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RBC Brewin Dolphin Leinster Optimist Championships

18th / 19th July HYC

Welcome from the Event Chair, Jill Sommerville

Howth Yacht Club is looking forward to hosting the Optimist fleet for the RBC Brewin Dolphin Leinster Optimist Championships on 18th & 19th July 2026. The Club is situated just behind the north arm of Dublin Bay, sheltered between the dramatic cliffs of Howth Head and the island bird sanctuary of Ireland's Eye. It has proven to be a great location for regattas and the Club has hosted the Optimist fleet a number of times before and we look forward to doing so again.



The following is a guide to the event and some practical information for your smooth arrival at HYC - parking, unloading, launching RIBs, camping and food options. We very much hope to enjoy the weekend and all the facilities at the Club including the bar and restaurant.

Howth Yacht Club is grateful to lead sponsor RBC Brewin Dolphin, and the support from Fingal County Council, Brodericks Handmade Cakery, Now Coco, and Provident who are all helping make this an exciting event.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is any aspect of the event we can help you with.

Best wishes,

Jill Sommerville

HYC Rear Commodore & Event Chair

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On Arrival

Boat Drop Off

You can leave your Optimist at HYC any time from noon on Friday. The Welcome Team will be at the club from 15:30 to support and help you to unload. Please drive to the unload area (see Figure 1) where you can drop off boats. Note that as the boat park within the club will be busy with sailors, parents, and boats we won't be allowing cars or road trailers inside the gates.

Trailers

The Harbour Master has kindly provided the Fishing Pier for trailer storage (see Figure 1). He requests that you do not leave road trailers or RIB trailers in Harbour parking spaces as these will be impounded. There will not be overnight security at the middle pier so please bring your own lock if concerned. Please follow the instructions from the Welcome Team who guide you where to park the trailers on the pier.

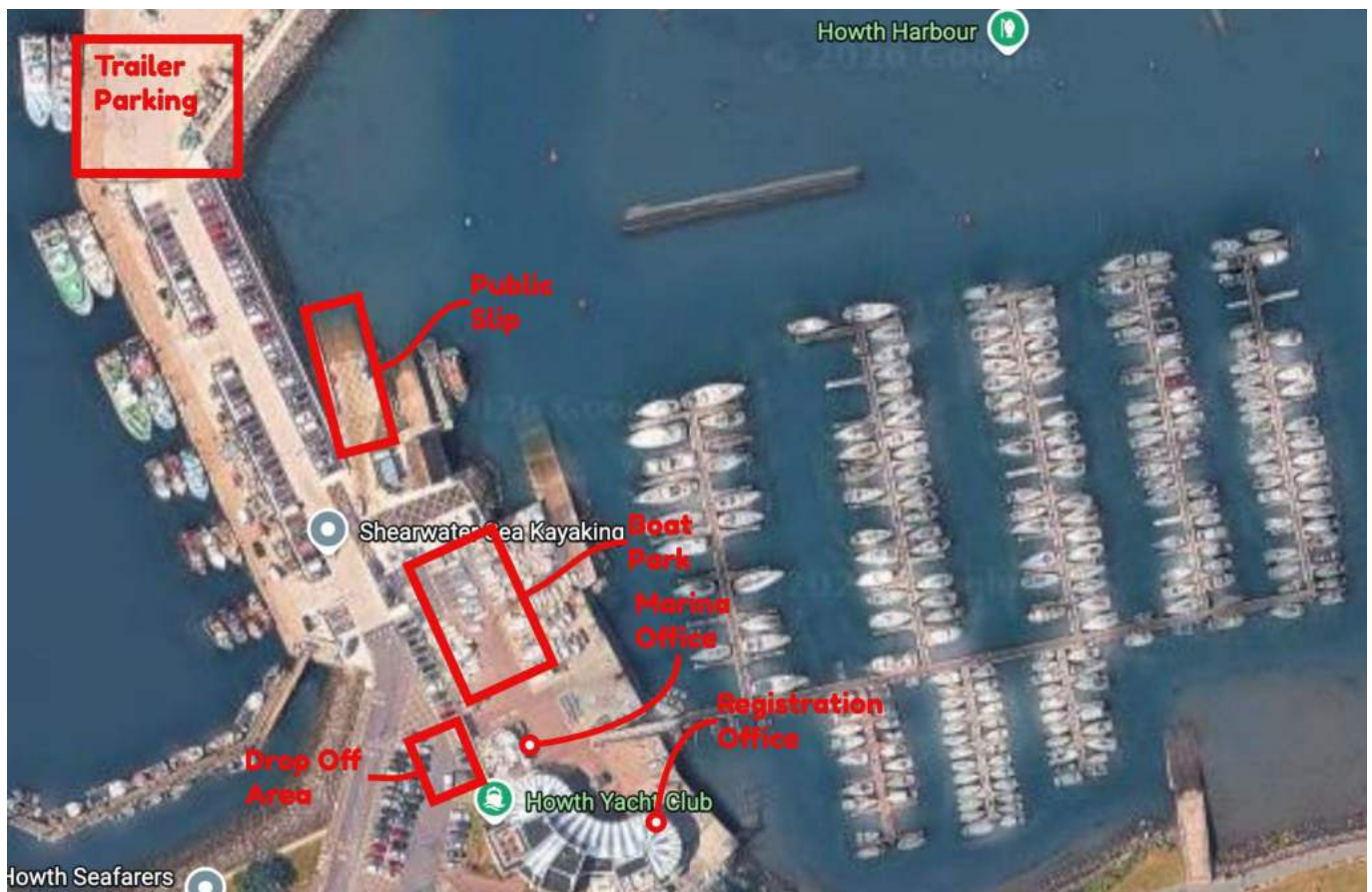


Figure 1: Map of HYC and surrounding area.

Parking

Parking around the Club is free but please note that Howth is very busy, especially on the weekends during the summer months and that parking spaces are limited and can be hard to find. Once parked, we suggest you leave your car for the day and enjoy the event and all that Howth Yacht Club has to offer.

Support Ribs

The main RIB launching slot is on Friday from the **Public Slip** (see Figure 1). **Important:** low tide on Friday evening is at 20:18 and on Saturday it is at 08:55. The slip is only usable 2 hours either side of low tide. Please take this into consideration when planning your trip to Howth.

Coaches and Parent RIBs must be registered via IODAI (<https://iodai.com/events-events>) prior to the event and on arrival should go to the Race Office to check in, collect a flag (there will be a 10 euro deposit which is returned on the return of the flag), and get details where to berth for the duration of the event.

Please follow directions of the Beachmaster, race officials, and safety personnel at all times. Also, please remember that this is a working harbour, and it's very important that access to slipways and piers is kept clear at all times to allow for emergency services and harbour operations.

Sailor Registration

Participants should arrive with enough time to unload equipment, prepare boats, and complete registration. On arrival, proceed to the registration area to confirm entry details, collect event information, and check for any amendments to sailing instructions or schedules. Competitors should also verify launch arrangements, protest procedures, and the location of official notices before going afloat. Collect trolley stickers and fleet ribbons from the registration office (see Figure 1) which is open from 16:00-20:00 on Friday and 08:30-10:00 on Saturday

Event Details

The regatta will bring together competitors from across the country. We are expecting around 160 sailors to arrive on Friday and Saturday morning so very much need everyone's support in ensuring the smooth running of the event. We have a fully packed weekend of sailing and also fun with socialising friends and family onshore afterwards.

Event Schedule

Note the schedule provided below are indicative timings and they may change over the course of the event and as such you should monitor the regatta communication channels and refer to the race documents and amendments for updates.

Friday 17th July	
Boat Drop Off (Welcome team will be at the club from 15:30)	12:00 - 21:00
Launching of RIBs on public slipway	12:00 - 18:00 and after 22:00
Registration (Pergola - Upstairs)	16:00 - 20:00
Club Restaurant and Bar	All Day
Saturday 18th July	
The Boathouse serves tea, coffee, and pastries, scones, muffins.	08:30
Registration (Junior Room)	08:30 - 10:00
Safety support crew briefing (Steps under Balcony)	9.45 - 10:00
Main fleet briefing (Steps under Balcony)	10:00
Regatta fleet Briefing (Steps under Balcony)	10:45
Main fleet launching	10:40 (Approx)
Regatta Racing fleet launching	After Main Fleet
Regatta Coach fleet launching	After Racing Fleet
Main fleet first warning signal	11:55
Regatta racing fleet first warning signal	12:30

Club Restaurant and Bar	All Day
Post sailing grub for sailors (Junior Room)	Post Sailing
Ice-Cream Cones (Forecourt)	15:30 - 17:30
Dining in bar or book a table in club restaurant (booking via bar staff)	After Sailing
Sunday 19th July	
The Boathouse serves tea, coffee, and pastries, scones, muffins.	08:30
Main fleet launching	09:45 (Approx)
Regatta Racing fleet launching	After Main Fleet
Regatta Coach fleet launching	After Racing Fleet
Main fleet first warning signal	10:55
Regatta racing fleet first warning signal	11:30
Club Restaurant and Bar	All Day
Prize giving	Post Sailing
RIB recovery	Post Sailing

Event Communications

All communications for the event will be via the IODIA WhatsApp groups. If you have not joined please ensure you do prior to the event.



Figure 2: Map to Camping Area

Food and Facilities

Camping

Camping is in Deerpark. Drive from HYC towards Sutton and Deerpark grounds is on the left hand side. The campsite is up the driveway, past the castle and a small gate on the left hand side is visible. There will be 2 Portaloo's at the site but no running water. Do not leave valuables as there are many visitors to Deerpark each day. Camping must be booked in advance via <https://bit.ly/4cDzSHI>

Food & Beverages

HYC has a full restaurant and bar food facility. Tea & coffee and breakfast rolls will be available to purchase on the forecourt from the Boathouse from 8:30am onwards. The main club house is open daily from 10am till late with a variety of food served all day. There are also many shops in the area where rolls and lunches can be purchased for sailors going afloat.



Access to the Club and Changing Rooms

The code to access the club and the changing rooms is 7024

On Departure

Trailers can be retrieved from Fish Pier post sailing. Please note that trailers or cars won't be allowed inside the club. The pick up area will be just outside of the club entrance. Care should be taken to not block traffic while picking up boats. RIBs can be recovered using the public slip. Owners of the RIBs should return their flag to the race office and collect their deposit. Before leaving, check to ensure you have all your personal equipment and have disposed of any waste appropriately. Report any lost property, equipment damage, or safety incidents before departure at the race office.

LOST Property

The lost property table will be in the Junior room. All found items will be placed there. This table is not monitored so check regularly if you have lost something. It's regrettable but it is not possible to send individual items to families post event, so please check before leaving HYC that you have everything.