

Howth Yacht Club

eSailing 2021

Organised by Howth Yacht Club
21st Jan – 11th Feb 2021



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 by going to Open Events page on www.hyc.ie
The cost of entry is €5 for members and €10 for non-members
If unable to afford to pay please contact organisers and we can still get you racing

3. Schedule of Races

We are limited to 20 boats in each race, so to manage numbers, we require you to enter online. If there are more than 20 entries, we will look at hosting 2 leagues

Name	Code	Days	Time	Host
League 1:	Will be shared via WhatsApp	Thursdays	20:30	Teddy/Emmet

*Please keep an eye on WhatsApp in case of any start time changes

Starting on 21st Jan HYC will run a 16-race series over 4 weeks on each Weds night. 4 races will be held on each night. For each multiple of 4 races completed, one discard will be applied.

4. Access Codes

The host will open the race and share the access code on WhatsApp 4 mins prior to going into race sequence. (So, the code will be shared and you need to join within 4mins)

**Communication for race start will be via [WhatsApp group](#).*

Different access codes will be used for different leagues, if required.

If you enter 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

If there is more than one league, 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.

If there is more than one league, all newcomers to HYC eSailing 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 decided 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 night's racing.

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 discards.

8. Prizes

There will be prizes and the intention is that the prizes are distributed across the whole fleet. i.e. Prize for 1st but also spot prizes. Once you have received a prize you will not be able to claim another prize.

Prizes are yet to be decided.

Spot prizes are in the mix too.

Given the circumstances with COVID-19, we will let prize winners know how to claim their hauls.

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 a 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.

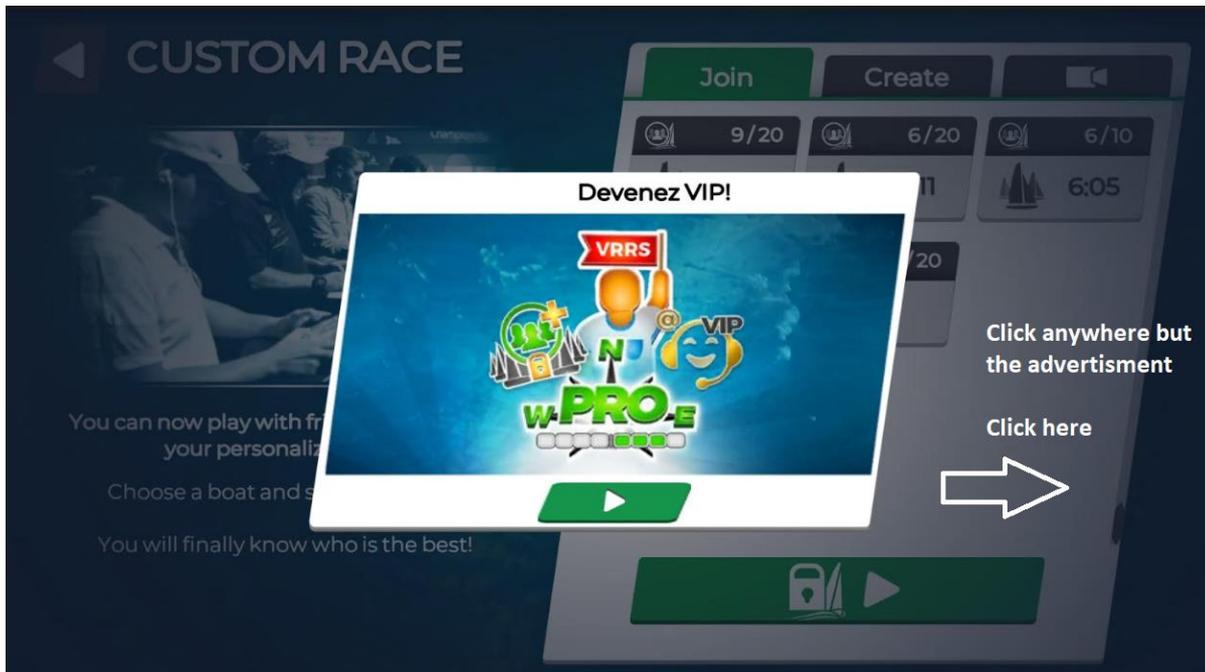
Zoom call may be used for social catch up for each League. Not compulsory to join but very welcome. If you wish to join Zoom call you will need multiple devices. One to run the racing and another to hold the call. Meeting invite will be shared in WhatsApp.

18. **How to Enter into Race**

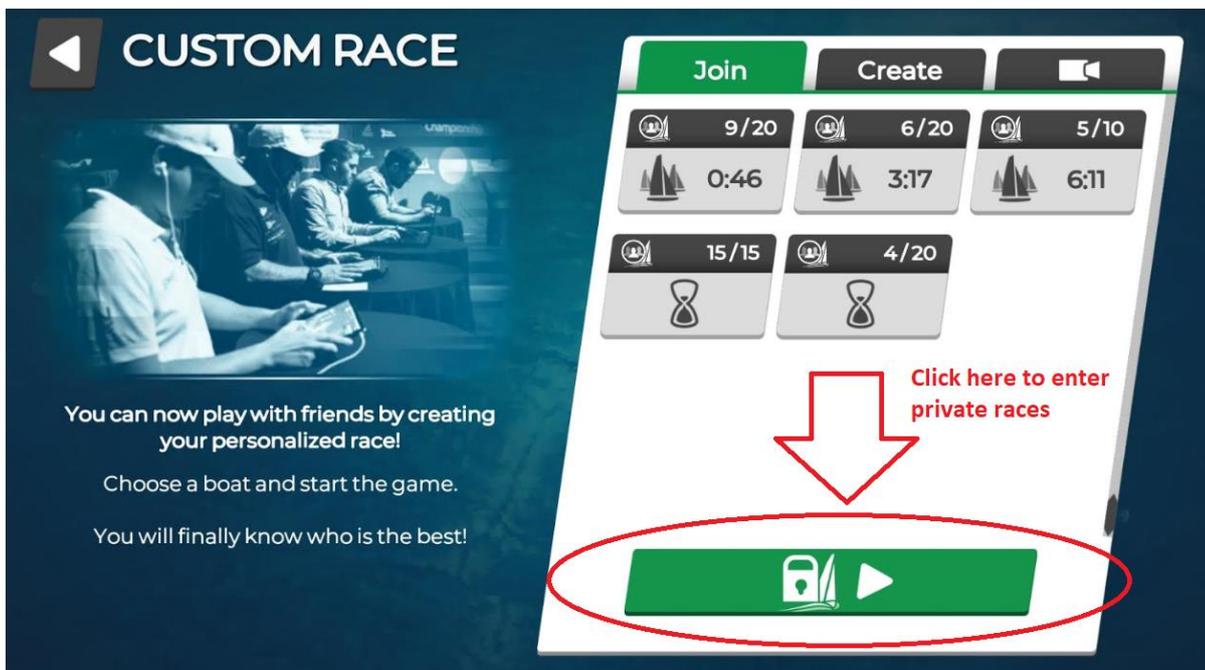
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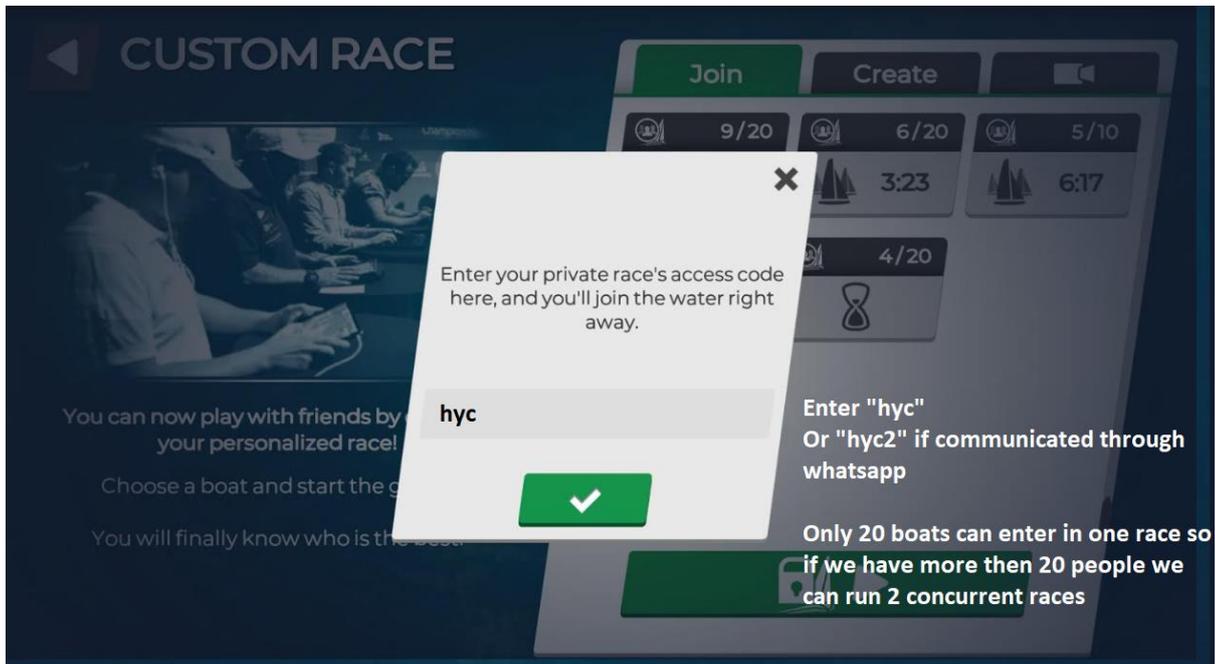
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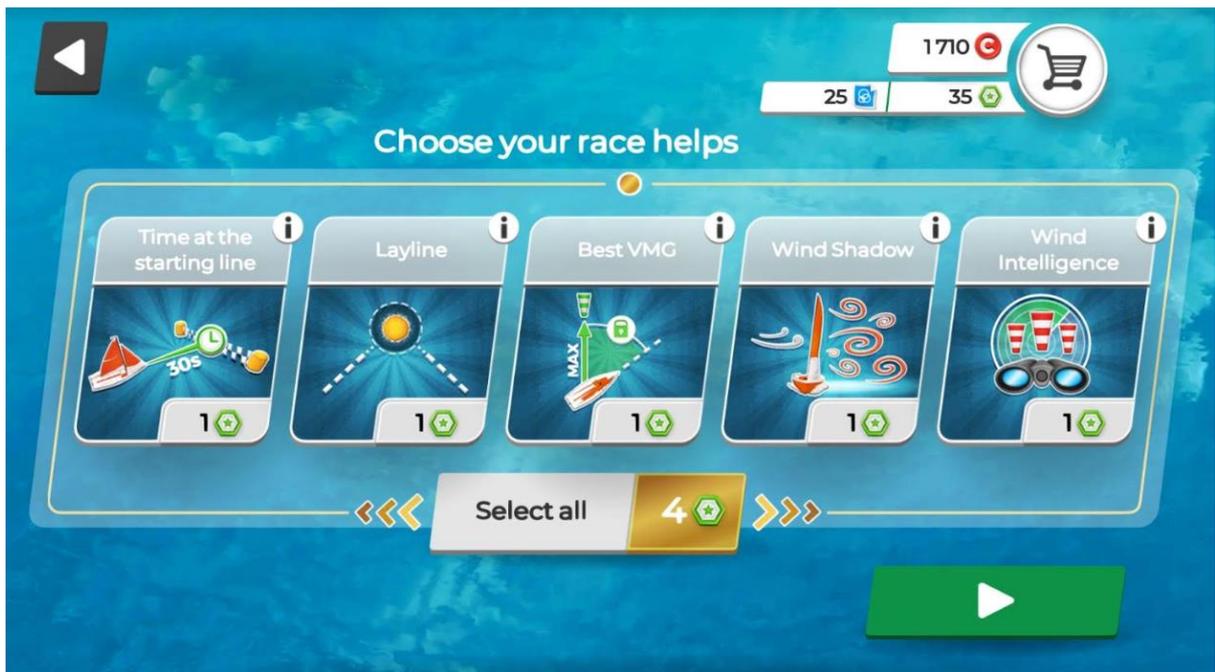
- You will get an advertisement to upgrade to VIP. Please click to the side of this image



- 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.

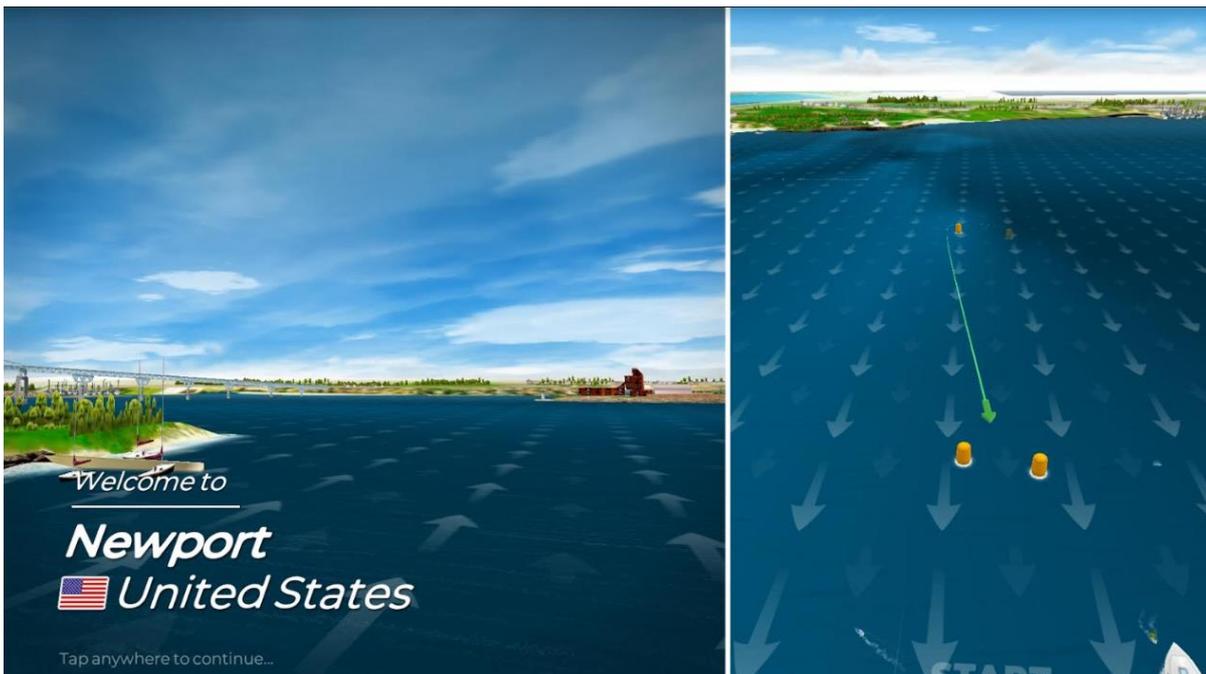


- You then get the option of the following perks. You don't need them but it does give you an advantage. To obtain these perks you need to have Green coins to purchase these. You may have some coins in sign up or winning races but you can buy them also by clicking your basket in top right. I would highly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

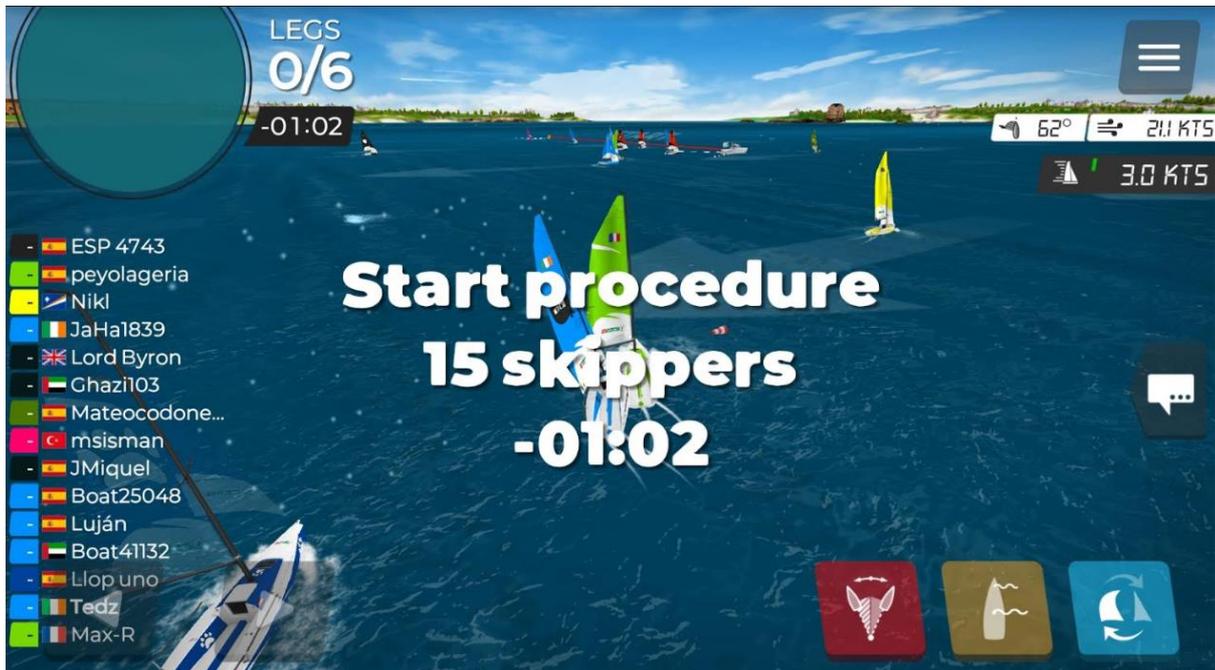


- You will then get a screen to say “Waiting for host” and you will be joined into the game

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.