## **Club History**

Howth Yacht Club was originally founded as Howth Sailing Club in 1895. Initially a pure sailing club it later combined with Howth Motor Yacht Club to form Howth Yacht Club. It is located on the east coast of Ireland behind the north arm of Dublin Bay, sheltered between the scenic cliffs of Howth Head and those of the island bird sanctuary of Ireland Eye. Howth Yacht Club prides itself on being a world-class international sailing venue and regularly hosts high-level competitions including world, European, national and regional championships as part of its busy annual sailing schedule.

### **Rolex Invitational Cup History**

This will be Howth Yacht Club's second time competing in the IC. HYC placed 18th in 2021. The team's selection process was competitive, three teams were put onto a short list and put in front of a selection committee. The committee then chose the team based on one-design racing, recent results, contribution to sailing at the club and youth/gender.

#### Crew

The 2023 HYC crew will be led by helmsman David Maguire from Howth, Ireland. Maguire is an experienced racer with 44 years of experience. He placed second at the Cape 31 Irish National Championship, second at the Beneteau 31.7 Irish National Championship, and first in Class 2 IRC Irish National Championship. Maguire represented Ireland at numerous dinghy European and world Championships. HYC's tactician in this year's cup is Colin Kavanaugh, also from Howth, Ireland. With 40 years of racing, Kavanagh has seen great success throughout his career, placing second at the Beneteau 31.7 Irish National Championship and first at the Puppeteer 22 Irish National Championship, a title he held for multiple years.

# **HYC CREW**

Helmsperson - David Maguire (Dublin, IRL)
Tactician - Colin Kavanaugh (Dublin, IRL)
Diana Kissane (Dublin, IRL)
Graham Curran (Dublin, IRL)
Luke Malcolm (Dublin, IRL)
Carla Fagan (Dublin, IRL)
Gary Cullen (Dublin, IRL)
William Maguire (Dublin, IRL)
Johnny Durcan (Cork, IRL)





