



WAVE REGATTA

HOWTH 2018

June 1-3
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Howth - Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd June 2018

(Organising Authority - Howth Yacht Club)

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the IRC Rating Rule parts A-C and the Irish Sailing ECHO Performance Handicap System.
- 1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows: Race Signals-(AP flown ashore), 27.1 – (time of display of course), 28.1-(sailing the course), 35 & A4-(race time limit), 62.1(a)-(failure to receive radio signals of verbal changes to SIs), 63 & 64.1-(arrangements for Arbitration), A4 - (score for late starting).
- 1.3 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in rules within the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all Cruiser Classes (IRC & ECHO) with a TCC of between 0.850 and 1.250, Shipman, Squib, Puppeteer 22, Ruffian 23, E Boat, J80 and Howth 17 classes.
- 3.2 Saturday's Lambay Races will provide separate 'class racing' for one-design keelboats not already competing in the 3-day IRC/ ECHO Championships
- 3.3 Racing will be provided for up to six separate Cruiser Classes with IRC and ECHO Handicaps.
- 3.4 Non spinnaker classes shall only sail with a mainsail and either a jib or genoa (whisker poles are allowed). Boats shall have a current valid ECHO Standard handicap and/or a valid IRC rating certificate with a TCC rating of .820 and above.

- 3.5 Depending on the number of entries, the Organising Authority reserves the right to merge or subdivide any class, combine the starts of classes, or cancel racing for any class.
- 3.6 Overall entry numbers will be restricted to 250 boats.

4. Fees & Class

- 4.1 Required fees are as per the table below.

		3-Day IRC/ ECHO Championships (includes Lambay Races/ ISORA)		Lambay Races/ ISORA (only)	
		<i>Early Bird</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>Early Bird</i>	<i>Full</i>
Cruiser Classes	(Greater than 33')	€300	€400	€75	€95
	(28'-33')	€250	€350		
	(Less than 28')	€200	€300		
One-Designs				€65	€85

- 4.2 Entries of eligible boats shall be made online through the Regatta website waveregatta.ie or by completing the official entry form also available from the Regatta website, paying any fees, and enclosing any requested documents to:
The Regatta Secretary
Howth Yacht Club,
Middle Pier,
Howth, Co. Dublin.
- 4.3 Early Bird Entry will close Friday 30th March 2018. Entry system will close on Wednesday, 23rd May, 2018.
- 4.4 Confirmed entries will be posted on the event website.
- 4.5 Where relevant, entry fee covers both IRC and ECHO
- 4.5.1 Late entries may be accepted after 23rd May at the discretion of the Organising Authority with a €50 late entry processing fee. Entries are non-refundable.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 The regatta will consist of daily races between Friday 1st and Sunday 3rd June, 2018.
- 5.2 Registration will take place at the regatta office in Howth Yacht Club on
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| Wednesday 30 th May | 17:00 – 21:30 |
| Thursday 31 st May | 14:00 – 20:00 |
| Friday 1 st June | 08:00 – 10:00 |
| Saturday 2 nd June | 08:00 – 10:30 |

5.3 Race Programme:

The 3-day Championships:

Friday 1 st	10:55	First warning signal, with 2 other races scheduled to follow.
Saturday 2 nd	10:55	First warning signal for Lambay Races
Sunday 3 rd	10:55	First warning signal, with 2 other races scheduled to follow. (NB - There will be no starts after 14:30 on Sunday)
	18:00	Prize giving

For those entered the Lambay Races/ ISORA only:

All Cruisers	10:55	First warning signal for Lambay Races
One Designs	11:25	First warning signal
	18:00	Prize giving

5.4 Racing will take place in the waters off Howth within a radius of 20 nautical miles from Rowan Rocks Buoy.

5.5 All boats should have relevant charts of the sailing area.

6. Measurements & Handicaps

6.1 IRC – A copy of the boat's current IRC certificate shall be emailed to the Regatta Secretary or submitted at registration (Endorsed for boats with a TCC Rating above 0.910). This copy shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time. Entry of boats exceeding the upper limit will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

6.2 IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one design which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

6.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to carry out measurement checks and request further information regarding a yacht's measurements. The Race Committee intends to appoint IRC scrutineers who may inspect any yacht at any time.

6.4 Handicap Cruiser Class assignments will be made according to entries received. The entries of the Cruiser IRC and Echo will be split into a minimum of five Classes named Cruisers 0,1,2,3 & 4. If entries warrant, the number of classes may be increased to six. Non-spinnaker entries may be split into two or three classes.

6.5 The composition of the classes will be determined by the Organising Authority on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:

- i) The need for a reasonable number of boats in each class.
- ii) Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each class.

6.6 The allocation of entries into provisional classes will be posted on the event website by 18:00 on Sunday, 27th May, 2018. The Organising Authority reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any class.

6.7 Boats shall display one of class numerals 0-6, Flags K, A, U, E, J & C as required by the Sailing Instructions.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration or online at waveregatta.ie

8. Courses

8.1 A maximum of three Windward/Leeward/Round the Cans/Coastal races will be sailed daily. Full details to be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Penalty System

Rules 44.1 & 44.2 shall will apply. Rule 44.3 will not apply.

10. Scoring System

10.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series (3-day Championships).

10.2 The low points system of Appendix A of the RRS will be apply.

10.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) The Lambay Race is a non discardable race within the 3-day Championships.

10.4 Weighting for various courses is as follows:

Windward /Leeward & Round the Cans x 1
Lambay Race x 1.5

10.5 For boats competing on Saturday only, the low points system of Appendix A of the RRS will be apply.

11. Berthing

Berthing for all boats entered will be free and they shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina or harbour. [DP]

12. Hauling- Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. [DP]

13. Cranage

The crane will not operate on June 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Please contact the Marina Office on 01 8392777 for further details.

14. Radio Communication

Each boat must have a working marine VHF radio. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. [DP]

15. Prizes

Overall prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class with 10 entries or more. Additional Class prizes may be awarded for J109, J80, J24, 1720 & Half Ton Classes.

An Overall Regatta prize will be awarded to the boat who in the opinion of the Organising Authority performed best in the 3 Day Regatta IRC classes.

The Lambay Lady, which is a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the boat that wins its class by the largest time differential over the boat that finishes second. For Cruiser classes, this will be based on IRC and for One Designs, it will be based on scratch handicap.

Additional prizes will be awarded for Classes for the one day Saturday only Lambay Race Regatta. A boat in One Design class may not win a prize in scratch and handicap, the scratch prize will take preference.

18. Insurance

Each participating boat shall carry adequate third-party liability insurance in force for the entirety of WAVE Regatta 2018.

19. Risk Assessment:

Rule 4 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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

20. Accommodation & Social:

20.1 Details of accommodation will be available on the WAVE Regatta website at waveregatta.ie

20.2 A comprehensive entertainment programme will be provided each day after racing. Details will be on the regatta website.

20.3 Helmsmen and crew competing in WAVE Regatta 2018 and their guests shall be Temporary Members of Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the regatta and shall be bound by the rules of the Club. Howth Yacht Club reserves the right to remove Temporary Membership.

21. Media Waiver

Competitors give their consent to the Organising Authority to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the Wave Regatta. The Organising Authority reserves the right to uses or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

22. Further Information

For further information, please visit waveregatta.ie or contact
The Regatta Secretary, Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin
Email: office@hyc.ie or 01 8322141