

**Howth Yacht Club**  
**Open ILCA/ RS Aero/PY**  
**Frostbite Series**  
**2022 / 2023**

**Notice of Race**

**1. Organising Authority (OA)**

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- 1.2. Enquiries should be addressed to: Howth Yacht Club CLG Telephone: +353 1 8322141. E-mail: office@hyc.ie

**2. Rules & Eligibility**

- 2.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the rules of the ILCA Class Association, RS Aero & respective PY Classes, the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2. Replica ILCA sails or spars may be permitted provided their measurements fall within ILCA Class limits.
- 2.3. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 2.4. Boats will not be included in the results until a fully completed entry form, together with the correct fee, has been received.
- 2.5. The event is open to all ages of sailor in all categories of rig. Juniors are defined as those under 19 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

### 3. Schedule of Races

3.1. 32 races are scheduled over two series plus two special race days. Races will be held as follows:

Series	Dates	Race Day	No. Races	Warning Signal
RS Aero 1 ILCA Courtney Cup PY Trophy	6th November 2022 to 18th December 2022	Sunday	14 Races (2 per day)	1045
New Year's Day Race	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	Sunday	1 Race	1155
RS Aero 2 ILCA Rowan Trophy PY Trophy	8th January 2023 to 5th March 2023	Sunday	18 Races (2 per day)	1045
Round the Island Race	11th March 2023	Saturday	2 Races	1055

The races on Saturday 11th March will be followed by a prize-giving lunch (NOT included in entry fee).

The OA reserves the right to adjust the race programme and schedule in exceptional circumstances and undertakes to provide adequate notice to competitors.

### 4. Entries

4.1. Entries may be made online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>

4.2. The entry fees are set out below:

Series	All EXCEPT Juniors	Juniors
Both Series – Single Hander	€180	€115
Winter or Spring Series – Single Hander	€100	€70
Both Series – Double Hander	€250	€165
Winter or Spring Series – Double Hander	€140	€95

### 5. Race Area & Courses

5.1. The race area is the waters to the North and West of Howth Harbour and is extended to the North and East of Ireland's Eye for the Round the Island Race.

- 5.2. Courses will be a mixture of Windward-Leeward, Olympic Courses and Triangles starting from a Committee Vessel.
- 5.3. Courses will be selected by the Race Officer on the day and indicated by displaying on the Committee Vessel either Flag “W” for Windward-Leeward Course or Flag “O” for Olympic Course. In certain wind conditions a “triangles only” course may be set. This will be signalled by displaying Flag “T” on the Committee Vessel.
- 5.4. There will be up to four starts for each race –RS Aero, ILCA 7 Rig, a combined ILCA 5/6 Rig and a PY start. The Race Committee reserves the right to combine the fleets into a single or more starts by displaying all Class flags together. The starting sequence will be shown in the Sailing Instructions. Boats in each fleet will receive a finishing place in their own fleet.

## **6. Registration & Sailing Instructions**

- 6.1. Registration will take place in the Race Office (beside the Marina Office) on Sunday 6th November 2022 from 0900 to 1000.
- 6.2. Sailing instructions will be available online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events> no later than 1700 Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

## **7. Sail Numbers**

- 7.1. Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of her sail, in accordance with Class rules, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form.
- 7.2. 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.

## **8. Dinghy Park**

- 8.1. All competitors must display a trolley tag on their trolley, and a Winter 2022/2023 HYC sticker on the transom, both of which will be provided at registration.
- 8.2. Masts must be stored with the sections separated.
- 8.3. Road trailers are only permitted in the dinghy park during delivery and collection of boats. Any road trailers left in the dinghy park outside of these times will be removed and placed on the pier at the owner’s risk.
- 8.4. All boats (including members’ boats) must be removed from the dinghy park on or before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Any boat not so removed will be placed on the pier at the owner’s risk.

## **9. Trolleys**

- 9.1. **It is a condition of entry and participation that each boat has a serviceable and suitable trolley.** ‘Serviceable’ includes suitable wheels which, for pneumatic types, shall be correctly inflated. Any sailor whose trolley is unserviceable or not suitable for use with its boat shall be excluded from participating in the event until the deficiency is remedied. Owners are responsible for identifying their own trolleys on completion of the series.

9.2. To speed up recovery of boats after sailing, ILCA and RS Aero are requested to take the first available trolley on the slip when coming ashore each day. Sailors shall retrieve their own trolley on the last day of each series.

## **10. Scoring & Prizes**

10.1. Scoring shall be as per Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A4, low points system. However, RRS A5.2 is changed in that RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply for the Series.

10.2 Boats other than ILCA and RS Aero will be scored according to the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system

10.3. Points are accumulated by the helm - not by the boat.

10.4. One discard will be applied for every four races sailed, up to a maximum of four discards per series.

10.5. Prizes will be awarded for each fleet, subject to sufficient entries, at the race organiser's discretion

## **11. Competitor Responsibilities**

11.1. It is the responsibility of each boat owner to decide whether or not he or she should sail, in such conditions as may prevail. Competitors are reminded that they sail entirely at their own risk, and of RRS Fundamental Rule 3 'Decision to Race'.

11.2. 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 the series is a winter event in which wind chill, water temperature and weather conditions can quickly induce fatigue. **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 and its recommendations.

11.3. Each participating boat must be insured with adequate, valid, third party cover, which must be inclusive of a racing risks extension.

## **12. Temporary Membership**

12.1. 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.

## **13. WhatsApp application**

13.1. It shall be a condition of entry that each competitor provides a mobile phone number with their entry, has access to a smartphone connected to the number provided and agrees to download the WhatsApp application and join the Group set up for the Series. Notices to competitors, including information about race cancellations due to adverse weather forecasts, will be broadcast to the Group. Only messages associated with participation in the Series shall be broadcast using the Group facility. Any Group member found to be misusing the Group shall be subject to protest and penalty. Howth YC, its servants and agents take no responsibility for the content of messages that may be broadcast by parties with access to the Group.