



SUMMER DINGHY RACING SERIES 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereto.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on the HYC website before racing.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

The online official notice board is located at <https://hyc.ie/dinghyracing>

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Racing is open to ALL dinghies.

4.2 Classes are defined as follows

- Optimist
- ILCA
- Mixed Handicap

4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/dinghyracing>

4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees

5. FEES

Entry fee is €20.00. All participants must be registered in the HYC Dinghy Park for Summer 2023. It is €90 for an Optimist, €140 for singlehanded dinghy and €140 for doublehanded to have a space until 16th October.

In an effort to streamline the race management and ensure a quick turnaround for back-to-back races, the starting sequence will be divided between three classes, ILCAs, Optimists and Mixed (PY Handicap). Separate finishing times and results will be posted for all classes with more than 3 entries.

6. SCHEDULE

Races will be held on Thursday nights from 4th May 2023 to 31st August 2023. First Warning Signal is 19:00 with subsequent starts at 3 min intervals. Where possible, it is proposed to sail two races per day.

7. VENUE

The Race Area is between Howth Harbour and Ireland's Eye.

8. COURSES

The courses will be Windward – Leeward and Triangle, Committee Boat starts detailed in the Sailing Instructions

9. SCORING

9.1 Scoring shall be as per RRS Appendix A4, low points system. The PY handicap system will be used for the Mixed Class.

9.2 Appendix A5.3 will apply.

9.3 One discard will be applied per four races completed.

10. RISK STATEMENT

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;

11. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid, third-party insurance cover.

12. PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded for each class (with more than 3 entries), on the basis of average turnout as follows:

- 2 boats – 1st
- 5 boats - 2nd
- 8 boats - 3rd

Dinghy classes with less than 3 entries will be included in a Mixed class and a prize will be awarded for Mixed as per the above allocation.

The prize giving will be held after racing on 31st August 2023

13. OTHER INFORMATION

13.1 All Boats competing must display a HYC sticker on the transom. These will be provided upon registration at HYC.

13.2 Single handed Masts must be stored with the sections separated.

13.3 Road trailers are not permitted in the Dinghy Park other than for delivery or collection of boats. It should be noted that any offending trailers will be removed and parked on the pier at the owner's risk.