



LAMBAY RACES 2026

Organised by Howth Yacht Club CLG.

Saturday 30th May 2026

Sailing Instructions

Section A

RACE OFFICERS

Fleet 1: Committee Vessel: North Star. Race Officer: David Lovegrove IRO
Fleet 2: Committee Vessel: Sea Wych. Race Officer: Derek Bothwell NRO

TIDAL INFORMATION

Tides on the day for Howth will be:-

Time	Height
05:22	1.05m
12:02	3.68m
17:39	0.99m



A General Instructions

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG, hereinafter referred to as the 'Club'.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty imposed by the Protest Committee for a breach of that rule will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee, as per RRS 64.

A1 - Special Notices

A1.1 - If, due to unsuitable weather, it is not possible to run the Lambay Races on Saturday 30 May, it is the intention of the Race Committee to run the Races on Sunday 31 May. The times of the Warning Signals for Saturday 30 May and all other Sailing Instructions shall be applicable for racing on Sunday.

A1.2 - In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Race Officers may select a course that does not round Lambay.

A2 - Rules

The races shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.

Competitors in races for One Design classes shall comply with their relevant Class Rules.

Competitors in IRC, ORC and HPH handicap classes shall comply with the rules of those handicapping systems. In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

A3 - Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the archway beside the Marina Office and may be communicated through the Event WhatsApp Group.

A4 - Change of Sailing Instructions

Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 1000 on Saturday 30 May. If it is decided to postpone the Races until Sunday 31 May, this will be indicated no later than 1200 on Saturday 30 May. Flag L displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge denotes that a change of Sailing Instructions has been made.

A5 - Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge.

When flag AP is displayed ashore "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP. This changes RRS "Race Signals".



A6 - Protests

Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged through the Online Protest Portal

Refer to the Appendix 2 for the full set of QR codes, which will be posted on the official noticeboard.

The Protest Time Limit is 90 minutes from the time of finish of the last boat in each of the fleets as appropriate. This time limit shall be extended to two hours in the event of the race being finished at either the Taylor Rock Buoy or the Burren Perch at Lambay Island. These times will be posted on the Online Protest Portal.

Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted before the end of the protest time limit.

The time and place of Protest Hearings will be initially posted on the Online Protest Portal within 15 minutes of the protest time limit. The listing of a boat on this schedule shall constitute informing her of a hearing under RRS 63.2. Parties involved shall present themselves and their witnesses at the time and place indicated on the schedule. On the last day of scheduled racing a request for a reopening of a hearing shall be submitted via the Online Protest Portal, as follows:

- Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day
- No later than 30 minutes if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day
- If no racing has taken place that day, no later than 30 minutes after 'AP over A' is displayed ashore.

To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry via the Online Protest Portal.

[DP] Penalties for a breach of the class rules may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.



A7 - Navigation Marks and Obstructions

The Navigation Marks in and around Howth Sound shall be left as follows –

Mark	Type of Mark	To Be Passed...
South Rowan Buoy	Navigation	West and South
Howth Buoy	Navigation	East and South
Rowan Rocks Buoy	Navigation	East and South
Spit Mark	Club	East



Any part of Ireland's Eye or Lambay Island capable of being touched while racing is designated as an obstruction.



When rounding Lambay Island, boats shall pass outside the Taylor Buoy and Burren Perch and are advised to give both a wide berth.



A8 - Howth Harbour and Howth Sound Right of Way [NP] [DP]

Howth Harbour and the Sound are deemed to be 'confined channels' and trawlers, ships and similar craft constrained in their ability to manoeuvre shall be kept clear of by sailing boats.

Accordingly:

- When entering and leaving the harbour, boats shall pass other vessels PORT-TO-PORT.
- Boats shall not impede trawlers, fishing vessels or other large, powered craft that are constrained in their ability to manoeuvre whilst in Howth Sound, the harbour entrance and the fairways to the trawler dock and the Club marina.

Breach of the above shall be subject to protest.



A9 - Radio Communications

Competitors are advised to keep a listening watch, on the relevant channel for their Committee Vessel, where information relevant to racing may be broadcast. Should this information be broadcast, it shall not constitute outside assistance and shall not be the subject of a protest. Failure to broadcast this information shall not be the basis for any claim for redress.

The Squib Class Rules are changed by this Sailing Instruction to allow the use of VHF radio.

The Race Committees will communicate with their respective fleets via the following VHF channels:

Committee Vessel	Vessel Name	Primary Channel	Alternative Channel
Fleet 1	North Star	77	08
Fleet 2	Sea Wych	69	68

See section B1 - for allocation of classes to fleets.

In the event of a primary channel becoming unserviceable, the relevant Race Committee will broadcast on the designated alternative channel.

[NP] [DP] Competitors who retire from a race shall inform the Race Committee promptly by radio on Channel 77 or 69 as appropriate to the fleet they were assigned to, or the alternative channel if the primary is not in use.

Competitors without radio should inform the Race Office or Club Marina Office on coming ashore.

A10 - Emergency Procedures Afloat

If an incident occurs during the Regatta the following procedure should be followed:
Go to VHF Channel 16 and broadcast the appropriate message from the list below three times:

1. MAYDAY if the boat is in distress
2. PAN PAN if the boat requires outside assistance, including medical assistance
3. In every case, state:
 - The nature of the incident / injury
 - The name and position of the boat

Other issues can be reported to the Committee Vessel for the fleet the boat is competing in, using the designated VHF Channel for the fleet, and the Race Officer advised of the incident.



A11 - The following pennants shall identify the Classes:

Class 0	Numeral 0
Class 1	Numeral 1
Class 2	Numeral 2
Class 3	Numeral 3
Non-Spinnaker 1	Numeral 4
Non-Spinnaker 2	Numeral 5

The same numeral flags will be used by the Race Committee as the Class flag for each Fleet. Boats shall display prominently their Class pennant from their backstay at all times while racing.

Any boat not doing so shall be scored DNF, this changes RRS 63.1 and RRS Appendix A5 (scores determined by the Race Committee).

Other boats not in Classes 0-5 are not required to display Class pennants.

A11.1 – Change in Sail Number:

[NP] Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form, written notice shall be given to the Race Committee at least 2 hours prior to the first Warning Signal of that race. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a DNC. This changes RRS 63.1.

A12 - Class Allocations & Series:

Class allocations and splits will be advised at the latest by 9:00am on Thursday 28th May.

A13 - Schedule of Races:

Saturday 30 May:

Fleet 1: One race Lambay Race (Committee Vessel North Star)

Fleet 2: One race Lambay Race (Committee Vessel Sea Wych)

The Race Committee may, at its discretion, amend the above schedule depending on the prevailing weather conditions.

A14 - Starting Area

The starting area for all courses will be North and/or West of Ireland's Eye. The Committee Vessels will broadcast their positions on the relevant VHF Channels

A15 - Starting Lines

The starting line shall be between a red/white pole (or main mast) on a Committee Vessel (to be passed to starboard) that will display an orange flag and a start mark, which for Fleet 1 will be an orange inflatable mark and for Fleet 2 will be a dan buoy type with an orange flag.



A16 - Starting Sequence

The start sequence will be per RRS26 with the Warning signal raised five minutes before the Starting signal.

The race committee will endeavour to call out the sail numbers of OCS boats no sooner than one minute after their start. However, failure to do so shall not be a basis for a Redress claim, which changes RRS61.1(a).

A17 - Re-crossing Start/Finish Lines [NP][DP]

All boats shall keep clear of the starting line until their warning signal. Boats, having started and cleared their starting line, shall not re-cross that line while starts are in progress. Boats shall not cross any other starting line while starts are in progress.

Boats shall not cross any finishing lines other than their own when the Committee Vessel on station at the end of the line encountered is displaying a Blue or an S flag. Competitors are requested to avoid interfering with boats that may be attempting to finish on such finish lines.

A18 - Starting Time Limit

A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS Appendix A5.1.

A19 - Course Designation:

The course to be sailed by a Class will be signalled no later than the Preparatory Signal for that Class. This changes RRS 27.1.

A20 - Prize Giving

The approximate time of the prize-giving for the Lambay Races will be 18:00 on Saturday 30 May.



A21 - Safety

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk; see Fundamental Rule 3, Decision to Race and the Irish Sailing Safety Booklet. Open boat entrants are referred to relevant Class regulations.

It is recommended that each crew member shall wear a PFD (personal flotation device).

Competitors' attention is also drawn to RRS Part 1 (Fundamental Rules) and the Irish Sailing safety booklet.

Boats shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board equipment.

The responsibility for the safety of competing boats and their crews lies solely with the said competitors. Howth Yacht Club CLG. and/or the Organising Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after racing.

A22 - Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, appropriate, valid, third-party liability insurance, valid for the duration of the Lambay Races event with an appropriate extension for racing risks.





SECTION B

LAMBAY RACES

Section B supplements Section A for the Lambay Races, in the event of a conflict, Section B shall be deemed to take precedence for the Lambay Races.

B1 - Start Sequence:

Fleet 1 – North Star	Flag	Start	
Class 0	No. 0	12:00	
Class 1	No. 1	12:05	
Class 2	No. 2	12:10	
Class 3	No. 3	12:15	
Sports Boats	J	12:20	

Fleet 2 – Sea Wych	Flag	Start	
Puppeteers	A	11:00	
Ruffians	Q	11:05	
E-Boats	E		
Squibs	K		
Howth 17	C	11:10	
Class 4 – Non-Spinnaker – See Note below	No. 4	12:00	
Class 5 – Non-Spinnaker – See Note below	No. 5	12:05	

Note:

- One Designs start from 11:00
- Cruiser Classes start from 12:00

Note that Non-Spinnaker classes starting from Sea Wych, the Inshore Committee boat, is a change from the Notice of Race, where it was stated that these classes would start from the Offshore Committee boat.



B2 - Course Designation

B2.1 - The courses to be sailed will be selected from the marks indicated on Appendix I to these sailing instructions.

B2.2 - A Windward mark will be laid approximately to windward of the Committee vessel.

(1) Fleet 1 – North Star

(a) Classes 0 and 1 – Yellow

(b) Classes 2 and 3 – Black

(2) Fleet 2 – Sea Wych - Black

B2.3 - This shall be rounded to Port as the first mark in all races, Thereafter, boats shall sail to the first mark as indicated on the course displayed and continue to sail around the marks in the order as displayed.

B2.4 - Should the Committee vessel be displaying a White Flag, boats shall disregard the Windward mark (or it may not be laid) and sail directly to the first mark on the course as displayed.

B2.5 - The course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat and broadcast on VHF Channel 77 for North Star and 69 for Sea Wych.

B3 - Shortened course: RRS 32 shall apply.

B4 - Finishing Line

Unless the course is shortened, there will be two finish lines:

Classes: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Sports Boats

will finish on the Club finish line In Howth Sound. After rounding the last mark on the displayed course, boats shall:-

- Pass the Rowan Rocks and Howth Marks to the East and South and head to the finish line in a Westerly direction.
- The Club finish line is between a red line on the finisher's hut (located about 100m to the East of the lighthouse) and a finish mark, which will be an orange cherry type.

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will finish in the vicinity of Howth Sound and the finish line will be between a red/white pole (or mainmast) displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel which shall be left to starboard and the finish mark, which will be an orange cherry type.



B5 - Time Limits:

The Time Limit for all fleets for the Lambay Races is 17:00. If a boat in a Class finishes within this limit, the time limit for that Class shall be extended to 17:30.

In the event of postponement(s) and/or general recall(s), the time limit(s) for races so affected shall be correspondingly extended.

A boat that fails to finish within the above time limits will be scored 'DNF' without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS 63.1, RRS Appendix A4 and A5.



APPENDIX 1

Mark Descriptions and Approximate Positions

<u>ID</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Shape</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Lat. (N) Deg Min</u>	<u>Long. (W) Deg Min</u>
A	Apex	Conical	Black	53 26.76	06 03.26
C	Cush	Cylindrical Pillar	Black	53 24.61	06 05.45
D	Dunbo	Cylindrical Pillar	Yellow	53 24.73	06 03.85
E	East	Conical	Black	53 26.00	06 02.20
G	Garbh	Conical	Black	53 25.00	06 02.32
H	Hub	Cylindrical Pillar	Black	53 25.71	06 04.43
I	Island	Cylindrical Pillar	Black	53 24.70	06 04.36
J	Thulla	Cylindrical Pillar (Small)	Black	53 23.80	06 03.40
K	Stack	Conical	Black	53 24.60	06 03.11
L	Lambay Island				
O	Osprey	Conical	Orange	53 25.41	06 03.52
P	Portmarnock	Cylindrical Pillar	Black	53 25.63	06 05.80
Q	Rowan Rocks	IALA	Black / Yellow	53 23.88	06 03.22
R	South Rowan	IALA	Green	53 23.78	06 03.88
S	Spit	Cylindrical Pillar	Black	53 24.35	06 04.48
T	Talbot	Inflatable	Orange	53 28.20	06 00.50
U	Ulysses	Conical	Orange	53 26.22	06 04.97
V	Viceroy	Cylindrical Pillar	Orange	53 25.12	06 04.78
W	West	Cylindrical Pillar	Black	53 24.96	06 06.07

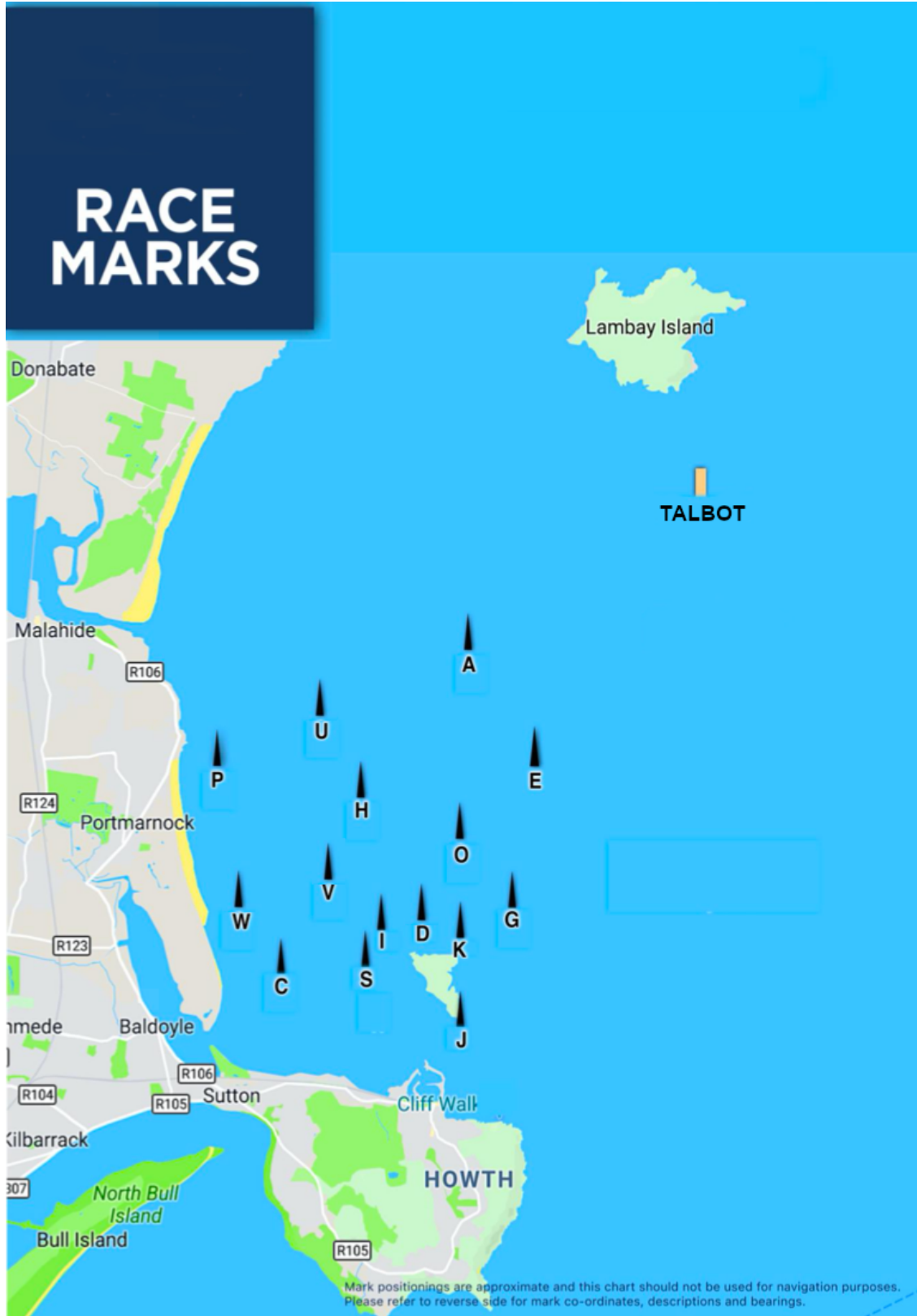


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Y	Ireland's Eye				
	Taylor Buoy	North Cardinal		53 30.13	06 01.52
	Burren Perch	West Cardinal		53 29.21	06 02.28

The above locations are the planned positions of marks. Weather, tide and other factors may result in the actual locations varying from the listed positions so locations shall be treated as indicative rather than definitive.



RACE MARKS





APPENDIX 2



Lambay Races

Links to Public Information

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email and/or telephone number accepting SMS. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc.*

Notice: The Official Notice Board (ONB) is still the only official source of information for this regatta.



Submit Request for Hearing



Submit Scoring Inquiry

NOTICE: When submitting a protest, request or report, the procedure (as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions) remains unchanged.



Hearing Schedule



Hearing Decisions



Scoring Inquiries

The jury and parties reserve the right to limit public access to certain decisions.*