



NOTICE OF RACE
OPTIMIST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
14th - 18th August 2013

The Organising Authority is the International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland (IODAI) in conjunction with the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The National Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Irish Sailing Association prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. I.O.D.A Class Rules will apply.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
- 2.2. All Competitors' Boats may be required to display a Sponsor's logo as instructed. 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 are under 15 on the 1st January in the year of the championship.
- 3.3. The entry fee for all sailors (Main Fleet and Regatta) is €140.
- 3.4. The closing date for entries is the 29th July 2013.
- 3.5. A completed declaration of the Parent/Guardian Consent Form shall be submitted at registration.

4. Event Description and 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 venue is The National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin.

5. Main Fleet Divisions

5.1. Senior and Junior Divisions

Boats will be divided two divisions with separate starts as follows:

- Junior Division: Sailors under 12 on the 1st of January in the year of the regatta.
- Senior Division: Sailors over 12 but under 15 on 1st January in the year of the regatta

5.1 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.

5.2 Identification Ribbons

Each boat shall display, from their sail sprit loop, the ribbon provided at registration as follows:

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

6. Schedule

6.1

14 th August	1500-2000 Registration/Measurement Validation
14th august	1800 Opening Ceremony
15 th August	0830-0930 Registration/Measurement Validation
15 th August	2 races back to back
16th august	3 races back to back
17 th August	3 races back to back
18 th August	2 races back to back

6.1. The time of the first warning signal on 15th of August will be 1155. The time for the first warning signal on subsequent days will be 1055.

6.2. The racing schedule will be as above however the Race Officer may, at his discretion, get one race ahead of schedule but shall not sail more than 4 races on any one day.

6.3. 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 1500 on the last day of the regatta.

7. Registration / Measurement Validation

- 7.1. You are required to have your spars, foils and sails measured by a qualified measurer.
- 7.2. Spot checks will be performed on equipment on a random basis prior to, and during the regatta.
- 7.3. Measurement forms **must** be completed and presented at registration.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.2. When from five to eight 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 will apply and be available on the IODAI website.
- 10.2. Supplementary sailing instructions will be available at registration.
- 10.3. There will be a briefing for competitors at 1000 on Thursday 15th August.
- 10.4. A Regatta fleet briefing will be held separately at 1100 on Thursday 15th August.

11. Safety Check

- 11.1. 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.

12. Support boats

- 12.1. Support boats must register with the organising committee, and declare each competitor they are supporting.
- 12.2. Support Boats may be called upon by the Race committee and or the Safety Officer to assist with rescue operations.
- 12.3. There will be a briefing for support boat skippers at 1030 on Thursday 15th August.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk (See RRS 4 - Decision to Race). The National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, IODAI and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the regatta. Competitors take part in the regatta at their own risk.

14. Insurance

14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 or the equivalent per event.

15. Regatta Fleet Competency

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

16. Trolleys

16.1. All trolleys must be in full working order and marked with a current sail number.

16.2. Old Trolley tags must be removed. New trolley tags will be issued at Registration.

17. Catering

17.1. 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.

17.2. A small meal will be provided for all sailors after sailing each day.

18. Photography Consent

18.1. 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.

19. Local contact

The National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin event mini site www.nyc.ie