



**International Optimist Dinghy Association of
Ireland**
IODAI Leinster Championships
3rd & 4th July 2021



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

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on [the event website](#) and on [the event WhatsApp Group](#).

2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the ramp to the marina in front of the clubhouse.

3 SCHEDULE

Six races are scheduled:

Friday 2 nd July	18:00 – 20:00	Race Office open to collect tally stickers & sail ribbon
	09:00 – 10:30	Race Office open to collect tally stickers & sail ribbon
	10.15	Coach and Support Boat Safety Briefing
Saturday 16 th June	10.30	Competitor Briefing for Juniors and Senior Fleets
	12.25	First Warning Signal
		3 Races back to back
Sunday 17 th June	10.25	First Warning Signal
		3 Races back to back

One extra race per day may be sailed.

4 RACING AREA

The course will be to the North and West of Howth Harbour and may be two miles from the harbour entrance. More specific information will be provided at the briefing.

5 MARKS AND COMMITTEE / FINISHING BOATS

Descriptions as follows:

- The Start Vessel will be a white motor vessel called Star Point.
- The Finish Vessel will be a navy motor vessel called Sea Wych.
- Windward and leeward gate marks will be black cylindrical inflatables.

6 CLASS DIVISIONS

Competitors will sail the event as a single fleet but will be divided into 2 divisions for results and prizes.

This changes IODAI Major Event Sailing Instruction 7.2

7 THE START

The starting line will be between a red/white pole or the main mast on the **Start Vessel** at the starboard end and a pole on another vessel at the port end. The port end vessel and pole may be replaced by an inflatable mark.

8 THE COURSE

The course to be sailed by all competitors is the "outer loop" shown as the "Junior Fleet Course" on Attachment A - Courses (Page 9) of the IODAI Major Event Sailing Instruction

9 THE FINISH

The Finishing Line will be between a red/white pole or main mast on the Finishing Vessel and an orange mark. The Finishing Vessel shall display code flag R to indicate that the race committee intend to start another race. Boats should sail immediately to the starting area. When a race committee vessel displays code flag S over C near marks M3S/M3P, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and sail directly to the finish line.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

Whistle System: To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a rule infringement.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests / requests for redress shall be lodged via [this link](#). The protest time limit shall be 30 minutes after all boats have tallied in or after the Race Committee has accounted for any boats not tallied already.

Protest hearings will be held in the Centenary Room on the second floor of the clubhouse. Access to the room should be via the stairs on the outside of the building from the main club balcony. The Protest Room will be signposted.

12 SCORING

3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. Where five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 OFFICIAL VESSELS

All vessels afloat will be identified as follows:

- a. Jury vessels: Yellow flag with "Jury" or "Umpire" text
- b. Mark laying boats and safety boats: Flag with letter "R" —
- c. Support boats: Pink flag

14 COACH VESSELS

14.1 The IODAI Major Event SI 26.2 refers to NoR 15. That reference should be to NoR 12.

14.2 No coach vessels will be permitted to join this event unless they agree to become part of the rescue fleet in an emergency or if the command rescue boat instructs them to assist in a particular incident.

14.3 Coach vessels must register with HYC prior to the event, by completing the form on [the event website](#).

14.4 Coach vessels must check in at the Support Boat Registration Desk on arrival at the event and prior to launching.

14.5 Coach vessels must be launched and recovered from the public slip adjacent to HYC.

14.6 Each coach must attend the safety briefing.

15 PRIZES

Main Fleet Prizes: There are perpetual trophies for the winners of each division. The first 3 competitors in each of the

- Junior Silver,
- Junior Gold,
- Senior Silver and
- Senior Gold

will also receive prizes.

Prizes will also be awarded to 1st Girl and 1st local sailor in both Junior & Silver Fleets.

16 COVID-19 STATEMENT

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-19 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-19 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]