



**International Optimist Dinghy Association of  
Ireland**  
**IODAI Ulster Championships**  
**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



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

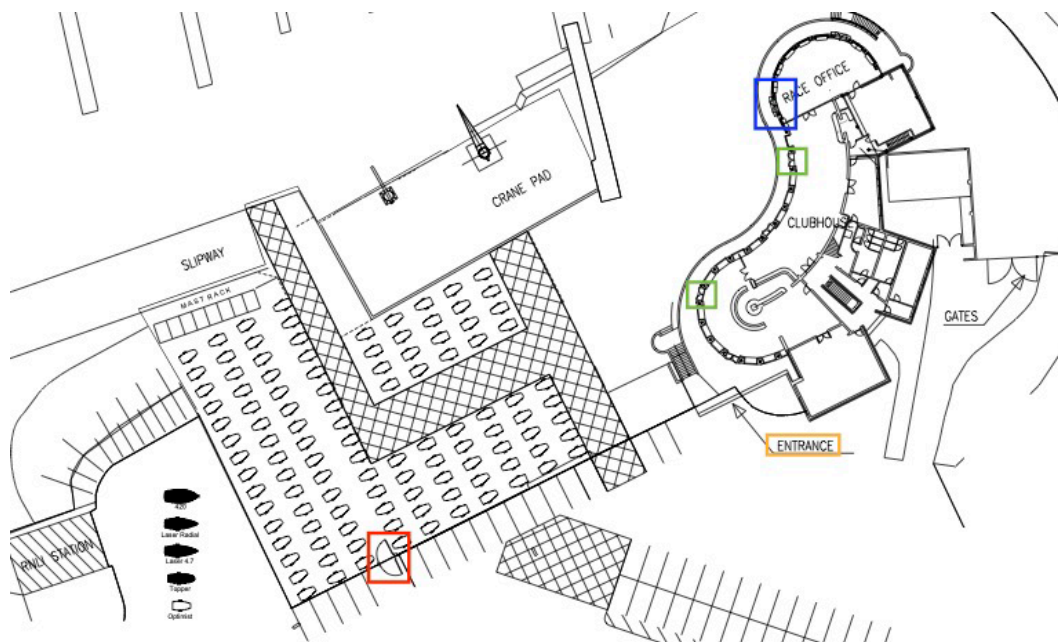
## SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

These Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) are to be read in conjunction with the current (latest revision) IODAI Major Event Sailing Instructions (SIs). If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race or MESI and these SSIs, these SSIs shall prevail.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on [IODAI WhatsApp groups](#). 1) [Main Fleet](#) 2) [Regatta Fleet](#)  
The Race Office is located in the HYC Junior Room, highlighted by blue below:



### 3 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.

### 4 SCHEDULE

Six races are scheduled:

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	17:00 – 20:00 Race Office open to collect tally stickers & sail ribbon
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	09:00 – 10:30 Race Office open to collect tally stickers & sail ribbon 09.45 Coach and Support Boat Safety Briefing 10.15 Competitor Briefing for Juniors and Senior Fleets (Tally and Launch immediately afterwards) 10.50 Competitor Briefing for Regatta Fleets 11.55 Main Fleet First Warning Signal - 3 Races back-to-back 12.30 Regatta Racing First Warning Signal
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.55 Main Fleet First Warning Signal - 3 Races back-to-back 11.30 Regatta Fleet First Warning Signal

The Race Committee may get one race ahead of schedule but shall not sail more than 4 races on any one day.

All briefings will take place at the base of the Main Steps up to the balcony.

## 5 RACING AREA

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

The Racing Regatta Fleet course will be south of Ireland's Eye

The Regatta Fleet course will be west of the West Pier

## 6 MARKS AND COMMITTEE / FINISHING BOATS

Marks will be as follows:

- a. Main fleet racing marks will be **Black Inflatables for the Inner Loop, and Yellow Inflatables for the Outer loop.**
- b. The pin end of the starting line will be an **Orange Pillar Mark**
- c. The pin end of the finishing line, except when a race is shortened at a mark of the course, will be an orange cherry mark.

Descriptions of Committee Vessels as follows:

- d. The Main Fleet Start Vessel will be a white motor vessel called Star Point.
- e. The Main Fleet Finish Vessel will be a navy motor vessel called Sea Wych.
- f. The Start & Finish Vessel for the Regatta Racing Fleet will be a 33' white and red sailing yacht called Pip.
- g. Regatta Racing and Coaching Fleets will use orange cherry marks.

## 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 an orange pillar mark at the port end.

## 8 THE COURSE

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

Regatta Racing will race a standard triangle course.

## 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.

## 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 Junior Room/Race Office unless otherwise notified of a change of room. The Protest Room will be signposted. Persons protesting should not enter the protest room until asked to.

## 12 SCORING

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

Vessels afloat for the Regatta 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 VHF Channels

Main Fleet Committee boat will operate on Channel 77

Regatta Racing Fleet Committee boat will operate on Channel 72

Regatta Coaching Fleet will operate on Channel 72

Beachmaster will be using Channel 69

## 15 COACH VESSELS

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Coach vessels must register with IODAI prior to the event, by completing the form on IODAI website.
- 15.3 Coach vessels must check in at the Support Boat Registration Desk on arrival at the event and prior to launching.
- 15.4 **Coach vessels must be launched and recovered from the public slip adjacent to HYC** – north of the RNLI building
- 15.5 All Coach vessels carrying an R flag must have two crew to ensure safe operation of the vessel in an emergency. Please contact HYC if you need a crew member to be provided.
- 15.6 Each coach must attend the safety briefing.

## 16 PRIZES

**Main Fleet Prizes:** There are perpetual trophies for the winners of each division. The first 3 competitors in each of the following categories will also receive prizes:

- Junior Silver,
- Junior Gold,
- Junior Bronze,
- Senior Silver,

- Senior Gold,
- Senior Bronze,
- Regatta Racing,
- Regatta Coaching (including 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>),

Prizes will also be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> girl and 1<sup>st</sup> local sailor in both Junior & Senior Fleets.

## **17 RIGHT OF WAY AND SAFETY**

Howth Harbour and its approaches are deemed 'confined channels' for the purposes of the Collision Regulations. Trawlers and similar large vessels have rights of way in these areas and their passage shall neither be impeded nor threatened by competitors or their support vessels. Particular caution is advised when transiting the Harbour mouth. Competitors and / or support vessels that breach this Sailing Instruction may be subject to penalty by the Harbour Master in addition to being subject to action in accordance with the RRS.

In conjunction with Howth Maritime Festival, there may be considerable activity underway in the Harbour on both days of the Regatta. Competitors and support vessels shall take particular care to avoid interfering with such activities.

Boats returning to the HYC slip after racing shall comply with the instructions of the Beachmaster and his assisting marshalling RIBs.