



Brass Monkeys Winter Series 2026

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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, this Notice of Race (NoR) except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any changes thereto.

EACH PERSON ABOARD A BOAT SHALL WEAR A PFD (Personal Flotation Device).
RRS 40.1 shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions, including the course card, will be available online on the HYC website no later than Thursday 5th November 2026. (Note: Hard copies will not be provided)

3. COMMUNICATION

The official notice board is located beside the Marina Office.

All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Racing will be for Cruisers and boats which will be divided between three classes. Boats will be assigned to their respective classes by the Brass Monkey Committee and assigned classes will be notified on the official notice board.

The flags to be flown for each class are as follows:

Class	Flag
1	Numeral Pennant 1
2	Numeral Pennant 2
3	Numeral Pennant 3

Class 1 and Class 3 are non-spinnaker classes. If you wish to declare to race without a spinnaker, please tick the box on the entry form.

Boats may enter the event by registering online at <http://hyc.ie/open-events>

Entries for eligible boats received after 1700 on Thursday 5th November may be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

5. FEES

The entry fee is €80.00.

6. SCHEDULE

Six races are scheduled as follows:

Sunday 8th November 2026

Sunday 15th November 2026

Sunday 22nd November 2026

Sunday 29th November 2026

Sunday 6th December 2026

Saturday 12th December 2026 (followed by a prize-giving lunch)

The first Warning Signal will be at 1025.

The Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, run more than one race on any of the above days up to a maximum of six races.

7. VENUE

The Race Area is North and West of Ireland's Eye.

8. COURSES

Courses will be as per the Brass Monkeys course card included with the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

Scoring shall be as per the Low Point scoring system of Appendix A. RRS A5.2 is changed in that RRS Appendix 5.3 will apply for the Series.

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

When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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 cover with an appropriate extension for racing risks.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in each Class.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club for each race day subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

For further information, please contact office@hyc.ie 01 – 8322 141

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