



Howth Yacht Club

Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin

ISA Youth Pathway Nationals and Optimist Trials

On behalf of Howth Yacht Club, I would like to welcome competitors, coaches and all supporters this coming week to the ISA Youth Pathway Nationals and Optimist Trials.

As you'll appreciate safety is our main priority, we would request that each competitor returns the attached consent form at registration. The registration office is located in HYC's junior room and will be open during the following periods;

- Wednesday 1700 – 1900
- Thursday 0830 – 1000 and 1700 – 2000
- Thursday 1500 - 1900 (Optimist trials registration)
- Friday 0830 – 1000 and 1700 – 2000
- Saturday 0830 – 1000

We request that all support RIBs carry a VHF radio and keep a listening watch on the relevant channel. These are as follows;

- Black course (420/ Radial) - 69
- Yellow course (Topper/4.7/ Optimist Champ) - 71
- Orange course (Optimist Trials) - 77

All support/coach RIBs may berth in the marine for the duration of the event. RIBs must be registered and display a pink numbered flag at all times. A deposit of €20 is required for each flag and will be refunded when the flag is returned to the race office. RIBs not registered will be required to pay visitor fees, via the Marina office.

Each morning there will be a RIB drivers/crew briefing and we would request that all RIB drivers/crew attend. Briefing times will be posted on the notice boat and a separate briefing will be held for each course.

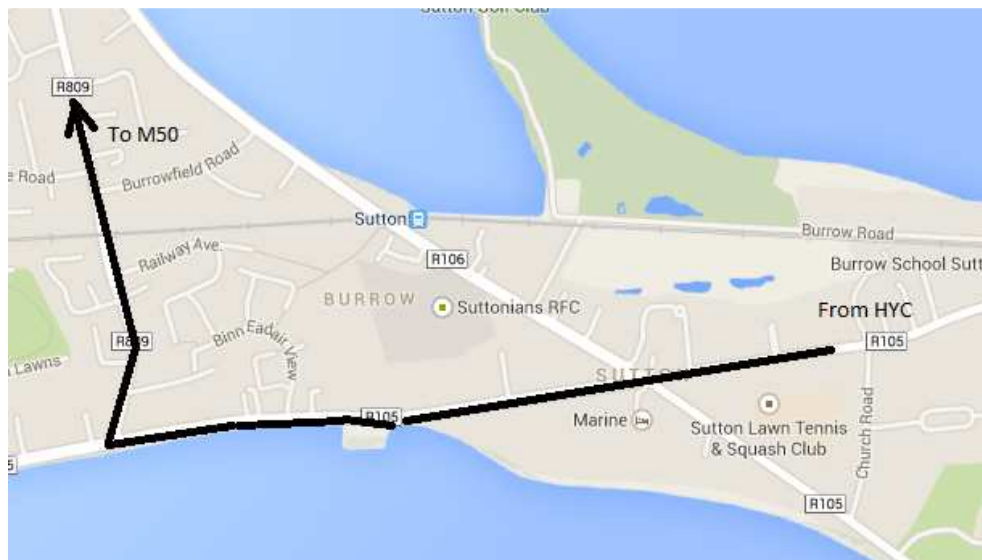
RIBs may only be launched and recovered from the public slipway. Priority on the slipway will be given to competitors. The 420 and Laser fleets will launch from the public slipway while Topper and Optimist sailors will use the HYC slipway.

The Harbour Master has advised that road trailers must not be parked on the middle pier. Secure storage has been arranged by the Harbour Master. This secure yard is located on the West pier behind Ivan's restaurant. The yard will open during registration times and on request from the Marina office (see map).



Following consultation with the Harbour Master and Howth Gardaí, the Middle pier will be closed and reserved for the event on Sunday from 0730. We request that parents/guardians collect their road trailers early on Sunday morning and park cars with trailers on the Middle pier. Alternatively, competitors may leave their dinghies in the dinghy park and arrange to collect them during the following week, when the traffic will be lighter.

The Gardaí have put together a traffic management plan to assist our visitors exit Howth on Sunday evening. Gardaí will be on duty throughout and have requested that cars with trailers heading for the M50 travel via Baldoyle Road and not Station Road (Sutton Dart Station) - see map .



Teas and coffees will be available from 0830 each morning of the event.

Soup and sandwiches are served daily from Monday to Wednesday from 1600.

A full bar menu to include a menu for our competitors, is available from Thursday to Saturday from 1200 to 2100 and on Sunday from 1230 to 1800.

The event is complimented by Howth's '2014 Dublin Bay Prawn Festival', which will see the entire harbour front filled with tents and stalls offering various culinary delights related to our local and world famous crustacean. There will also be a carnival on the green at the corner of the harbour for the children, offering them some distraction from their sailing and a fireworks display at 2200 on Saturday evening. For more information please see dublinbayprawnfestival.ie

The Youth Nationals event committee and all members of Howth Yacht Club look forward to welcoming you and hope you have an enjoyable few days.

Chris Howard
Event Chairman