



## **SIGMA 33 OFFSHORE ONE-DESIGN CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Organising Authority is Howth Yacht Club in conjunction with the Sigma 33  
OOD Class Association

26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Howth Yacht Club, Middle Pier, Harbour Road, Howth, Dublin D13 E6V3,  
Ireland

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be covered by the RRS and the Sigma 33 OOD class rules
- 1.2 A discard will only be allowed when 6 or more races have been sailed. A minimum of 3 races shall constitute a series. This changes RRS appendix A.

### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTION**

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available after 23rd June on the HYC website [www.HYC.ie](http://www.HYC.ie)  
Hard copies will not be available

### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official HYC notice board is located beside the marina office
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 77
- 3.3 On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 77
- 3.4 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except for an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions or receive voice or data transmission that are not available to all boats.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the Sigma 33 OOD class that comply with class rules, provided additionally that helms are fully paid-up members of the association.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter and pay the required fee online by following the [here](#)



4.3 An entry is not finalised until entry fees have been paid in full and registration completed. The following information is required to be provided before completion of registration:

- (a) Application for a boat to display national letters or sail number in contravention of class rules

## 5. ENTRY FEES

	Super Early Rate	Entry Rate	Late Entry
Closing date	Till 5pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2024	Till 5pm April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2025	Till 5pm June 13 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Fee	€180	€200	€230

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Crew limitations will be as per class rules

## 7. ADVERTISING – NOT USED

## 8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – NOT USED

## 9. SCHEDULE

9.1 The event will consist of a single series of twelve races over four days from 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

9.2 Dependent upon entries, and for the purposes of prizes only, boats may be designated as within “Gold” or “Silver” fleets. All boats shall start at the same time, sail the same course and be subject to the same signals.

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Registration Briefing	6-7pm 7pm	Race Office Outside Marina Office
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	First Gun Followed by up to 2 more races back-to-back  Peer inspection  Daily Prize Giving	10:55am  Après Sailing  As soon as results available	Race Course  Marina  HYC
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June	First Gun Followed by up to 2 more races back-to-back  Daily Prize Giving	10:55am  As soon as results available	Race Course  HYC
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> June	As per Fri schedule	10:55am	Race Course
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	First Gun Followed by up to 2 more races back-to-back  Event Prizegiving	09:55am  As soon as results available	Race Course  HYC



9.2 On the last scheduled day of racing, the first warning signal of a race shall not be made after 14:30pm except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 14:30.

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Compliance with Class Association Rules will be checked by use of the 2025 Class Association Standard Inspection Form, and will be by peer inspection in Howth Yacht Club marina, after racing, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Copies of the Standard Inspection Form will be made available via the class Association and at registration and may be downloaded from the Class Association web site [www.sigma33.org](http://www.sigma33.org)

10.2 Competitors are advised that the requirement for lifeline tension shall be complied with at all times during the regatta and may be additionally monitored on the water – see Class Measurement Rule 15.2 and World Sailing Offshore Special Requirements for Race Category 4 (Monohulls) section 3.14.1 (i).

10.3 The Class Association in conjunction with the OA may nominate a person to act as Equipment Officer who may inspect boats at any time to ensure compliance with Sigma 33 OOD Class and Measurement Rules.

## 11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT – NOT USED

## 12. VENUE

12.1 The racing will take place in the Howth Yacht Club race area.

## 13. COURSES

13.1 Courses will be described in the Sis

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The two turn penalty system will be replaced with a one turn penalty. This changes RRS44.1

## 15. SCORING

15.1 A minimum of three races completed shall constitute a series. If less than three races are completed then no result shall be declared and the Championship trophy shall be returned to the Class Association.



15.2 When less than five races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her individual scores.

15.3 When five or more races have been completed a boats worse score shall be discarded

15.4 A boat that did not start, did not finish, or retired after finishing shall score points one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat being disqualified shall score additional points equal to 10% of the number of boats registered, fractions will be raised to the highest whole number. This changes RRS A4.2

15.5 When RRS A8.1 fails to break a tie it shall stand as the final result and each of the joint winners shall hold the trophy for an equal part of the year, the exact dates will be determined by the OA. RRS A8.2 shall not apply.

## **16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS – NOT USED**

## **17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race in which she participates.

## **18. BERTHING**

18.1 From after racing on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June all competing boats shall be berthed in Howth Yacht Club marina. This may require rafting of vessels.

## **19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

19.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event other than with the permission of the race committee

## **20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

20.1 Underwater breathing equipment and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the event.

## **21. DATA PROTECTION**

21.1 Any personal information provided to the organising authority will be used to facilitate participation in the event. Competitors and support persons are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.



21.2 Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor or support person's national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **22. RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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;
- (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 or 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 with a valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration at registration to this effect.

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## 24. PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows. If any day's racing is lost the relevant daily trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the OA

The Sigma Championship Trophy for the overall winner

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Iceberg Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place positions overall

The Force Four Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the first race on the first day.

The RNCYC Trophy will be awarded to the first Race Winner of the second day of the Championships.

The Shadowfax Trophy will be awarded for the winner in Gold Fleet of the first race of the final day.

The Quaich Quaich Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed "newcomer" helmsman of the championships.

The David Thomas Trophy will be awarded to the first owner/helmsman in the championships.

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the venue please visit [www.Hyc.ie](http://www.Hyc.ie) or contact the office on +353 1832 2141

Local Sigma contact: Stephen Mullaney +353 87 125 4137

The organisers and race committee may set up a WHATSAPP group to alert competitors to notices being published on the official notice board and to make courtesy announcements.