

Howth Yacht Club

eSailing Lockdown League 2020

Organised by Howth Yacht Club
14th April 2020



Notice of Race

1. How to Participate

Follow these instructions to get setup. <https://hyc.ie/hyc-e-sailing-spring-lockdown-challenge>
Primary communication will be via WhatsApp group. You should join this group [here](#)

2. Entry is required

Please enter into the series via the event link [here](#) or by going to Open Events page on www.hyc.ie

3. Schedule of Races

We are limited to 20 boats in each race so to manage numbers we require you to enter into the league prior to racing on the night. Based on the entry we will split into two or more leagues run in parallel on Tuesday and Thursdays each week from 7:30pm.

Name	Code	Days	Time	Host
League 1:	Will be shared via whastapp	Tues & Thurs	19:30	Teddy
League 2:	Will be shared via whastapp	Tues & Thurs	20:00	Ryan
League 3:	Will be shared via whastapp	Tues & Thurs	20:30	Emmet

Starting on 14th April HYC will run a 6 race series each week. The first series will run on 14th & 16th April. 3 races will run on Tuesday and 3 races on Thursday at 8pm. The series will have 1 discard.

Next series will start on 21st April and will run on Tuesday and Thursday and it will continue in this format until informed otherwise.

The schedule for League 1 start is 19:30. Host will open a minimum of 3 minutes before a race start and share access code. You will need to join the race within 4mins of the code being shared.
**Communication for race start will be via [WhatsApp group](#).*

4. Access Codes

Access codes will be shared for each League 4mins prior to going into race sequence. So the code will be shared and you need to join within 4mins.

Different access codes will be used for different leagues.

If you enter into the league to which you were not assigned you will be forced to drink your first pint back in HYC bar from your shoe. The leagues are created to have an even balance of boats in each.

5. League Format

Post the first series, the bottom 2 boats from League 1 will be moved into League 2 and the top 2 boats in League 2 will be promoted into League 1. Same format if more than 2 Leagues.

All newcomers to HYC eSailing from 21st April onwards will be required to start their first series in League 2 unless otherwise agreed by race committee. Exceptions will be made based on overall eSailing rankings. Bribes will be considered to ensure speedy ascension through the leagues.

6. **Boats & Perks**

Will be decide on the night and can be a mix of any of the options available. (Day boat racer, Offshore racer, 49er, Star, F50, etc).

The use of eSailing perks in the game is permitted. These include VMG, Laylines, Wind Shadow, Time to Line, etc.

7. **Results**

Results will be posted on WhatsApp group at the end of each nights racing. Discard will come into effect once 6 races are completed.

It can be unfortunate that sometimes you get dropped from the race through no fault of your own (Connectivity issues with Wi-Fi, eSailing servers might be struggling with capacity, etc). Hence we are giving a discard.

8. **Prizes**

There will be a prize for 1st Place in League 1, 2 & 3 each week. Once you have received a prize you will not be able to claim another prize for 3 weeks (Limits you to a bottle of rum a month...). The next skipper will receive it. Ie: If "Irelands Eye" won the 1st series they will receive a prize but if they win the 2nd series the price will go to runner up.

League 1, 2 & 3: (Each week)
1st Place - Bottle of rum

Overall results for each League will be calculated and prize giving held in HYC when restrictions are lifted. I believe we have 3 bottles of champagne donated for this.

Fun pic of prize collection is required for media purposes. This can be someone in isolation with you presenting the prize to you or be more creative and take a pic with prize on walk home from collection point.

Potential Spot prizes for

- Clear Port Tack Start
- Wall of shame for top number of penalties

Given the circumstances with Covid-19, weekly prizes can be collected from location in Sutton or alternatively presented at the end of league prize giving once restrictions are lifted.

9. **Rules**

The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Virtual Racing Rules of Sailing (VRRS) found [here](#).

10. **The Start & Course**

The starting procedure and course will be in accordance with eSailing. Course is shown upon entry into the race.

11. **Protests**

Any grievances will be resolved by pint downing race in HYC bar once restrictions are lifted. Dates and times to be arranged

12. **Scoring System**

The scoring system will be as per the low Point Scoring System as follows:

1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 3 points, etc., but points for those falling into the following categories shall be awarded as stated:

DNC scores points equal to the number of entries in series plus 1 (ie: 21points if we have 20 boats)

DNS/DNF/RET/RAF/DSQ scores points equal to the number of starters of that race plus 1

13. **Eligibility**

Both members and non-members can enter the series. We may put restrictions in place if we have very large volumes of entries.

14 **Personal data**

VR racing and WhatsApp host the two platforms being used. HYC takes no responsibility for personal data. Results will be posted on HYC media channels.

15. **Useful Info**

You can use mobile, tablet, laptop, desktop etc to play. Please ensure devices are charged as you may get dropped from a race if battery goes below 20%

16. **Hydration**

This is an elite physical sport and it can get hot out there so make sure you have your tittle to hand.. Line up a few beers, gins, wine, rum or whatever your weapon of choice is and enjoy. This is the real reason we go sailing and now you can enjoy in the comfort of your living room

17. **Social**

Whatsapp activity is encouraged.

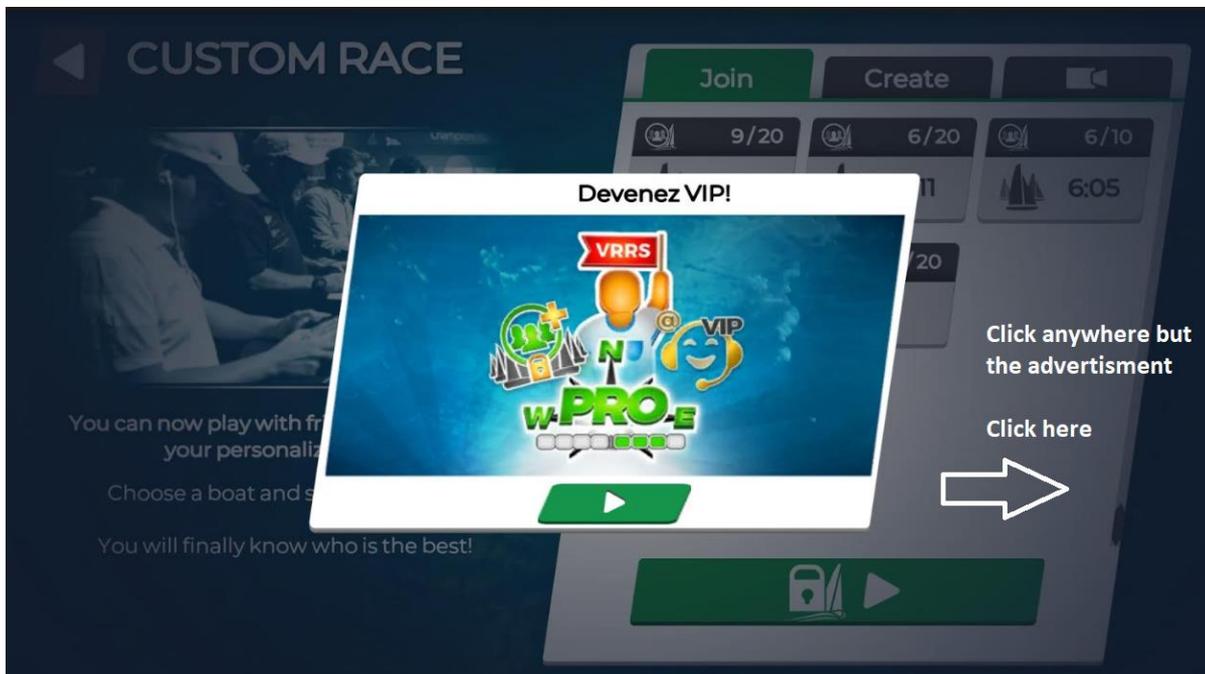
Zoom call may be used for social catch up for each League. Not compulsory to join but very welcome. If you wish to join Zoom call you will need multiple devices. One to run the racing and another to hold the call. Meeting invite will be shared in whatsapp.

18. **How to Enter into Race**

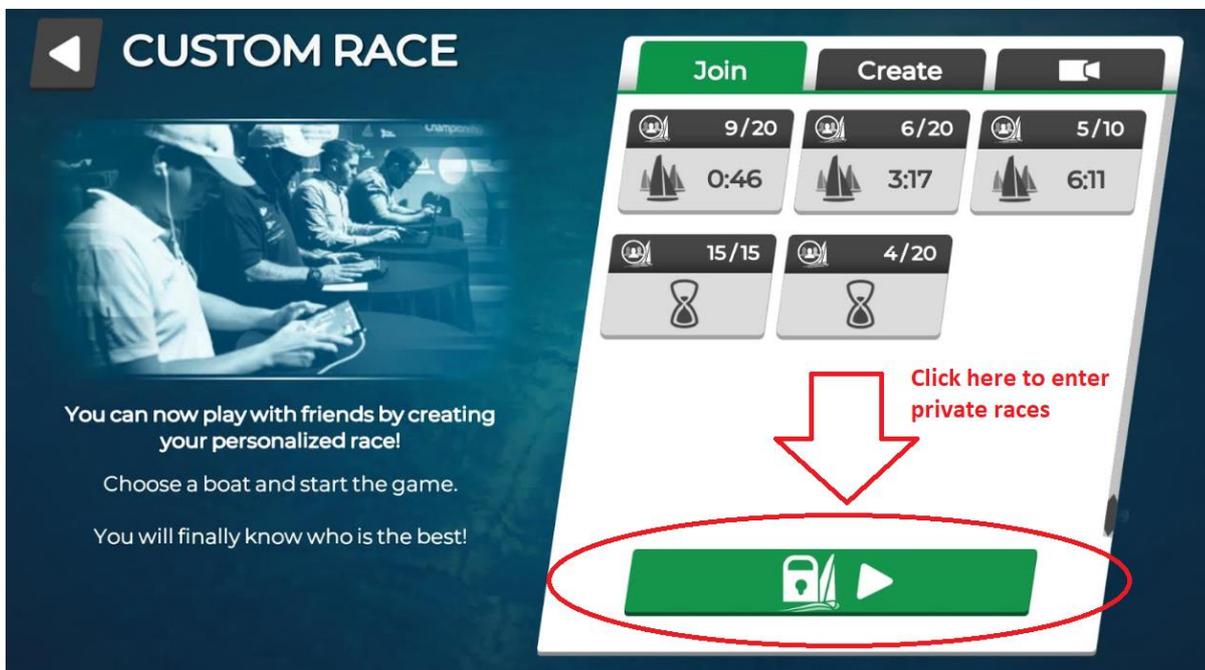
How to enter HYC races. Please join on Tuesday and Thursdays



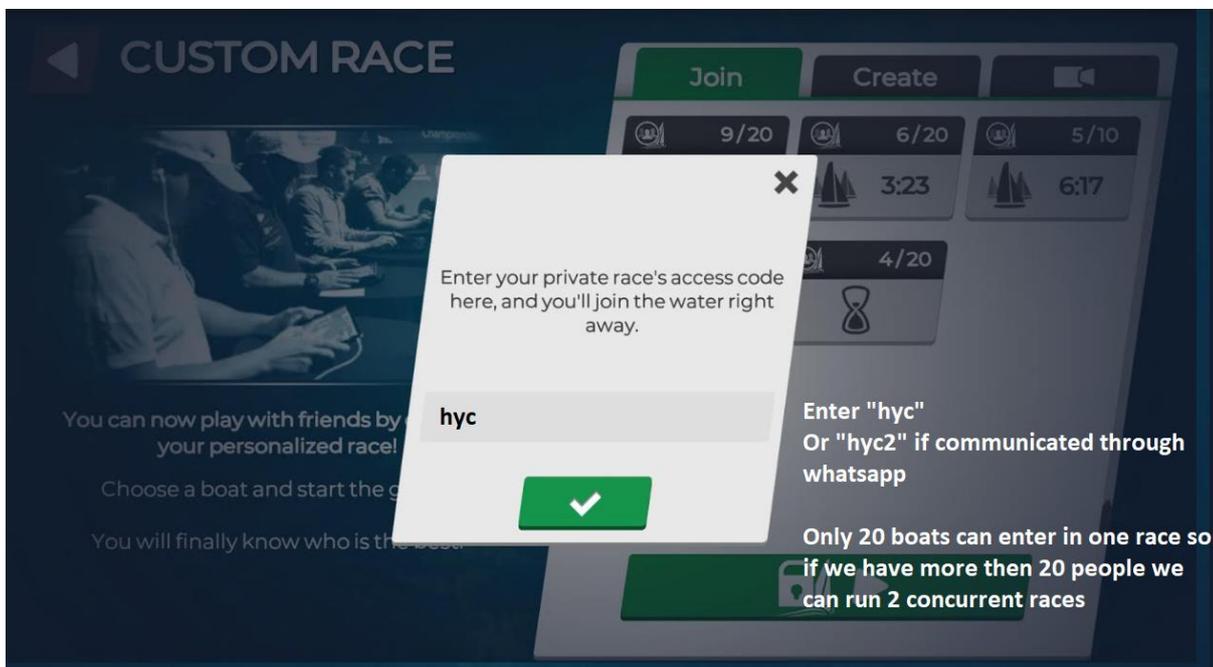
- Select “Custom” from main screen



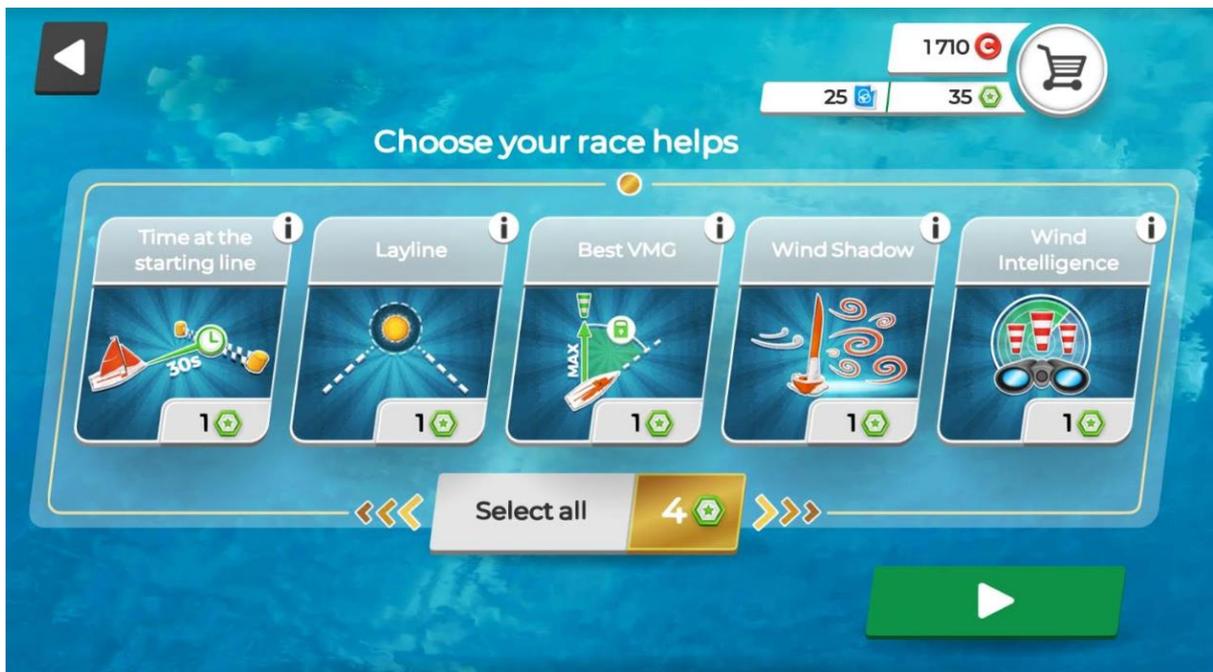
- You will get an advertisement to upgrade to VIP. Please click to the side of this image



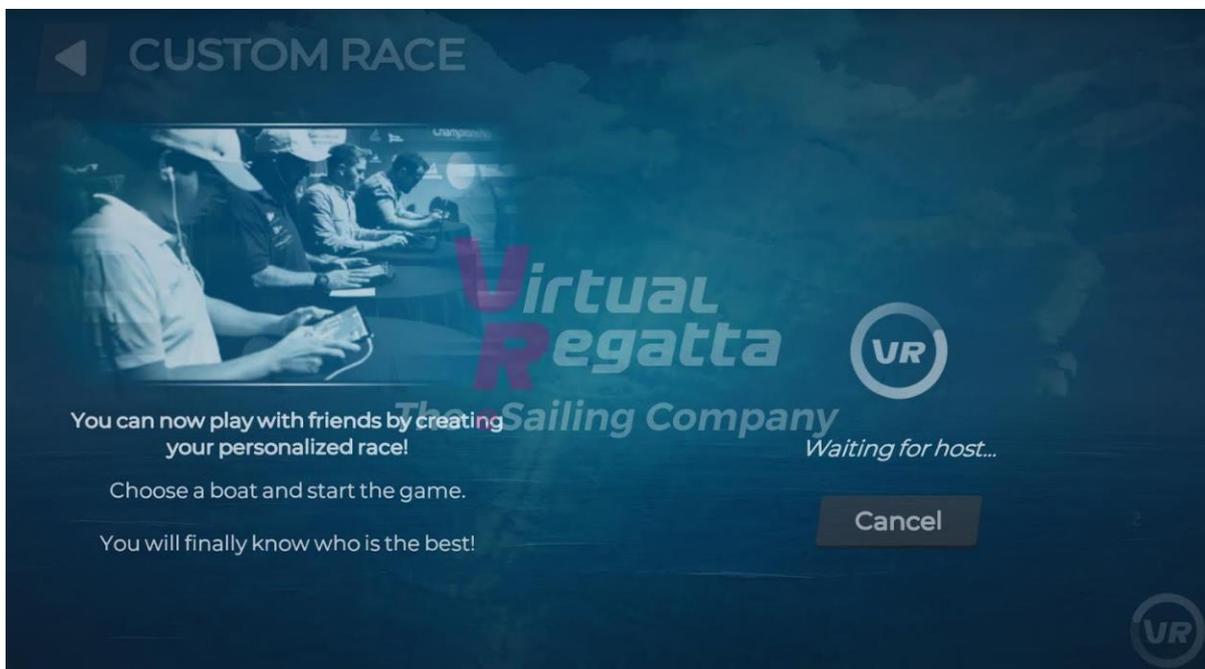
- To enter the HYC private races please select the Green private race button



- Please enter private access code and click the Green box. Private access code will be shared 4mins prior to race sequence and you will need to join the race in this window.
If it states the code doesn't exist, it meant I haven't joined yet to host the race. Try again and check WhatsApp communication.

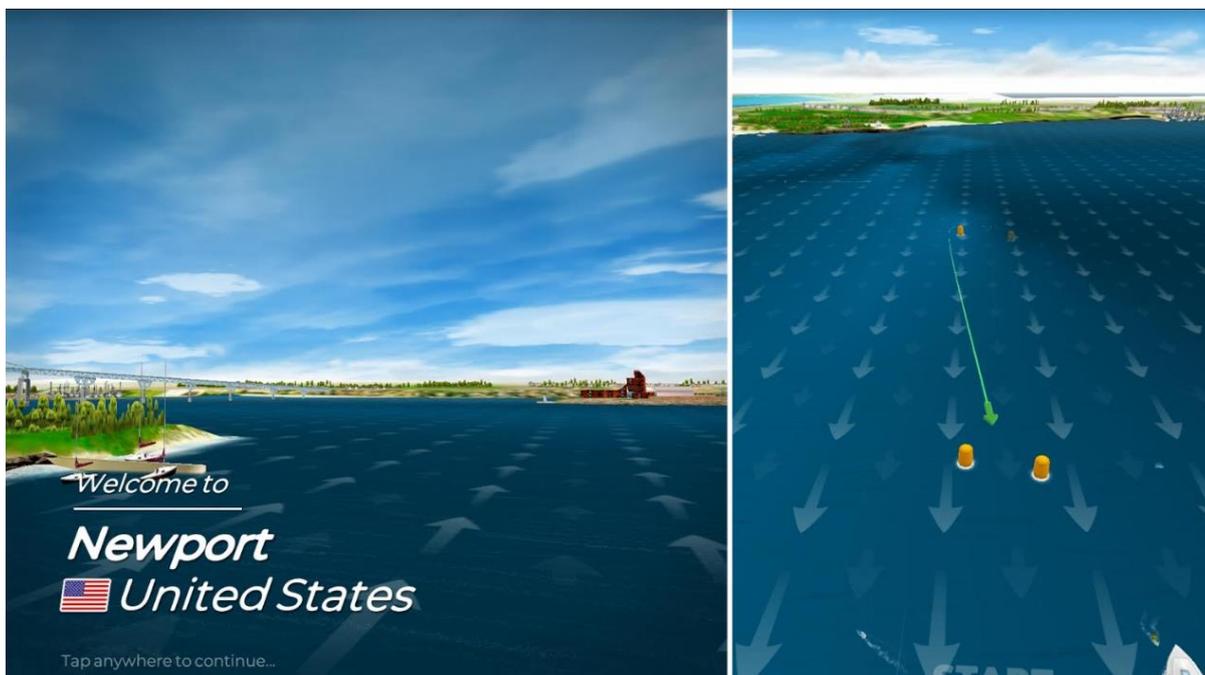


- You then get the option of the following perks. You don't need them but it does give you an advantage. To obtain these perks you need to have Green coins to purchase these. You may have some coins in sign up or winning races but you can buy them also by clicking your basket in top right. I would highly recommend **"Best VMG"** and **"Layline"**

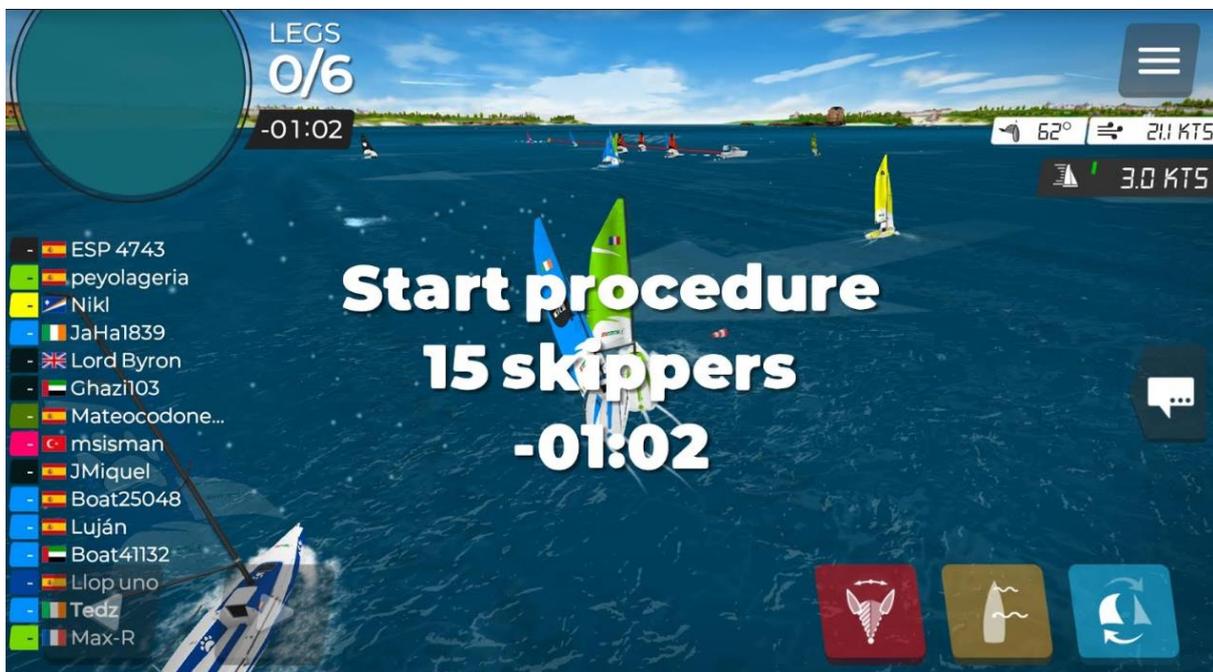


- You will then get a screen to say “Waiting for host” and you will be joined into the game

If it fails to join it may mean the max of 20 boats have been reached or the VR Servers are having difficulty coping with large volume of people playing. Please try again and stay on WhatsApp communication



- You will be shown the course. Worth watching 😊



- Once in we will wait till everyone else joins. This is your time to check out the start and which side of the line is bias. Once everyone is in, the host will start the start sequence.
- Once you hear the first gun you have 1min 15secs till the start. And you will see the timer on the top left.
- All rules come into play at 1min gun
- Good luck and enjoy the racing.
- We intend to start the next race closely after the first race finished. Please keep eye on WhatsApp.
- 3 races will be run