



International Optimist  
Dinghy Association of  
Ireland

Leinster Championships  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021



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## NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG, in conjunction with the International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland (IODAI).

Coronavirus  
COVID-19



This event is subject to the Covid 19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions are changing as the event approaches and will influence the running/organisation/cancellation of this event.

### Covid-19 Statement

Any sailor who has been outside the country in the 14 days prior to the event (i.e. on or since the 19th June) may not attend/compete in the event.

By taking part in the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Howth Yacht Club COVID-19 procedures. **A Covid protocol has been published by HYC for the event, that must be read by parents / guardians of all sailors and sailors themselves, in order for the sailor to compete. Signed acceptance and adherence to all of the stipulations in the protocol is a condition of participation in the event.** Should a sailor have entered the event but then be unable to attend because of the HYC Covid protocol, their entry fee will be refunded.

Competitors and coaches shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. [NP]

## **1. Rules**

- 1.1. The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Irish Sailing prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. I.O.D.A Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4. In all rules governing this regatta:
  - 1.4.1. (DP) denotes a Rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.
  - 1.4.2. (NP) denotes a Rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
  - 1.4.3. (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 RRS 63.1 and A5.

## **2. Advertising**

- 2.1. 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.
- 3.2. Entry is open to main fleet sailors only who are under 15 on the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the championship. Invitations to the 75 boat event have been extended initially for a period of 10 days to sailors who expressed an interest in the event. An additional waiting list is also open for sailors who missed the original expression of interest process, and will be offered entry to any remaining places on a first come, first served basis once the 10 day invitation period is over.
- 3.3. The entry fee for all sailors is €60.00 and must be paid when registering for the event at [www.iodai.com](http://www.iodai.com).
- 3.4. The closing time and date for entries from the initial invitees is 20:00 on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. At that point, any remaining places will be offered to the waiting list on a first come, first served basis.
- 3.5. Only coaches registered with the event will be allowed to participate. The number of coaches may be limited.

## **4. Event Description and Venue**

- 4.1. The event will comprise of a main fleet which will compete for the Junior and Senior Championship.
- 4.2. The venue is Howth Yacht Club, Middle Pier, Howth Harbour, Howth, Dublin D13 E6V3.

## 5. Fleet Divisions

### 5.1. Senior and Junior Divisions

There will be a single start for all boats (junior and senior together). For prizes etc., boats will be divided into two divisions as follows:

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

### 5.2 Gold and Silver Fleets

Within each division there will be a further split into Gold and Silver Fleets for prizes, which will be determined by the latest IODAI Gold & Silver rankings. Gold and Silver fleets shall have a single start within their division.

### 5.3 Identification Ribbons

Each boat may be required to display a ribbon from their sail sprit loop. If required, the appropriately coloured ribbon will be provided at as follows:

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

## 6. Schedule

### 6.1

Friday, eve of event	1800-2000 Registration
Event Day 1	0900-1030 Registration
Event Day 1	1030 Competitors' Briefing
Event Day 1	3 races back to back
Event Day 2	3 races back to back

6.2 The time of the first warning signal on Event day 1 will be 1225. The time for the first warning signal on Event day 2 will be 1025.

6.3 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.

6.4 Each day, succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable following the finish of the previous race.

6.5 The championship will consist of a maximum of 6 races.

6.6 Three races shall constitute a series.

6.7 On the last scheduled day of the regatta, the first warning signal of a race shall not be made after 1500, except following postponements, recalls and abandonments of a race where a warning signal was made before 1500.

## **7. Registration / Measurement Validation**

Competitors are required to have hull, spars, foils and sail measured by a qualified measurer and complete a self-declaration measurement form (available on the IODAI website) which shall be submitted online (details to be confirmed).

## **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 excludable score.

## **9. Penalty Systems**

9.1 RRS Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply

9.2 RRS P2.3 shall not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

9.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1 (a).

9.4 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].

9.5 The penalty for breaches of Class Rules will be Standard Penalties [SP] which changes rule RRS 63.1 and may also be less than disqualification.

## **10. Sailing Instructions & Briefing**

10.1 The Major Event sailing instructions will apply and are available on the IODAI website.

10.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available online prior to the event.

10.3 There will be a briefing for competitors held outdoors at 1030 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

## **11. Safety Check**

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. Coaches**

12.1 Coaches must register with the OA and declare each competitor they are supporting. Coaches must support a minimum of four named sailors, as the number of coaches allowed may be limited. Coaches can [register their sailors here](#).

- 12.2 Coaches shall wear kill-cords when the boat engine is running.
- 12.3 Coaches are required to be equipped with and wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 12.4 Coaches shall carry a working VHF Radio capable of receiving and transmitting on authorised marine radio frequencies.
- 12.5 All coaches may be called upon by the Race committee and/or the Safety Officer to assist with rescue operations.
- 12.6 No coach boats will be allowed to be launched or retrieved from the Club slip during the event. A public slip beside the Club will be available for launch and retrieval of coach boats.
- 12.7 Except when requested by, or agreed with, the Race Committee, coach boats must stay 100m distant from the race area during racing, i.e. from the Warning Signal of the first Divisions' race until the last boat racing on the course has finished each race.
- 12.8 Coaches shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee, including sailing instructions regarding coach boats, as well as instructions given on the water. Any breach of the rules regarding coach boats may result in a protest or report of misconduct. Penalties for breaches of these Rules may include excluding one or more person from the event or venue or removal of any privileges or benefits associated with participation in the Championship, including berthing and launching.
- 12.9 There will be a briefing for all coaches and safety boat skippers at 1015 on the first day of the Championship. Attendance at any safety boat briefing is mandatory for coaches.
- 12.10 Event support boats will be strictly limited to those in an official event organisation and safety capacity, as well as coaches (who must be registered as per 12.1 above). **Due to Covid-19 restrictions, spectator boats cannot be accommodated at the event. Spectator boats will not be allowed to launch from HYC, store trailers in the event storage area or berth on Howth marina, and are instructed to remain a minimum of 500m from the event racecourse at all times.**

### **13. Risk Statement**

- 13.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing, by its nature, is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. The competitor, which term is deemed to include the sailor competing in the event and their parents/ guardian, by taking part in the event, agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) The competitor is aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accepts responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

(b) The competitor is responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

(c) The competitor accepts responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

(d) The competitor's boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and the competitor is 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 the competitor 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.

13.2 INSPECTIONS: 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.

## **14. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate third-party liability insurance.

## **15. Trolleys**

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

15.2 Old trolley tags must be removed; new trolley tags will be issued at Registration.

## **16. Catering**

All competitors are to bring their own packed lunch and drink each day in a waterproof lunch bag, or suitable plastic container, clearly marked with their sail number. There will be no food provided to competitors at the event.

## **17. Photography Consent**

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.