



Optimist National and Open Championships 2017
hosted by the

Royal Irish Yacht Club

Thursday 17th to Sunday 20th August 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Organising Authority and Rules

- 1.1 The organising authority is the International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland (IODAI), in conjunction with the Royal Irish Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The event will be governed by the current rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the current International Optimist Dinghy Association Rules, this Notice of Race, the IODAI Major Event Sailing Instructions, the Supplementary Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising will be restricted as per IODA Class Rule 2.8
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display a sponsor's logo chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. If required, the logo will be available at registration.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Competitors must be Members of IODAI or their National Optimist Association
- 3.2 Entry is open to all sailors who were under 15 on the 1st January 2017.
- 3.3 The early entry fee is €160. Closing date is 29th July 2017.
- 3.4 Entries received after 10pm on the 3rd of August 2017 and before 10pm on the 7th of August 2017 are subject to a Late Entry Fee of €260 per sailor and will be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 3.5 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: Main Fleet - 150 boats, Regatta Fleet 50 boats.
- 3.6 A completed declaration of the Parent/Guardian Consent Form shall be submitted at registration.

4 Event Description & Venue

- 4.1 The event will comprise two fleets - a Main fleet which will compete for the Junior and Senior Championship, and a Regatta fleet, which will combine coaching and racing.
- 4.2 The event will be held at the Royal Irish Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

5 Divisions & Fleets

- 5.1 Senior and Junior Divisions
Boats will be divided into two divisions with separate starts as follows:
 - Junior Division: Sailors under 12 on the 1st January 2017.
 - Senior Division: Sailor over 12 but under 15 on 1st January 2017.

5.2 Gold and Silver Fleets

Within each division there will be a further split into Gold and Silver Fleets according to the current national rankings as posted on the IODAI website at www.iodai.com. Gold and silver fleets shall have a single start within their division.

5.3 Qualifying and Final series

Depending on the size of the entry (Junior or Senior fleets), the regatta may run with flights in a qualifying series. This will separate the fleets into Gold and Silver for the Final Series. In this instance, the current rankings of the sailors, per 5.2 (and relevant national rankings of any international sailors entered) will be used to create evenly matched flights for the qualifying series. The SSI's will explain how the flights will work.

5.4 Identification Ribbons

Each boat shall display the ribbons provided at registration as follows:

Division / Fleet	Ribbon Colour
Senior / Gold	Yellow
Senior / Silver	Blue
Junior / Gold	Red
Junior / Silver	Green
Regatta	Pink

6 Schedule

6.1 Registration and validation shall be on Wednesday 16th August 2017 from 10:30 - 12:30, 13:30 - 17:00 and 18:30 - 20:00.

6.2 Schedule

Date	Time
Wednesday 16th	10:30-12:30, 13:30-17:00, 18:30-20:00 Registration
Wednesday 16th	Opening ceremony 17:30
Thursday 17th	Competitor briefing 09:00 Support boat briefing 09:30 1st Warning signal Main fleet 11:25 (2 races scheduled)
Friday 18th	1st Warning signal Main fleet 10:25 (3 races scheduled)
Saturday 19th	1st Warning signal Main fleet 10:25 (3 races scheduled)
Sunday 20th	1st Warning signal Main fleet 10:25 (2 races scheduled)

- 6.3 The Race Officer may, at their discretion, get one race ahead of schedule but shall not sail more than 4 races on any one day. Each day, succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable following the finish of the previous race.
- 6.4 The championship will consist of a maximum of 10 races.
- 6.5 4 races shall constitute a series.
- 6.6 No race shall be started after 15:00 on the last day. However a race, that would have started prior to 15:00 if not for a general recall, may be re-started after 15:00.

7 Registration / Measurement Validation

- 7.1 Competitors are required to have spars, foils and sails measured by a qualified measurer in advance of the Nationals. Self declaration forms must be handed in at registration.
- 7.2 Spot checks will be performed on equipment on a random basis prior to, and during the regatta

8 Scoring

- 8.1 When four or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.2 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.3 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

9 Penalty Systems

- 9.1 RRS Appendix P will apply.

10 Sailing Instructions & Briefing

- 10.1 The Major Event Sailing Instructions, with a section for Qualifying and Final Series as necessary, will apply and are posted on the IODAI website.
- 10.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and posted on the Notice Board.
- 10.3 There will be a briefing for competitors at 09.30 on 17th August 2017.
- 10.4 A Regatta fleet briefing will be held separately at 12.00 or as indicated on the Official Notice Board.

11 Notices to Competitors

- 11.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will specify its location.

12 Safety Check

- 12.1 A list of the mandatory equipment required and the process to be adhered to is posted on the IODAI website under Safety Check List. It is the responsibility of each Parent/Guardian to ensure each sailor is in compliance with this Safety Check List.

13 Support boats

- 13.1 Support boats must register with the organising committee, and nominate each competitor they are supporting.
- 13.2 Support boats may be called upon by the Race Committee and / or Safety Officer to assist with rescue operations.
- 13.3 There will be a briefing for support boat skippers at 10:00 on 17th August 2017.

14 Risk statement

- 14.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".
- 14.2 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:
 - a) 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;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- e) 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.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

15 Inspections

- 15.1 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

16 Insurance

- 16.1 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.

17 Regatta Fleet Competency

- 17.1 All Regatta Fleet sailors must be competent and capable of sailing a triangular course (with approximately 250m legs) in light to moderate winds.

18 Trolleys

- 18.1 All trolleys must be in full working order and marked with current sail number.
- 18.2 All old trolley tags must be removed. New trolley tags issued at Registration must be attached.

19 Catering

- 19.1 All competitors are to bring their own packed lunch each day in a waterproof lunch bag, or suitable plastic container, clearly marked with their sail number.
- 19.2 A small meal will be provided for all sailors after sailing each day.

20 Photography Consent

- 20.1 By entering the Championship competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship 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 competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

21 Local contact

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