



2022 Vice President's Trophy TEAM RACING Championship

10th September 2022

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event 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 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 Harbour traffic and right of way: Howth Harbour is a commercial harbour and dinghies shall cede right of way to powered vessels in the Harbour and its approaches. Any competitor found to have impeded a vessel or otherwise caused a vessel to take avoiding action shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

3. Not used

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 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 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, shall have stated their membership of that Club.
- 4.4 The members of the teams shall be born in 2007 or later.

- 4.5 Each team shall be made up of three sailors from the same club and shall be accompanied by a Coach/team leader.
- 4.6 If there is a constraint due to club size or number of sailors available to compete for a single club, the Organising Authority may at its discretion invite one or several teams which do not comply with 4.3, provided it is satisfied that the sailors would otherwise be denied the opportunity to compete in the event. Such team(s) will not be eligible to win the perpetual VP Trophy.
- 4.7 Entries shall be made according to the following schedule:
- On or before August 19th, interested clubs must apply for one or several teams to juniororganiser@hyc.ie. On August 22nd, invitations will be sent to all successful applicants who in turn shall validate their participation by submitting their entry fee prior to August 26th.
 - The details of the team members and coach/team leader, shall be submitted not later than August 26th to juniororganiser@hyc.ie
- 4.8 Entry fee will be payable via on-line portal
<https://hyc.ie/events/432-optimist-vice-president-s-trophy/entries/new>
- 4.9 Entries will not be refunded in case of withdrawal.
- 4.10 Any team which does not comply with NoR 4.1 will cease to be eligible and the place(s) will be offered to another team.
- 4.11 A late entry may be accepted at the entire discretion of the OA with a 25% surcharge.
- 5. FEES**
The entry fee is €180.00
6. Not used
- 7. ADVERTISING**
- 7.1 Individual advertising may be displayed according to World Sailing Regulation 20.3.1 on clothing and boats.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 8. FORMAT OF THE EVENT**
- 8.1 Three sailors shall represent each team in a race.
- 8.2 The format will be one or more round robins followed by semi-finals and finals. It will be described in the SI and may be varied as described therein.
- 8.3 Seeding of teams for the Round Robin(s) will be based on team members' final positions at the 2022 IODAI Trials, one point per the sailor's final overall placing. If a sailor did not take part at Trials an allocation of 70 pts will be made to the sailor. The team with the lowest total number of points will be seed 1, the second lowest seed 2, etc. In the event of a tie between teams, their seeding position will be decided by drawing lots.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Saturday 10th September 2022

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

9.2 The schedule of races will be provided following the meeting with the Umpires.

9.3 In the event of weather conditions being deemed unsuitable for team racing, the OA reserves the right to vary the format, including recourse to a fleet racing format with team members' finishing positions in races(s) determining the winners.

10. Not used

11. Not used

12. VENUE

The race area will be west of Howth Harbour and may be up to 2.5km from the Harbour entrance.

13. THE COURSE

The course will be described in the SI.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

The races will be umpired according to RRS D 2.

15. SCORING

15.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS D3.

15.2 RRS Appendix A6 will apply.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

There is a limit of one support boat per team and exclusion zone restrictions shall apply.

17. Not used

18. Not used

19. Not used

20. Not used

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA, HYC and IODAI, and the sponsors of the event 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 event, and of all of his or her material related to the event, without compensation

22. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support team members participate in the event entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 3, 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:

- 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;
- b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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 omissions.
- 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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 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.
- g) it is their responsibility to familiarise 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.

Disclaimer of Liability: The OA and any other party involved in the organisation of the event 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.

23. INSURANCE

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, at all times while participating at the event, shall be covered by adequate third-party insurance cover. All owners / guardians / parents / competitors who enter are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The perpetual VP Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the finals.
- 24.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be obtained from juniororganiser@hyc.ie