



## **2019 Optimist Team Racing**

### **Vice President's Trophy**

Friday, 14th June 2019

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club in association with IODAI.

1. RULES
- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D.
- 1.2 The current Conditions of the IODAI will apply
- 1.3 RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
  - 1.3.1 The first sentence of RRS 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to Class Rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
  - 1.3.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except RRS 40 as amended by Notice of Race (NoR) 1.3.1"
- 1.4 RRS 61.1 (a) (2) shall not apply. The required red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or PFD and shall be capable of being concealed and being displayed at arm's length. To indicate a protest, the flag shall be deployed from a concealed position to a position where it is easily visible to the protested boat and Umpires.
- 1.5 Rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions and may be identified at the morning briefing. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

## 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Individual advertising may be displayed according to World Sailing Regulation 20.3.1 on clothing and boats.
- 2.2 While racing, competitors may be required to wear bibs or spray tops. These shall be worn outside all other clothing, according to World Sailing Regulation 20.3.1. The bibs or spray tops will NOT be provided by the OA and shall be identical for all the members of each team.
- 2.3 Coloured stickers and numbers issued to competitors shall be affixed to the sail 30cm above the clew. If instructed by the OA, hull stickers shall be fixed and located in accordance with instructions provided.

## 3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the OA. This changes RRS 63.6.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Team members shall be current members of IODAI.
- 4.2 The number of entries will be capped at Twelve Teams. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 4.3 Each team shall be made up of four sailors from the same club and shall be accompanied by a Coach/team leader. All sailors competing on a team shall be current members of the Club that they are representing and, in the twelve month period preceding the event, have stated their membership of that Club when entering IODAI events.
- 4.4 The members of the teams shall be born in 2004 or later.
- 4.5 IODAI, in association with the OA, may invite a minimum of four teams which do not comply with NoR 4.3. Such team(s) will not be eligible to win the perpetual VP trophy. One of these entries will be reserved for the Worlds Team. This team will not be eligible to qualify for the Optimist European Team Racing Championships (details in Addendum 1 to this NoR). The remaining three (or more) teams will be approved for entry based on overall ranking from Trials.
- 4.6 To be eligible to represent Ireland at the Optimist European Team Racing Championships, a team must be composed by 2 sailors of each gender.
- 4.7 In the event that a qualifying team is not established for the Optimist European Team Racing Championships then IODAI will award the qualifying places to the top two girls and top two boys based on trials results, outside of World qualifying sailors.

## 5. ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries shall be made according to the following schedule:
  - On or before June 6<sup>th</sup>, interested clubs must apply for one or several teams to [dinghyperformance2017@gmail.com](mailto:dinghyperformance2017@gmail.com)
  - On June 7<sup>th</sup>, invitations will be sent to all successful applicants who in turn shall validate their participation by submitting their entry fee prior to June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 5.2 The entry fee will be €200.00 per team

- 5.3 Entry fee will be payable online at <http://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 5.4 Entries will not be refunded in case of withdrawal.
- 5.5 Any team which does not comply with NoR 5.1 will cease to be eligible and the place(s) will be offered to another team.
- 5.6 A late entry may be accepted at the entire discretion of the OA, with a 25% surcharge.
- 5.7 The details of the team members and coach/team leader, shall be submitted not later than June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to [dinghyperformance2017@gmail.com](mailto:dinghyperformance2017@gmail.com)

6. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 6.1 Four sailors shall represent each team in a race.
- 6.2 The format will be one or more round robins followed by semi-finals and finals. It will be described in the Sailing Instructions and may be varied as described therein.
- 6.3 Seeding will be based on sailors' final position at trials. If a sailor did not take part at trials his associated results will be 70 pts. The team with the lowest total number of points will be seed 1, the second lowest seed 2, and so on...

7. PROGRAM

7.1 Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>

8.00am	Official Arrival time. Registration.
9.30am	Meeting with Umpires followed by launch
10.30	Round robin races.
15.30	Latest start for semi finals
16.30	Latest start for finals
	Prizes giving ASAP after racing

7.2 The schedule of races will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration at the Venue.

9. RACE AREA

The race area will be west of Howth Harbour and may be one mile from the harbour entrance.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

The races will be umpired according to RRS D 2.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS D3.

12.2 RRS Appendix A6 will apply.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

There is a limit of one support boat per team and exclusion zone restrictions shall apply. Support boat drivers shall wear killcords when the engine is running.

14. PRIZES

14.1 The perpetual VP Trophy will be awarded to the top ranked team whose members meet the requirements of 4.3.

14.2 The top ranked gender balanced team excluding the Worlds team (i.e., one that is composed of two sailors of each gender), will be eligible to represent Ireland at the Optimist European Team Racing Championships (Provided that Ireland is offered a place)

14.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 Competitors and support team members participate in the championship entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:

15.1 (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;

15.1(b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

15.1(c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

15.1(d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event, and they are fit to participate;

15.1(e) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

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

15.1(g) it is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this venue or event, and to attend any safety briefings held for the event.

15.2 Insurance: Each boat competing shall be adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and howsoever occurring and shall be covered by third party insurance cover providing an indemnity of not less than one and a half million Euros for any one accident.

All owners/guardians/parents/competitors who enter are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

15.3 Disclaimer of Liability: The OA and any other party involved in the organization of the Championship will accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to competitors who take part in the event.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the OA, HYC and IODAI, and the sponsors of the championship the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.

# ADDENDUM 1: Information on the Optimist European Team Racing Championships

**Venue:** Lake Ledro, Italy

**Dates:** 20-25 August, 2019

**Current situation:**

Ireland is in the top 16 ranked countries and has been offered a place at the 2019 championships in the first round of invitations. IODAI will use the results of the VP trophy to select a team to represent Ireland at this event. The best ranked team having competed in the VP trophy AND composed of 2 sailors of each gender will be eligible to represent Ireland.