



LAMBAY RACES 2026

Organised by Howth Yacht Club CLG.

Saturday 30th May 2026

Notice of Race

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG, hereinafter referred to as the 'Club'.
- The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 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.

1. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of Irish Sailing (IS),
- 1.2. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 1.3. Eligible boats are those in the Classes which comply with the relevant handicapping system, rules and the entry requirements.
- 1.4. IRC Rule 22.4, "Crew Limitation", shall not apply. There shall be no limitations on the number of crew or crew weight.
- 1.5. The exemption for boats less than 6 metres shall not apply. This changes RRS 60.2(a) (1).
- 1.6. [NP] Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of its mainsail and on its spinnaker, if used, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on <https://hyc.ie/open-events> before 26th May.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The SI will specify the location of the official notice board.
- 3.2. [NP] [DP] It is a safety requirement that all boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio and be competent in its use.
- 3.3. The Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.



- 3.4. [DP] While racing, 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to the following classes

	Class	Class Flag	IRC	HPH	Scratch	ORC
Offshore Committee Boat	Cruiser with Spinnaker	Per SI	X	X		Ref 4.2
	Cruiser without Spinnaker	Per SI	X	X		Ref 4.2
	Sports Boats	J	X	X		Ref 4.2
Inshore Committee Boat	Puppeteer 22	A		X	X	
	Howth 17 Footer	C		X	X	
	Squib	K		X	X	
	Ruffian 23	Q		X	X	
	E-Boat	E		X	X	

- 4.2. The Club is carrying out a trial of the ORC handicap. The Results team will focus on HPH and IRC as the standard priority, with ORC being produced as soon as is practically possible thereafter, which will probably not be the same day. Any cruiser, with or without spinnakers, with an ORC cert is invited to participate, with a minimum of 6 boats in each class being the requirement for results to be calculated. Prizes will not be awarded for ORC results.
Any entrant wishing to have results prepared under ORC should forward their ORC certificates to results@hyc.ie by Friday 22nd May.
- 4.3. Eligible boats will enter the event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 4.4. For a boat's entry to be considered as valid for the event, all registration requirements shall have been completed and all entry fees paid.
- 4.5. Entrants IRC TCC shall be that listed on the Irish Sailing website at link <https://www.sailing.ie/Racing/Racing-Services/Echo-IRC-Ratings>



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4.6. The following handicap data shall be used in this event:

Classes 0 , 1, 2, 3 & Non-Spinnaker

HPH	Howth Performance Handicap – The Club system of progressive performance handicap. For non-Club boats, a HPH rating shall be determined based on the ECHO system.
IRC	Current Irish Sailing IRC list with the current certificate valid until 30 th May 2026 or later.
<u>One Design</u>	Current handicap as notified by the Class Captain and/or by the Club Sailing Committee.

- 4.7. For the cruiser and sports boat entries, both with and without spinnakers, the OA will assign boats to classes based on their characteristics and the number of entrants.
- 4.8. The OA reserves the right to allocate any boat to any class and amalgamate classes.
- 4.9. Class allocations and splits will be advised by 9:00am on Wednesday 27th May 2026.

5. FEES

5.1.

Class	Entry Fee (Up to Sun. 3rd May)	Entry Fee (From Mon. 4th May)
Lambay Races 30th May 2026		
Cruisers / Sports Boats	€75.00	€90.00
One Designs	€50.00	€65.00

5.2. The last date for entry is Friday 22nd May 2026.

6. NOT USED

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Competitors may be required to display event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under World Sailing Regulation 20

8. NOT USED



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9. SCHEDULE

Date	Race Course	1 st Warning Signal	Time Limit
Inshore Committee Boat. One Designs	Single race around Lambay Island.	10:55	17:30 provided one boat has finished in that class. Otherwise 17:00
Offshore Committee Boat. Cruiser Classes and Sports Boats	Single race around Lambay Island.	11:55	17:30 provided one boat has finished in that class. Otherwise 17:00

9.1. If, due to unsuitable weather, it is not possible to run the Lambay Races on Saturday 30th May it is the intention of the Race Committee to run the Lambay Races on Sunday 31st May 2026. The times of the Warning Signal for Saturday 30th May will be applicable.

9.2. Tides on the Saturday for Howth will be:-

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

10. NOT USED

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

12.1. Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth. Starts may be up to three miles North of Howth Harbour.



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13. COURSES

- 13.1. Courses will start to the North and West of Ireland's Eye, proceed North to round Lambay Island, either port or starboard, returning to a finish near Ireland's Eye. The courses may also include rounding of the Club racing marks as specified in the course as displayed by the Race Committee on the day.
Further details of the courses will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

14. NOT USED

15. SCORING

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

16. NOT USED

17. NOT USED

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. Berthing will be available, free of charge, on the Howth Yacht Club Marina or swinging moorings for the duration of the event. Competitors requiring marina accommodation, which is limited, should complete the relevant section on the Entry Form.
- 18.2. Competitors are requested to bring lines and fenders suitable for stacked marina berthing.

19. NOT USED

20. NOT USED

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. 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 this and any future events. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording made during the event free of charge.



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22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. 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.'
- 22.2. 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.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured throughout the Series with adequate, valid, third-party cover with an appropriate extension for racing risks.
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24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be presented after racing on Saturday and Sunday and will be awarded on the basis of the number of starters as follows:

2 boats = 1st Winner

6 boats = 2nd Place

10 boats or more = 3rd Place

Date	Race Course	Prizes
Saturday 30 th May	The Lambay Races	Winner and places for cruisers and sports boats (IRC and HPH) Winner and places for one designs (Scratch and HPH)

24.2. The following trophies will be awarded, subject to at least two boats starting the race for each prize:

Lambay Lady	Special Award (see 24.3)
Mercedes Benz IRC	Class 0 IRC
Mercedes Benz ECHO	Class 0 HPH
Juno Cup	Class 1 IRC
Longyearbyn Trophy	Class 1 IRC (Best HYC Boat)
Boyd Cup No. 2	Class 1 HPH
Heineken Trophy	Class 2 IRC
Ernest Tweedy Cup	Class 2 HPH
Peninsula Trophy	Class 3 IRC
Lambay Trophy	Class 3 HPH
Fitzpatrick Salver	Non-Spinnaker A IRC
The Summit Inn Trophy	Non-Spinnaker A HPH
McAllister Trophy	Non-Spinnaker B IRC
Bamford Trophy	Non-Spinnaker B HPH
Teeling Trophy	Puppeteer 22 Scratch
John Pearson Cup	Puppeteer 22 Handicap
Boyd Cup No. 4	17 Footer Scratch
Sutton Cup	17 Footer Handicap
Horst Cup	Squib Scratch
Findlater Cup	Squib Handicap
Ruffian Trophy	Ruffian 23 Scratch
IECA Trophy	E-Boat Scratch
Knights Trophy	J24 Scratch
Whelan Cup	Sigma 33 Scratch



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- 24.3. The Lambay Lady, which is perpetual, will be awarded to the boat that the OA determines to be the best performing boat on the day, based on time difference to the second placed boat for fleets with at least six starters, either on scratch or IRC.
- 24.4. A boat in a one design class which wins either a scratch prize or a trophy will not be eligible for a HPH prize or trophy in that same race.
- 24.5. A boat which wins either an IRC prize or a trophy will not be eligible for a HPH prize or trophy in that same race.
- 24.6. J24 and Sigma 33 will race as part of their respective cruiser class and will not have individual class starts.
Trophies will be awarded to each of the J24 and Sigma 33 boats to first complete the course, i.e. the lowest uncorrected time, provided that at least two of that respective boat type had started the race.

25. OTHER INFORMATION

25.1. MEMBERSHIP

- 25.1.0 Competitors are granted temporary membership of the Club for the weekend of Friday 29th May to Sunday 31st May 2026, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

25.2. FACILITIES

- 25.2.1 All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club during the event. There will be a mix of entertainment with food available immediately after racing and dinner in the evening with live music.
- 25.2.2 Excellent cuisine may be enjoyed in a superb setting in Howth Yacht Club's dining room. Booking is essential, phone 01 – 832 2141
- 25.2.3 The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These regulations are rigidly enforced by the Harbour Authority and may result in a fine of €150.