



## ISA Youth Pathway Nationals 2014

### Howth Yacht Club

Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014

### NOTICE OF RACE

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club in conjunction with the Irish Sailing Association (ISA).
- The ISA Youth Pathway Nationals' (hereinafter called *the Regatta*) will form part of the ISA selection trials for the 2014 ISAF Youth Worlds and the ISA National squads and an indicator (amongst other events) for the ISA Academy. Classes sailing will be 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Topper and Optimist Championship. The Optimist Championship is open to Optimist sailors who have not been invited to participate in the Optimist Trials (see also 3.4 below).
- The 1st leg of the IODAI 2014 Optimist Trials will be held in conjunction with, but sailed on a separate course from, the Championships from Friday 25th April 2014 to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Please refer to [www.iodai.com](http://www.iodai.com) for the Trials fleet entry criteria, Notice of Race & Entry Form.

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the ISA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016.
- 1.2 Boats competing in each Class shall comply with their respective Class Rules. Boats may be checked for compliance with the Class Rules at any time during the Regatta.
- 1.3 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply.
- 1.4 Whistle System: To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a Rule.
- 1.5 An Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration hearing procedure will be offered, and details will appear in the SI and on the Notice Board. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to a Protest Committee but cannot be reopened or Appealed.
- 1.6 Decisions of the Protest Committee/Jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5, subject to the approval of the Protest Committee/Jury by the ISA.

#### 2 ADVERTISING & IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Boats may be required to affix advertising and/or identification numbers chosen and supplied by the OA. Other conflicting advertising shall be removed (or otherwise completely obliterated to the satisfaction of the OA) from hulls, sails and competitors' clothing and equipment.

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### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to boats of the 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Optimist and Topper Classes. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the OA.
- 3.2 Competitors in the 420, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 shall be under 19 years on the 31st December 2014.
- 3.3 Competitors in the Youth Pathway Classes (Topper and Optimist Championship) shall be under 16 on the 31st December 2014.
- 3.4 **Optimist Entries:** The Optimist Championship Fleet is for competent sailors who competed in the IODAI Junior or Senior Fleets in 2013 and have not been invited to the Optimist Trials. Where an IODAI 2013 Regatta Fleet sailor believes their level of improvement since the last IODAI 2013 Regional event warrants consideration of their entry being accepted, they may submit a conditional entry accompanied by a letter seeking approval from the OA for its acceptance. **Such conditional entries shall be submitted by post (not online or via the website) so as to arrive prior to 1800 on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2014.** *The conditional entry shall be accompanied by a written confirmation from a recognised IODAI or Club coach whom the sailor has worked with during Winter 2013 – 2014 confirming the sailor has improved in competence to the degree where they are now ready to compete in the IODAI Senior or Junior fleet.* Submission of the application authorises the OA to contact the named coach to obtain verification of the confirmation. If the OA decides that a conditional entry is not being accepted, their decision will be issued to the applicant before close of business on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Where an Optimist entrant is found not to have complied with the above qualification criteria or application procedure their entry may be deemed invalid.
- 3.5 Boats shall have their full Class allocated sail number displayed in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS.
- 3.6 Overseas entries are welcome in all Classes.
- 3.7 Eligible boats should enter online at [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie)
- 3.8 Each sailor under 18 years of age shall return a completed Parent/Guardian Consent Form prior to or at registration. This consent form will be emailed to each competitor upon completing the online entry and will be also available to download.
- 3.9 A minimum of 7 boats is required to be entered in each Class for racing to be held for that Class.

### 4 FEES

- 4.1 The required entry fees are as follows:-

Class	Entry Fee	Discounted Fee - If received by OA prior to 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2014
Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Topper,	€110.00	€90.00
Optimist*	€80.00	€60.00
420	€150.00	€130.00

\* Fee not applicable to Optimist Trials entry

### 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration, briefings and prize giving

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 23rd April	Registration - 420, Laser Radial	1700-2000

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<b>Thursday 24th April</b>	Registration - 420, Laser Radial	0830-1000
	Competitor briefing - 420, Laser Radial	1015
	Registration - Laser 4.7, Topper	1700-2000
<b>Friday 25th April</b>	Registration - Laser 4.7, Topper	0830-1000
	Competitor briefing - Laser 4.7, Topper	10.15
	Registration – Optimist Championship	1700-2000
<b>Saturday 26th April</b>	Registration – Optimist Championship	0830-0915
	Competitor briefing – Optimist Championship	0915
<b>Sunday 27th April</b>	Prize giving	1600, or earlier if advised

5.2 Racing – number of races scheduled and time of 1<sup>st</sup> warning gun on each race course

Date	Course - 420, Laser Radial	Course – Laser 4.7, Topper & Opt Championship
Thurs, April 24 <sup>th</sup> - 3 races	1155	-
Fri, April 25 <sup>th</sup> - 3 races	1055	1155*
Sat, April 26 <sup>th</sup> - 3 races	1055	1055
Sun, April 27 <sup>th</sup> - 2 races	1055	1055

\* Optimist Championship fleet not racing

5.3 On the last day of the Regatta, no warning signal for a Class will be made after 1455 unless a General Recall or a Postponement has been made for that Class - or for any Class starting prior to it in a sequence of Class starts where multiple Classes are starting in the same course area - and the first Warning Signal in the sequence of starts for the last Race it is intended to sail in that course area was made no later than 1455.

### 6 RACE OFFICE, REGISTRATION & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Race Office will be located on the Ground floor of the Clubhouse.
- 6.2 All entrants shall register in the Race Office within the times stated for their Class in NoR 5
- 6.3 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board for all competitors at Registration and will be posted on the [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) website two weeks before the Regatta.
- 6.4 The Official Notice Board will be located adjacent to the Marina Office, at the pedestrian entrance gate.

### 7 BOAT PARKING & LAUNCHING / RECOVERY

- 7.1 Boat parking plans will be posted on the Official Notice Board and parking spaces will be allocated at Registration. Boats shall only be parked in their allocated space.
- 7.2 The slipway that Classes are required to use each day to launch and recover on will be stated on the Official Notice Board and boats shall only use their Class's allocated slipway.
- 7.3 All competitors are required to have a launching trolley suitable for their particular Class of boat that is fully serviceable. Trolleys will be used on a 'first come first served' basis on each day of the Regatta except for recovery on the last day.

### 8 COURSES TO BE SAILED & COURSE LOCATIONS

- 8.1 The Regatta racing will be held on courses that may be trapezoidal or windward-leeward and may vary for each Class, for different races. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

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8.2 The race areas will generally be north of Ireland's Eye and south of Malahide Estuary. The area between Ireland's Eye and Claremont Beach may also be used at the discretion of the OA. Three course areas will normally be in use – (a) 420s/ Laser Radials, (b) Laser 4.7/ Topper/ Optimist Championship Fleet and (c) Optimist Trials. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

### 9 SCORING

- 9.1 A total of 11 races are scheduled with 4 races required to be completed to constitute a series for the 420 and Laser Radial Classes. A total of 8 races are scheduled and 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Laser 4.7 and Toppers. A total of 5 races are scheduled and 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Optimist Championship Classes.
- 9.2 For all except the Optimist Championship fleet, when fewer than 5 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.
- 9.3 For the Optimist Championship fleet, when fewer than 3 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

### 10 SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1 Support boats shall register with the Race Office. An identification flag will be supplied to each registered boat by the OA at registration on payment of a deposit of €20.00, repayable on return of the flag. Each support boat shall conspicuously display its identification flag.
- 10.2 Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters shall not encroach within 100m of any Race Course Area unless requested to assist by an Official Race Committee Boat between the time of the first Warning Signal and the time that the last competitor finishes the last race to be sailed each day on that Course Area.  
For the 420 and Laser Radial Classes, coaches and supporters shall not communicate with competitor's afloat, tow competitors to or from the Race Area nor enter the Race Area unless requested to assist by an Official Race Committee Boat.
- 10.3 Competitors shall not use the assistance of unregistered support boats at any time whilst afloat during the Championship.
- 10.4 Breaches of any part of this NoR Clause 10 will not be grounds for a protest by a Competitor. This changes Rule 60.1(a). For these breaches the Protest Committee may apply another penalty in place of disqualification. NOR 10.3 does not apply during emergency rescue operations.

### 11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats overall in each Class and to the highest place boat with an all-female crew in each Class.

### 12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk - see RRS 4, 'Decision to Race'. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.

### 13 INSURANCE

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

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### **14 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

14.1 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 Regatta 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.

### **15 GENERAL**

15.1 Information on local accommodation is available on [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie)

15.2 Competitors are granted temporary membership of HYC for the duration of the Event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

### **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

16.1 For further information please visit the HYC website, follow us on Facebook, email us or call the Club us on the number provided;

Web: [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie)

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