



LAMBAY RACES 2026

Organised by Howth Yacht Club CLG.

Saturday 30th May 2026

Notice of Race

- 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.

1. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of Irish Sailing (IS),
- 1.2. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 1.3. Eligible boats are those in the Classes which comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements.
- 1.4. IRC Rule 22.4, "Crew Limitation", shall not apply. There shall be no limitations on the number of crew or crew weight.
- 1.5. The exemption for boats less than 6 metres shall not apply. This changes RRS 60.2(a) (1).
- 1.6. [NP] Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of its mainsail and on its spinnaker, if used, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on <https://hyc.ie/open-events> before 26th May 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The SI will specify the location of the official notice board.
- 3.2. [NP] [DP] It is a safety requirement that all boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio and be competent in its use.
- 3.3. The Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1. The Event is open to the following classes

| | Class | Class Flag | IRC | HPH | Scratch | ORC |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----|-----|---------|---------|
| Offshore Committee Boat | Cruiser with Spinnaker | Per Sl | X | X | | Ref 4.2 |
| | Cruiser without Spinnaker | Per Sl | X | X | | Ref 4.2 |
| Inshore Committee Boat | Sports Boats | J | | X | | X |
| | Pupeteer 22 | A | | X | X | |
| | Howth 17 Footer | C | | X | X | |
| | Squib | K | | X | X | |
| | Ruffian 23 | Q | | X | X | |
| | E-Boat | E | | X | X | |

4.2. Howth Yacht Club is carrying out a trial of the ORC handicap. The Results team will focus on HPH and IRC as the standard priority, with ORC being produced as soon as is practically possible thereafter, which may not be the same day. Any cruiser, with or without spinnakers, with an ORC cert is invited to participate, with a minimum of 3 boats in each class being the requirement for results to be calculated. Prizes will not be awarded for ORC cruiser classes.

Any entrant wishing to have results prepared under ORC should forward their ORC certificates to results@hyc.ie by Friday 22nd May.

4.3. Within the Class 3 fleet, trophies will be awarded to each of the J24 and Sigma 33 boats to first complete the course, i.e. the lowest uncorrected time, provided that at least two of that respective boat type had started the race.

4.4. Eligible boats may enter the Event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>

4.5. For a boat's entry to be considered as valid for the event, all registration requirements shall have been completed and all entry fees paid.

4.6. Entrants IRC TCC shall be that listed on the Irish Sailing website at link <https://www.sailing.ie/Racing/Racing-Services/Echo-IRC-Ratings>



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4.7. The following handicap data shall be used in this event:

Classes 0 , 1, 2, 3 & Non-Spinnaker

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HPH | Howth Performance Handicap – Howth YC system of progressive performance handicap. For non-Howth YC boats, a HPH rating shall be determined based on the ECHO system. |
| IRC | Current Irish Sailing IRC list with the current certificate valid until 30 th May 2026 or later. |
| ORC | Current ORC certificate valid until 30 th May 2026 or later. |
| <u>One Design</u> | Current handicap as notified by the Class Captain and/or by the HYC Sailing Committee. |

4.8. For the Cruiser Classes, both with and without spinnakers, the OA will assign boats to classes based on their IRC ratings and the number of entrants.

4.9. The OA reserves the right to allocate any boat to any class and amalgamate classes.

4.10. Class allocations and splits will be advised by 9:00am on Wednesday 27th May 2026.

5. **FEES**

5.1.

| Class | Entry Fee (Up to Sun. 3rd May) | Entry Fee (From Mon. 4th May) |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Lambay Races 30th May 2026 | | |
| Cruisers | €75.00 | €90.00 |
| Sports Boats / One Designs | €50.00 | €65.00 |

5.2. The last date for entry is Friday 22nd May 2026.

6. **NOT USED**

7. **ADVERTISING**

7.1. Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under World Sailing Regulation 20

8. **NOT USED**



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9. SCHEDULE

| Date | Race Course | 1 st Warning Signal | Time Limit |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Inshore Committee Boat. One Designs and Sportsboats | Single race around Lambay Island. | 10:55 | 17:30 provided one boat has finished in that class. Otherwise 17:00 |
| Offshore Committee Boat. Cruiser Classes | Single race around Lambay Island. | 11:55 | 17:30 provided one boat has finished in that class. Otherwise 17:00 |

9.1. If, due to unsuitable weather, it is not possible to run the Lambay Races on Saturday 30th May it is the intention of the Race Committee to run the Lambay Races on Sunday 31st May 2026. The times of the Warning Signal for Saturday 30th May will be applicable.

9.2. Tides on the day for Howth will be:-

| Time | Height |
|-------|--------|
| 05:22 | 1.05m |
| 12:02 | 3.68m. |
| 17:39 | 0.99m |

10. NOT USED

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

12.1. Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth. Starts may be up to three miles North of Howth Harbour.

13. COURSES

13.1. Courses will start to the North and West of Ireland's Eye, proceed North to round Lambay Island, either port or starboard, returning to a finish near Ireland's Eye. The



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courses may also include rounding of Howth Yacht Club racing marks as specified in the course as displayed by the Race Committee on the day.
Further details of the courses will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

14. NOT USED

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply

16. NOT USED

17. NOT USED

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. Berthing will be available, free of charge, on the Howth Yacht Club Marina or swinging moorings for the duration of the Event. Competitors requiring marina accommodation, which is limited, should complete the relevant section on the Entry Form.
- 18.2. Competitors are requested to bring lines and fenders suitable for stacked marina berthing.

19. NOT USED

20. NOT USED

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. 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 OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the event free of charge.



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22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. 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.'
- 22.2. 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:
 - 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.

23. INSURANCE

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

24.1. Prizes will be presented after racing on Saturday and Sunday and will be awarded on the basis of the number of starters as follows:

2 boats = 1st Winner

6 boats = 2nd Place

10 boats or more = 3rd Place

| Date | Race Course | Prizes |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 30 th May | The Lambay Races | Winner and places for cruisers (IRC and HPH) Winner and places for one designs and sports boats (Scratch and HPH) |

24.2. The following trophies will be awarded, subject to sufficient entries for each prize:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lambay Lady | Special Award (see 24.3) |
| Mercedes Benz IRC | Class 0 IRC |
| Mercedes Benz ECHO | Class 0 HPH |
| Juno Cup | Class 1 IRC |
| Longyearbyn Trophy | Class 1 IRC (Best HYC Boat) |
| Boyd Cup No. 2 | Class 1 HPH |
| Heineken Trophy | Class 2 IRC |
| Ernest Tweedy Cup | Class 2 HPH |
| Peninsula Trophy | Class 3 IRC |
| Lambay Trophy | Class 3 HPH |
| Fitzpatrick Salver | Non-Spinnaker A IRC |
| The Summit Inn Trophy | Non-Spinnaker A HPH |
| McAllister Trophy | Non-Spinnaker B IRC |
| Bamford Trophy | Non-Spinnaker B HPH |
| Teeling Trophy | Puppeter 22 Scratch |
| John Pearson Cup | Puppeter 22 Handicap |
| Boyd Cup No. 4 | 17 Footer Scratch |
| Sutton Cup | 17 Footer Handicap |
| Horst Cup | Squib Scratch |
| Findlater Cup | Squib Handicap |
| Ruffian Trophy | Ruffian 23 Scratch |
| IECA Trophy | E-Boat Scratch |



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| Knights Trophy | J24 Scratch |
| Whelan Cup | Sigma 33 Scratch |

- 24.3. The Lambay Lady, which is perpetual, will be awarded to the boat that the OA determines to be the best performing boat on the day, based on time difference to the second placed boat for fleets with at least five starters, either on scratch, IRC or for sports boats only on ORC.
- 24.4. A boat in a one design class which wins either a scratch prize or a trophy will not be eligible for a handicap prize or trophy in that same race.
- 24.5. A boat which wins either an IRC (ORC for sports boats) prize or a trophy will not be eligible for an HPH prize or trophy in that same races.
- 24.6. J24 and Sigma 33 will race as part of their respective cruiser class and not have individual class starts.

25. OTHER INFORMATION

25.1. MEMBERSHIP

- 25.1.0 Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club for the weekend of Friday 29th May to Sunday 31st May 2026, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

25.2. FACILITIES

- 25.2.1 All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club during the event. There will be a mix of entertainment with food available immediately after racing and dinner in the evening with live music.
- 25.2.2 Excellent cuisine may be enjoyed in a superb setting in Howth Yacht Club's dining room. Booking is essential, phone 01 – 832 2141
- 25.2.3 The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These regulations are rigidly enforced by the Harbour Authority and may result in a fine of €150.