



GIBNEY CLASSIC

Sunday 17th September 2023



NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG, Middle Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin D13V6E3

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 AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the rules of each class concerned and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.2 It is strongly recommended that all boats carry VHF Radios.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) and course cards will be available online from Wednesday 13th September 2023 at <https://hyc.ie/open-events?utf8=%E2%9C%93&year=2023&commit=Select+Year>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard shall be online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events?utf8=%E2%9C%93&year=2023&commit=Select+Year>
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Eligible boats are those in the Classes list below and that comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements.

Class	IRC	ECHO	Scratch	HPH
Class 1/2	X	X		
Non-Spinnaker Cruiser	X	X		
Class 3 / J80	X	X	X (J80)	
Puppeteer 22			X	X
Howth 17-Footer			X	X
Squib			X	X

- 4.2 The following Handicap Data will be used in this event: -

Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3 & Non Spinnaker: Boats will race under the relevant IRC Handicap System and/or the ECHO Handicap System.

Cruisers will be divided into the following classes:

Class 1 - IRC 0.980 and above;

Class 2 - IRC 0.919 to 0.979;

Class 3 - IRC 0.919 and below

- 4.3 There will be no crew limitations under IRC.

- 4.4 For ECHO Handicap, any change in the normal helm shall be notified to the Race Office results@hyc.ie in a timely fashion. Failure to fulfil this requirement will render a boat liable to a penalty.

- 4.5 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA

4.6 Boats may compete by entering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events?utf8=%E2%9C%93&year=2023&commit=Select+Year>

4.7 Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non-Spinnaker Cruisers shall fly the relevant class numeral pennant from the backstay. Any boat not doing so shall be disqualified.

5. FEES

The entry fee is €10.00

6. Not used

7. Not used

8. Not used

9. SCHEDULE

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Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal
Class 1/2	No. 1 and No. 2	10.55
Non Spinnaker Cruiser	No.4	11.00
Class 3 / J80	No. 3	11.05
Pupeteer 22	A	11.10
Howth 17 Footer	C	11.15
Squib	K	11.20

10. Not used

11. Not used

12. VENUE

The race areas will be to the North of Ireland's Eye

13. COURSES

13.1 The courses will be described in the SI.

13.2 The marks to be used will be fixed Howth Yacht Club marks and laid marks and will be described in the SI.

14. Not used

15. SCORING

Scoring will be per RRS Appendix A

16. Not used

17. Not used

18. BERTHING

18.1 **Malahide Marina**, Sunday 17th September 2023

Subject to availability, a limited number of Malahide Marina berths will be offered free of charge to visiting competitors during their attendance at Gibneys for the Prizegiving on Sunday 17th September 2023. Sailing boats that wish to overnight in Malahide Marina are offered a 50% discount subject to giving their details and a minimum of 48 hours prior notice to Malahide Marina. (01 845 4129)

19. Not used

20. Not used

21. Not used

22. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall carry adequate third-party liability insurance in force for the entirety of the regatta.

24. PRIZES

Prizes will be presented in Gibneys, Malahide as soon as practical after racing.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

High tide at Malahide Estuary on Sunday 17th September is 13.46 (4.0m).