



FINGAL CRUISER CHALLENGE 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

- The Organising Authority for each race (OA) is set out in NoR 6.
- The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing, this Notice of Race, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI), and any amendments there to.
- 1.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 1.3 RRS 62.1 (a), (b) and (d) are deleted.
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Lambay Races, Gibney Classic and Malahide Regatta will run as separate, independent Events. These events will therefore have their own Notices of Race, Entry Forms and Sailing Instructions and are each entered separately to this series. Their race documents will be made available on the relevant club's website.
- 2.2 Sailing Instructions will be issued for all other Fingal Series races to entrants in the Fingal Series via the Fingal Series WhatsApp group. All entrants will be invited to join this group.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 3.2 It is strongly recommended that all yachts carry a VHF radio. Communication on general matters relating to the racing may be transmitted by the race committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Eligible boats for this series are those in the Classes listed below that comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements for each of the Events listed. Results will be provided for the categories specified.

| Class | IRC | HPH |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Class 1/2/3 with spinnaker | X | X |
| Non-Spinnaker | X | X |

4.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

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

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

4.5 Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3 & Non-Spinnaker boats will race under the relevant IRC Handicap System and/or the HPH Handicap System as specified in each of the Events. Cruisers will be divided into classes as specified for each event as the individual Notices of Race will cover the different break points. For the Fingal Series races any boat that has not entered with a relevant handicap will be allocated a HPH by the Organising Authority.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee is €30.00

6. SCHEDULE

The series will consist of the following Events:

| Date | Race | Organising Authority |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| May 13 th | Fingal Coastal | Howth Yacht Club |
| May 27 th | Asgard Race | Howth Yacht Club |
| June 3 rd | Lambay Races | Howth Yacht Club |
| June 17 th | Kish & Back Challenge | Howth Yacht Club |
| July 15 th | Howth- Rockabill-Coastal | Howth Yacht Club |
| July 22 nd | Malahide Regatta | Malahide Yacht Club |
| August 5 th | Gibney Classic | Howth Yacht Club |
| August 19 th | Dublin Bay Coastal Race | Howth Yacht Club |
| September 2 nd | Fingal Coastal Challenge | Howth Yacht Club |

7. VENUE

7.1 Races will be sailed in the waters North and East of Howth Harbour.

8. COURSES

8.1 Courses will be coastal races with a duration of approximately three to five hours.

8.2 The Lambay Races, Gibney Classic and Malahide Regatta will have their own courses, described in the relevant event SI.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 The races will be judged in accordance with Appendix UF and will be set out in the SI.

10. SCORING

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

10.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

10.3 In the event of grouped Class results in individual races the Series organising committee (SOC) may allocate results to classes as identified in this notice.

10.4 Boats entering after the first race is completed will be awarded a DNS for any races completed prior to their Fingal Series' entry being submitted.

11. DATA PROTECTION

11.1 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 series. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the series free of charge.

12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1 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.'

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, the boat in their charge 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) 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;
- (e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (f) 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;

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid, third-party cover with an appropriate extension for racing risks.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Overall IRC & HPH Prizes will be awarded on the basis of average turnout per Class to the Fingal Cruiser Challenge 2023 as follows: 2 boats = 1st, 4 boats = 2nd, 6 boats or more = 3rd. The final prize giving will take place on a date to be arranged.

14.2 Depending on turnout and prize fund, special prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

14.3 Fingal Cruiser Challenge Trophy Overall:

Awarded by the Organising Authority to the boat with the best attendance and results across all classes.

14.4 Fingal Classics Trophy:

Awarded by the Organising Authority based on attendance and results to a boat deemed to be a Classic by the SOC.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact office@hyc.ie