



# Irish Masters ILCA Championships 2024

## Howth Yacht Club

11-12 May 2024

Supported by CH Marine & Rooster

### NOTICE OF RACE

The event will be organised by the Host Club in association with the International Laser Class Association of Ireland.

*The notation [NP] in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) 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 rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of Irish Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rule(s) Signal AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A5.1, A5.2 will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Major Event Sailing Instructions will be available on the ILCA Ireland website. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions for this event will be available at [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) and on the Official Notice Board.

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Laser Class.
- 4.2 Helms shall be a member of the Irish or other National Laser Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying online.
- 4.4 Competitors shall be aged 30 years and over on the first day of racing.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Boats should enter before 3<sup>rd</sup> May (early bird). Entry closes online on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Late entries may be accepted on the day only at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

#### 5 FEES

- 5.1 The normal entry fee is €60.00. Late entry fee will be €85.00.



## **6 CREW LIMITATIONS**

Does not apply.

## **7 ADVERTISING**

7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## **8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

Does not apply.

## **9 SCHEDULE**

9.1 Registration: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024: 1800 to 1900, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024: 0930 to 1030.

9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1045 on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

9.3	Racing:	<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
		Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Races 1 to 3
		Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Races 4 to 6

9.4 Six races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is 1255. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday is 1055.

9.6 An additional race may be run on Saturday or Sunday at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9.7 No Warning signal will be made after 1500 on the last day of racing.

## **10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

10.1 Equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.

## **11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

11.2 All boats shall have a painter of at least 7 metres in length, made fast to the bow.

## **12 VENUE**

12.1 The Sailing Area will be to the north and west of Howth Harbour.

## **13 COURSES**

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be either trapezoid or triangle.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 Appendix T Arbitration shall apply to this event.

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her



race scores. This changes RRS A2. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

## **16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 16.1 [DP] Shall register with the Organising Authority at registration and, if required, carry identification flags provided by the Organising Authority.
- 16.2 [DP] Support boats shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel in the event they are called by the Event Safety Officer to assist in the case of an emergency. [DP]
- 16.3 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.4 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

## **17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

Does not apply.

## **18 BERTHING**

- 18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

## **19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply.

## **20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL**

Does not apply.

## **21 DATA PROTECTION**

- 21.1 The data processing policy is available on the Class website.

## **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 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 valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

## **24 PRIZES**

24.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

25.1 For further information please contact **Howth Yacht Club** (office@hyc.ie)

## **END OF NOTICE OF RACE**

*Other Information - Accommodation: please visit <https://hyc.ie/local-accommodation> for details of local accommodation.*