



IUSA Student Yachting Nationals

29th & 30th March 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- 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

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing, the HYC J80 rules and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments there to.
- 1.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 1.3 Appendix UF will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 61.4 (a), (b) and (d) are deleted.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online on the HYC website no later than 27th March 2025. (Note: hard copies will not be provided)

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3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located beside the marina office.
- 3.2 It is strongly recommended that all yachts carry a VHF radio. Communication on general matters relating to the racing may be transmitted by the race committee. Howth Yacht Club will not provide VHF radios to competitors.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to the top ten universities/colleges in Ireland. This ranking is decided by IUSA.
- 4.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 4.3 Entries shall be made directly with IUSA Secretary/Treasurer.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Late entries received after this date will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entrants shall deposit €500.00, by means of a credit card, with Howth Yacht Club, as a damage deposit.
- 5.2 Should any damage occur, any apportioned damages shall be deducted from the damage deposit prior to its return. A schedule of repair costs will be presented as part of the sailing instructions.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Each boat shall be limited to a crew of five people. A crew member may not be added, removed or substituted without prior written approval from the OA.

7. ADVERTISING

Not used

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8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 The event may consist of a qualifying series and a final series, depending on the number of teams entered. The final format will be detailed in the SI.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 The race office will be open for registration from 08:00 until 09:00 on Saturday 29th March 2025.

9.2 A briefing will at 08:30 on Saturday 29th March 2025 in the clubhouse.

9.3 A draw will take place at the briefing to decide boat allocation.

9.4 Racing will take place on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March 2025.

9.5 Races will be scheduled as per the sailing instructions.

9.6 Time of first warning signal will be 10:00 on both days.

9.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no race will be started after 16:00, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 16:00.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Not used

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 The event will be sailed in HYC J80s.

11.2 Spinnaker use is at the discretion of the race committee. This will be fully outlined in the SI.

12. VENUE

12.1 Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth Harbour.

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13. COURSES

13.1 Courses will be windward/leeward format and will be outlined in the SI.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The races will be judged in accordance with Appendix UF and will be set out in the SI.

15. SCORING

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

15.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores shall be excluded.

15.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship. If running Qualifying and Final series one race is required to constitute the final series.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Not used

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Not used

18. BERTHING

18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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 the Regatta. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

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.' 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;

23. INSURANCE

Not used

24. PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three teams

24.2 Irish Sailing medals will be awarded to the first three teams

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact iusacommittee@gmail.com .

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