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ILCA Masters National Championships 2026

Howth YC, Co. Dublin

May 23 – 24, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The event will be organised by Howth YC in association with ILCA Ireland.

*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 is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The sailing instructions will consist of the ILCA Ireland Major Event Sailing Instructions, available on the ILCA Ireland website and the event Supplementary Sailing Instructions, which will be available from before the event at ILCA Ireland website (<https://ilcaireland.com/>) and on www.hyc.ie/open-events.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online official notice board is located at www.hyc.ie/open-events

3.2. The race office is located at Howth YC Junior Room.

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

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the ILCA Class helmed by persons who are 30 years or older on Jan 1st, 2026.

4.2. Helms shall be a member of the Irish or other National ILCA Class Associations.

4.3. Competitors shall be 30 years old or above at the time of the first race of the event.

Age group and Master Category:

30 to 44: Apprentice Master

45 to 54: Master

55 to 64: Grand Master

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65 to 74: Great Grand Master

75 and over: Legend

- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying online here: <https://ilcaireland.com/>
- 4.5. Competitors shall be categorised in age groups. Any competitor who has not already registered their date of birth with ILCA Ireland is required to do so in advance of May 23rd, 2026.
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7. Boats should enter before Wednesday, 20th May 2026. Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Authority up to Saturday, May 23rd.
- 4.8. The maximum number of entries for this event is 100.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The discounted early bird entry fee is €65 until midnight on May 10th. The normal entry fee is €85. Entry closes on Saturday, May 23rd at 11.00.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. 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

- 8.1. Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Registration:

Date	From	To
23/05/2026	9.30	11.00

- 9.2. Briefing – A Briefing will be held at Howth YC adjacent to the Marina Office on May 23rd at 11.00.

- 9.3. Racing:

Date	Number of races
Saturday, May 23 rd 2026	3
Sunday, May 24 th 2026	3

- 9.4. Six races are scheduled.
- 9.5. A race additional to the daily schedule may be run on Saturday or Sunday at the discretion of the Race Committee, subject to there being a maximum of six races completed.



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9.6. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is 12.55. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday is 10.55.

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 of Howth Harbour in an area bounded by Howth Harbour, Portmarnock beach and Malahide Estuary.

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be either trapezoid or windward leeward.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Appendix T Arbitration shall apply to this event.

14.2 Requests for a hearing, Protests and Redress, shall be made electronically via the link in the sailing instructions to the racingrulesofsailing.org online platform or from the mobile App or website.

15. SCORING

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

15.2. When four or more races are sailed, a boat shall discard her worst result.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. [DP] Support vessels shall register with the Organising Authority at registration and if required, carry identification flags provided by the Organising Authority.

16.2. [DP] Support vessels 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.

16.3. [DP] Support teams, including all support persons and support vessels, unless otherwise instructed by a race official, 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

17.1. Does not apply.



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18. BERTHING

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

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1. Does not apply.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

20.1. Does not apply.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The data processing policy is available on the class website.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. 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 third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 **EUR** per incident or the equivalent.



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24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second and Third in each Class. Further Prizes may be awarded.
- 24.2. Perpetual Trophies, if available, may be awarded and shall be returned to ILCA Ireland before the event commences in 2027.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1. For further information please see <https://ilcaireland.com/>

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Note:

The Howth Maritime festival is on in Howth the same weekend. Parking in the Harbour remains free of charge but sailors are reminded to arrive early on Saturday to secure parking as the village will be exceptionally busy that weekend.

A BBQ will be held post sailing on Saturday; tickets can be purchased on the day at registration.



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