



# GIBNEY CLASSIC

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard shall be online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 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
Division A	X	X		
Division C	X	X		
Division B	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 Divisions A, B and C will race under the relevant IRC Handicap System and/or the ECHO Handicap System.

Cruisers will be divided into the following classes:

Division A - IRC 0.980 and above;

Division B - IRC 0.919 to 0.979;

Division C - 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](mailto: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>

4.7 Division A,B, and C shall fly the relevant class numeral pennant from the backstay. Any boat not doing so shall be disqualified.

## **5. FEES**

The entry fee is €15.00 - Closing Midday Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

**6.** Not used

**7.** Not used

**8.** Not used

## **9. SCHEDULE**

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<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>	<b>Warning Signal</b>
Division A	No. 1	11:00
Division B	No.3	11:05
Division C / J80	No. 2	11:10
Puppeteer 22	A	11:15
Howth 17 Footer	C	11:20
Squib	K	11:25

**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**, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Malahide Marina is happy to support the Gibney Classic however in order for participants in the Event to avail of their complimentary short term visitor berths (max 6 hours) they require the completion of an online form (see link below). This is compulsory for all attendees and will be used by their berth masters for receiving visitors on the day. Please ensure you have completed the online booking form as **boats arriving without this registration, will be charged the normal visitor rates.**

This is the link for the online form. <https://acesse.one/ri8cbnu>

**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 Gibney's, Malahide as soon as practical after racing.

**25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

High tide at Malahide Estuary on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August is approximately 14:30 @ a height of 4.46m

