



**MALAHIDE**  
YACHT CLUB

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NOTICE OF RACE

# March Hare Dinghy Regatta

at Broadmeadows, Malahide

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024

## 1. Organising Authority

1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is Malahide Yacht Club.

## 2. Rules

2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).

2.2. Irish Sailing prescriptions will apply

[https://www.sailing.ie/Portals/0/Irish%20Sailing%20Racing%20Rules%20of%20Sailing%202021\\_2024%20iwth%20prescriptions.pdf](https://www.sailing.ie/Portals/0/Irish%20Sailing%20Racing%20Rules%20of%20Sailing%202021_2024%20iwth%20prescriptions.pdf)

2.3. In all rules governing this regatta:

2.3.1. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

2.3.2. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2.3.3. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

2.4. Racing rules Race Signal AP, 28.1, 35, 60.1(a), 61.1(b), 62.2, 63.1, 63.2, 64.1, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear in full in the sailing instructions. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2.5. Each boat and sailors must comply with that boats Class Rules

## 3. Eligibility and Entry (NP, DP)

3.1. The Regatta is open to dinghies rated under Portsmouth Yard Stick, ILCA (7,6 & 4) and Optimists.

3.2. Entry is open to a maximum of 60 sailors. Additional entries may be permitted at the discretion of the OA. A decision regarding additional entries will be finalised by Thursday 21st March 2024

3.3. The entry fee for all sailors must be paid when registering for the Regatta at [www.myc.ie/regatta](http://www.myc.ie/regatta)

3.4. Competitors are granted temporary membership of Malahide Yacht Club for the duration of the Regatta Day subject to the provisions of the Club rules for issuing, withdrawing or withholding such membership.

## 4. Fees

The required entry fees are;

Class	If paid before 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	If paid after 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
PY Dinghy – Single Handed	€20	€40
PY Dinghy – Double Handed	€30	€50
ILCA - Laser	€20	€40
Optimist	€20	€40

## 5. Event Venue and Course

5.1. The Venue is Malahide Yacht Club, Broadmeadows Estuary, Malahide, County Dublin.

5.2. Boats will compete on either a Windward-leeward or a modified Olympic Triangular Course.

5.3. The starting line will be between a red and white striped pole on the Committee Boat and a red outer limit mark.

5.4. Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line will be between the red and white striped pole on the Finish Boat and a red outer limit mark

## 6. Schedule

3 Races are Scheduled -

Saturday 23rd March, 2024	10.40	Competitor briefing
	11.20	First Warning signal – Optimist
	11.30	First Warning signal - ILCA
	11.40	First Warning signal – PY Fleet
		Prizegiving 16:00 or earlier/later if notified

- 6.1. The racing schedule will be as above however the Race Committee may, at its discretion, run a further race. If an extra race is to be run, IC Flag E will be displayed at the finish of the last scheduled race of the day. Not more than 4 races shall be sailed.
- 6.2. The Regatta will consist of a maximum of 4 races.
- 6.3. Two races shall constitute a series.
- 6.4. Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable following the finish of the previous race.
- 6.5. The first warning signal of a race shall not be made after 1500, except following postponements, recalls and abandonments of a race where a warning signal was made before 1500.
- 6.6. The OA reserve the right to run separate Regatta Fleet races for the Optimist fleet.

## **7. Scoring**

- 7.1 When two or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 7.2 When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **8. Penalty Systems**

- 8.1 RRS Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" may apply.
- 8.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 8.3 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1 (a).
- 8.4 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit. [NP] [DP]
- 8.5 The penalty for breaches of Class Rules will be Standard Penalties [SP] which changes rule RRS 63.1 and may also be less than disqualification.

## **9. Sailing Instructions & Briefing**

- 9.1 The Regatta Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website, [www.myc.ie/regatta](http://www.myc.ie/regatta) at least five days prior to the event.
- 9.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions, where necessary, will be available at online registration or on the Notice board at the clubhouse at Broadmeadows.
- 9.3 There will be a competitor briefing at 1040 on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

## **10. Risk Statement**

10.1 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The OA or any part involved with the organisation of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and afloat as a consequence of participation in the races covered by this notice of race and the sailing instructions. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to Rule 4 of the RRS 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, and their parents/ guardians agree and acknowledges that:

- 10.1.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- 10.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 10.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 10.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 10.1.5 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.

- 10.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 10.1.7 The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## 10.2 COVID Statement [NP] [DP]

By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitors agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the OA/Irish Sailing/Government procedures, regulations and guidance. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request for an event official. Failure to comply may be considered as misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

## 11. Insurance

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 or the equivalent per event.

## 12. Trolleys

- 12.1. All trolleys must be in full working order and marked with a current sail number.
- 12.2. New trolley tags may be issued at Registration, and, in such case, old trolley tags must be removed.

## 13. Data Protection and Image Rights

- 13.1. By entering the Regatta, competitors and support persons accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

## 14. Prizes

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded in each fleet where there are a minimum of three boats as follows:
  - 14.1.1. where there are three boats in the fleet, a prize will be awarded to first place, or
  - 14.1.2. where there are four boats in the fleet, prizes will be awarded for first and second place, or
  - 14.1.3. where there are five boats or more, a prize will be awarded for first, second and third place.
- 14.2. Where the ILCA fleet has a minimum of three boats in each of ILCA7, ILCA6 and ILCA4 classes, each will be considered a separate fleet for the sole purpose of prize-giving and will be awarded as set out in 14.1 above
- 14.3. Other prizes may be added at the discretion of the OA
- 14.4. Prize giving will take place as soon as practical after sailors have returned to shore.