



Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club

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DMYC Kish Challenge

Now on Sunday 4 October 2026

DMYC invites boats to sail around the Kish Lighthouse on Sunday 4 October, in either of two distinct formats: a race or a cruise. The race will be similar to the Kish Race run in recent years. The cruise is intended for boats that do not want to race, but would like to sail around the Kish Lighthouse in the company of other boats, and maybe win a prize.

This document is in three parts, providing general information for all boats taking part, and then specific details for the race and for the cruise.

General Information

Dublin Port tides for Sunday 4 October 2026:
Height is relative to chart datum.

Tide	Time (local)	Height
HW	06:07	3.42 m
LW	11:54	1.59 m
HW	18:39	3.52 m

1. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions, giving full details of the event, are available at www.dmyc.ie.

2. Communication

Notices to competitors will be posted online at www.dmyc.ie.

All participating boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 12 (Dublin VTS) and Channel 68 (organising committee).

3. Eligibility

The challenge is open to keelboats and cruising catamarans capable of sailing safely in open water. Boats and crew must be properly equipped to cope with the weather and the sea state in the racing area. Boats entering the race should have an ECHO handicap or equivalent. Boats that normally race in DBSC races should conform to the relevant class safety requirements.

4. Entry

Eligible boats may enter online at www.dmyc.ie. The entry fee is €40 for the race or €10 for the cruise. This should be paid through the online entry system.

Entries close on Saturday 3 October 2026 at 19:00. (Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organisers.)

5. Location

The race will take place in the vicinity of Dublin Bay, extending east to the vicinity of the Kish lighthouse and south into Killiney Bay. Start and finish will be in the vicinity of Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

6. Schedule - Updated

The new scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 10:55 on Sunday 4 October 2026, with the race starting at 11:00. The cruising boats may start at any time between 11:15 and 11:30, local time.

The time limit for all boats to complete the challenge is 17:00.

7. Course

The course will be to the Kish light and back, weather permitting. The direct course to the Kish Lighthouse is not permitted for this event, as it crosses a Traffic Separation Scheme for Dublin Port. To comply with Dublin Port Company requirements, boats will be required to pass South of the Muggins Island on the way to and from the Kish Lighthouse.

If necessary, an alternative destination point may be used, either to provide a shorter course in light winds or to provide an inshore race in strong winds. Full details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Risk Statement

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in this event or to continue to sail is hers alone. In entering this event, each boat's representative agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC), its organising committee and volunteers, Leinster Boats, Dublin Port Company and Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, nor for injury to any participant, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. In entering this event, each boat's representative agrees to release DMYC from any and all liability associated with participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

9. Insurance

Each boat participating in the race or the cruise must have valid third-party liability insurance, with minimum cover €3 million. Boats competing in the race must also have insurance cover for racing.

10. Data Protection

The personal information that you provide to DMYC on the entry form will be used only to facilitate your participation in the event. The results of the event will be published, with names of boats and owners.

Notice of Race

This section of the document is for boats competing in the race. It should be read in conjunction with the General Information above.

11. Rules

The race will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the rules of each class concerned and this document, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

Note that the boats participating in the cruise will be sailing on the same course but starting at a different time. Those boats will sail under the International Regulations for Preventing

Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS or COLREGs). RRS Part 2 states that when a boat sailing under RRS meets a boat sailing under IRPCAS, she shall comply with IRPCAS.

Participants must not impede commercial traffic.

12. Handicaps

Irish Sailing ECHO Base handicaps, or equivalent, will be used to calculate corrected times. The race committee will assign a fair handicap to boats where necessary.

13. Prizes

The Kish perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest corrected time. Other prizes will be awarded to the three boats with the lowest corrected times.

Additional prizes may be awarded for the first Ruffian, first Shipman and best result by a crew of two (excluding boats that normally race with a crew of two), if justified by the number of entries in those categories.

The decision to award prizes remains exclusively with the DMYC and the sponsor, Leinster Boats.

Cruise Details

This section of the document is for boats participating in the cruise. It should be read in conjunction with the General Information above.

14. Rules

The cruise will be governed by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS or COLREGs), this document, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. Participants must not impede commercial traffic.

Boats must complete the course under sail, from crossing the start line to crossing the finish line, without the use of engines or other means of propulsion.

Note that boats competing in the race will be sailing on the same course but starting at a different time. Those boats will sail under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) but will comply with IRPCAS in any encounter with a boat not sailing under RRS. It is recommended that a boat participating in the cruise should fly a national ensign or a club ensign at the stern, to identify her as cruising and not racing.

15. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for the best pictures submitted by a participating boat, taken during the cruise and featuring the Kish Lighthouse or other well-known landmark and/or other participating boats. The winning pictures will be chosen by the sponsors, Leinster Boats. DMYC and Leinster Boats will have the right to use and to publish the pictures submitted.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers, depending on the number of boats participating.

