye.

10. **Schedule:**
Racing will take place on Saturday 9th March 2024. The first Warning Signal is at 1055. Subject to the conditions on the day, the intention is to sail two races, a race in Howth Sound followed by the RTIR. The OA reserves the right to adjust the Race Schedule to suit the conditions.
11. **Courses:**
The course(s) will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
12. **Equipment and sail numbers:**
All boats shall have a painter at least 3 metres in length, made fast to the bow.
Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of her mainsail in accordance with her Class rules, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form.
- 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 that race. **Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat's disqualification.** This changes RRS 63.1.
13. **Results:**
The RTIR race results will be the results for the race sailed around Ireland's Eye. In the event of conditions preventing a Class (or Classes) racing around the Island, the results shall be based on the results of the last race of the day, even if that race is the only one on the day.
- Class results shall be provided for each ILCA rig size (4, 6 and 7) and for other Classes where there are more than three boats with the particular rig size registered to race on the day.
- Results for the PY handicap class shall be based on the latest handicap numbers published by the RYA or, where a Class does not have a published PY number, as otherwise sourced by the OA.
14. **Scoring and Prizes:**
Scoring shall be as per Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A4, low points system. No discards will be allowed.
- The Prizegiving Lunch will take place in Howth Yacht Club on Saturday, 9th March 2024 at approximately 1330.
- The Skehan Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the ILCA 7 Class. A prize will be awarded to the winner of each Class with three or more boats competing and further prizes may be awarded.
15. **Competitor Responsibilities:**
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'.
- 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 wind chill, water temperature and weather conditions can quickly induce fatigue and or hypothermia.
- 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 document and its recommendations.
- Each participating boat must be insured with adequate, valid, third-party cover that must be inclusive of a racing risks extension.
16. **Temporary Membership:**
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.
- Boats competing in the event, together with their trailers, **MUST** be removed from the premises of Howth YC on the day of the event.