

International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland



MAJOR EVENT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2017

These major event instructions are common to the Selection Trials, The National Championship, Regional Championship and the Crosbie Cup. Supplementary Sailing Instructions, pertaining to each individual venue, will be available at Registration.

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the host Club in conjunction with the International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland (IODAI)

2 RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
- 2.3 The class rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association will apply.
- 2.4 In all rules governing this regatta:
 - 2.4.1 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee This changes RRS 64.1
 - 2.4.2 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes 63.1 and A5
 - 2.4.2 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.5 Racing rules Race Signal AP, 28.1, 35, 60.1(a), 61.1(b), 62.2, 63.1, 63.2, 64.1, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear in full in these sailing instructions.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The location will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole. The location will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2 When flag AP is flown ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after Flag D is displayed. Boats shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed. [NP][DP]

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 See the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal for any fleet will be made after 1500.

7 CLASS DIVISIONS AND FLEETS

- 7.1 Selection Trials and Crosbie Cup – all eligible sailors will have a single start.
- 7.2 At National and Regional Championships boats will be divided into two divisions: Senior and Junior
- 7.2.1 Senior Division: Sailors aged twelve to fourteen on 1st January of the year of the regatta.
- 7.2.2 Junior Division: Sailors aged under twelve on 1st January of the year of the regatta.
- 7.2.3 Within each division there will be a further split between Gold and Silver fleets according to the current National Rankings as posted on the IODAI web site at www.iodai.com.
- 7.2.4 All boats shall display fleet identification ribbons provided at registration.
- 7.3 Separate Sailing Instructions will be available when there is a Regatta Fleet.

8 CLASS FLAGS AND RIBBONS

- 8.1 Division and fleet flag designations:

Division	Fleet	Class Flag	Ribbon	Abandonment N + Pennant
Senior	Gold	O	Blue	
Senior	Silver	O	Pink	2
Junior	Gold	J	Red	3
Junior	Silver	J	Green	1

9 RACING AREAS

- 9.1 See the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.
- 12.2 Any other areas that are obstructions will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

13 THE START

- 13.1 The starting line will be as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 13.3 At National and Regional Championships the Junior Division will be the first class to start.
- 13.3.1 At the Warning signal for the Junior Division, the Senior Division boats must assemble to leeward of a holding line marked by marks, as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions, which will be parallel and to leeward of the start line. [NP][DP]

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The Finishing Line will be as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions
- 15.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is

no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. [NP]

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 16.2.
- 16.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 16.3 RRS ISA Appendix T will apply. When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request Arbitration, or the Protest Committee or Race Committee may offer it.
- 16.4 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race office within the protest time limit. [NP][DP]

17 TIME LIMITS [NP]

- 17.1 Race Time limit is 80 minutes
- 17.2 Trials only: Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

18 ABANDONMENT [NP]

- 18.1 The Race Committee may abandon racing for divisions and fleets in the following order by displaying flag N and a numeral pennant See SI 8.1:
 - 18.1.1 Junior Division, Silver Fleet Numeral 1
 - 18.1.2 Senior Division, Silver Fleet Numeral 2
 - 18.1.3 Junior Division, Gold Fleet Numeral 3

19 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1 Boats intending to protest or request redress, for an incident on the race course, shall inform the Race Committee finishing vessel at the finish line upon finishing the race, or if they do not finish, inform either a Jury boat or a safety boat as soon as practicable after they retire. This adds to the requirements of RRS 61.1 for a protest or request for redress to be valid.
- 19.2 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 19.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 19.4 Notices will be posted, no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This is the notification required by rules 61.1(b) and 63.2. Arbitration hearings and protest hearings may begin without a notice and within protest time when the parties are available. Hearings will be held in the protest room described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 19.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 19.6 A list of boats that under SI 15.1 have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 19.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

20 SCORING

- 20.1 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Race Office.
- 20.2 The number of races to constitute a series and the number of worst scores to be excluded will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

21 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][SP][DP]

- 21.1 Each Competitor shall wear a personal flotation device of at least CE50 Newtons standard, or equivalent, at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes rule 40. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 21.2 Boats and competitors shall comply with all reasonable instructions from safety boat crew.
- 21.3 A boat that retires from racing shall notify a safety boat before leaving the race area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 21.4 Boats wishing to leave their race course area before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorised by a safety boat. The safety boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.
- 21.4 Boats not intending to race shall inform the Race Office as soon as possible.
- 21.5 Each competitor shall, in person, tally out before launching, and tally in on return from, racing.
- 21.6 The time for a boat to tally out ends at the warning signal for the first race that day.
- 21.7 The time to tally in finishes ten minutes after the last boat in her class is ashore.
- 21.8 When ashore boats must be kept in their assigned berth.

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 22.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]
- 22.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules and Sailing Instructions.
- 23.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Technical Committee member to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

24 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 24.1 If required, boats shall display event advertising, supplied by the organising authority, on hull and or sail. Some competitors may be required to wear race bibs. [DP]

25 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 25.1 Official boats will be identified as described on the official notice board.

26 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 26.1 Support boats (including coach boats) shall comply with NOR 13. No other vessel associated with a boat or competitor shall enter the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 26.2 Except when requested by, or agreed with, the race committee, support boats must stay 100 m distant from the race area except when requested to assist by an official boat from the time of the warning until the time that the last competitor finishes the last race to be sailed each day on that race course.

27 TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

- 27.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

28 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 28.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

29 PRIZES

29.1 Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees 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, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, 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 omission;
- (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 organisers 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;

INSPECTIONS The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

31 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 (£3,000,000 for events in Northern Ireland) per incident or the equivalent.

32 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

32.1 By entering the Regatta competitors and where relevant their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

32.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

ATTACHMENT A – Courses

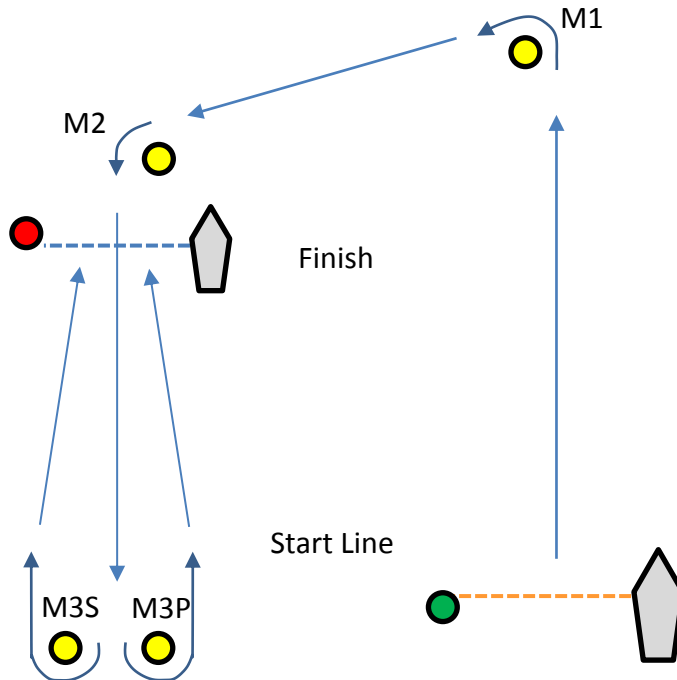
SELECTION TRIALS & CROSBIE CUP

All marks are to be rounded to Port with the exception of the leeward gate at 3A/3B. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark

Course: 1, 2, 3P/3S, Finish

Marks 1 and 2 to be left to Port

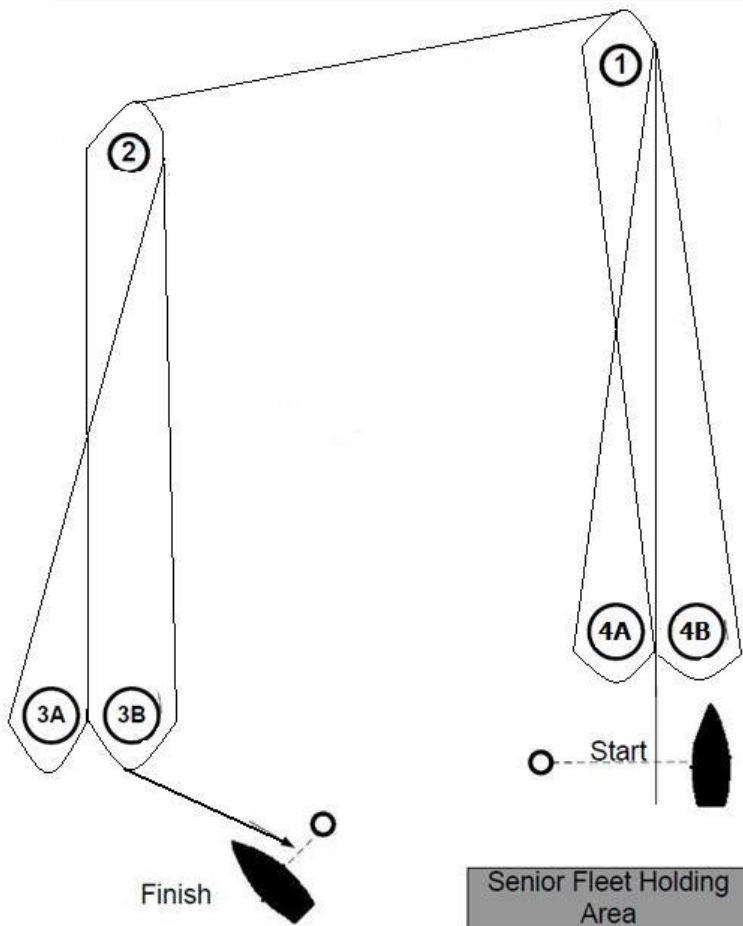
Marks 3P/3S are a Gate



NATIONAL & REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The courses will be as shown below. The diagrams show the courses, is representative of the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

All marks are to be rounded to Port.



Junior Fleet Course

Mark 1, 2, 3a or 3b, 2, 3b, finish

Senior Fleet Course

Mark 1, 4a or 4b, 1, 2, 3b, finish