

1720 National Championships 2025

Howth Yacht Club

Aug 21- Aug 23, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY & VENUE

The Organising Authority (OA) for the event, by permission of the 1720 Sportsboat Class Association, shall be Howth Yacht Club. The 1720 Sportsboat National Championships will be hosted by Howth Yacht Club.

2. RACING RULES

Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).

- a) The maximum Crew Weight Limit (1720SCR C.1.4) shall be enforced without exception. (450kg).
- b) Boats may be scrutinised at any time during the event. The boat owner or his approved representative will be required to sign a form undertaking to carry required equipment as listed in the 1720 Class Rules.
- c) World Sailing RRS Appendix UF; Umpired Fleet Racing will apply

3. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a) Entry is open to boats that comply with the 1720 One Design Class Rules.
- b) Only boats for which the 2025 Class Fee has been paid shall be eligible to compete.

5. FEES

- a) Entries shall be made online at www.HYC.ie before midnight on August 1st
- b) The discounted entry fee (paid by July 14th midnight) is €320
- c) If paid after July 14th , the entry fee is €350, subject to payment prior to midnight on August 1st.
- d) After August 1st, late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be €400
- e) Crane fee for lifts (includes both into and out of the water) is €50, which shall be payable on site (or by phone) when the lift in is being booked. Owners are required to book the time of the lift-in with the HYC marina staff at least 24 hours prior to the preferred lift-in time.

6. REGISTRATION

- a) Registration will take place in the Junior Room, on the ground floor at Howth YC.

Registration Times:

Wednesday, Aug 20th: 14:00 – 20:00

Thursday, Aug 21st: 08:00 – 09:00

- b) Crew Weigh-ins will take place during registration. Please arrive to weigh in as a full crew .
- c) To comply with registration requirements, competitors must ensure the following:
 - i. An entry form has been completed and submitted, and the entry fee is fully paid.
 - ii. All requested equipment checks and weigh-ins have been complied with and passed.
 - iii. 1720 Class Association Fees have been paid.
- d) Boats that fail to complete their Registration shall be scored DSQ, without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5 (b)

7. SCHEDULE

It is proposed to sail a maximum of 9 races and the proposed schedule of races is:

Thur, Aug 21 st :	max 4 races	1 st warning signal 11:25
Fri, Aug 22 nd :	max 4 races	1 st warning signal 10:55
Sat, Aug 23 rd :	max 4 races	1 st warning signal 10:55

The Race Committee may amend the above schedule, should weather conditions require.

No race will be started after 15:00 on Saturday, except following postponements, general recalls and abandonments of a race where the Warning Signal was made before 15:00.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published by Tuesday 19th August 2025

9. RACE AREA

Racing will take place in the waters to the north and east of Howth Harbour.

10. SCORING

- a) A minimum of three races will constitute a series.
- b) If five or more races are sailed there will be one discard applied,

11. COURSES

Courses will be Windward/Leeward type.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a) A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- b) However, on a windward/leeward course, if Mark 1a (windward spreader mark) is set, a boat shall take a penalty for an incident that occurred in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a.

13. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without written permission from the Race Committee.

14. BERTHING & CRANAGE

- a) Berthing and trailer storage is provided for the duration of the event for all competing boats and the cost is included in the entry fee. When berthed, boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the marina.
- b) Competitors are requested to bring lines and fenders suitable for stacked marina berthing.
- c) Further details on these arrangements will be provided on arrival.

15. PRIZES

- a) Overall prizes:
The 1720 Event Championship Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best overall series score.
Additional prizes will be awarded – places/ silver fleet/etc as appropriate
Perpetual trophies remain the property of the 1720 Class Association.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. 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.'

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.

17.INSURANCE

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

18.MEDIA WAIVER

Competitors give their consent to Howth Yacht Club, its sponsors and the organising authority and to the 1720 Class Association to use their name, comments, photographs and likeness in order to promote the Regatta, the Club and / or the Class.

19.SUPPORT BOATS

Restrictions will be placed on the movements of such boats in and around the race area from the Warning Signals to the finish of the races.

20.FURTHER INFORMATION

Available on www.HYC.ie as it becomes available.