



Optimist Trials 2017

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, Northern Ireland
Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd April 2017



NOTICE OF RACE

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
- 1.3 The class rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association will apply.
- 1.4 The IODAI Team Selection Process 2017 document applies to this regatta – available at www.iodai.com.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for rule 42, will apply.
- 1.6 RRS ISA Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. Decisions from Arbitration may be referred to a Protest Committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.7 Racing Rules, Race Signal AP, 28.1, 35, 40/Race Signal Y, 60.1(a), 61.1, 62.2, 64.1, A4, A5, P2.2 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising and/or identification numbers chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is by invitation only.
- 3.2 Competitors shall be Members of the Irish Sailing Association.
- 3.3 Competitors shall be Members of the International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter online at www.iodai.com.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The required fee is Euro 120
- 4.2 Closing date for entries is 7th April 2017.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration, Equipment Checks and Racing:

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 19 th April	Registration Equipment Checks and weighing	1600 – 2000 only 1600 - 2000
Thursday 20 th April	Competitor Briefing	1015
	Races 1, 2 and 3	First Warning Signal 1130
Friday 21 st April	Races 4, 5, 6 and 7	First Warning Signal 1100
Saturday 22 nd April	Races 8, 9, 10 and 11	First Warning Signal 1100

Sunday 23 rd April	Races 12 and 13 Prize Giving	First Warning Signal 1100 ASAP after racing.
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- 5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal for any fleet will be made after 1300. However a race, that would have started prior to 1300 if not for a general recall, may be re started after 1300.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Each boat is required to complete the IODAI Measurement Self Declaration Form 2017 and produce this form together with a valid measurement book.
- 6.2 Boats may be weighed and equipment serial numbers checked.

7 BOAT PARKING & LAUNCHING [DP]

- 7.1 Boats shall only be parked in the space allocated to them.
- 7.2 Competitors are required to have a launching trolley suitable for their boat that is fully serviceable. Trolleys may be used on a first come first served basis except on the last day of the Regatta.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Major Event Sailing Instructions and Supplementary Sailing Instruction will be available at registration, on the Ballyholme Yacht Club website, www.ballyholme.com and on the IODAI website, www.iodai.com prior to the event.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 Will be in Belfast Lough immediately to the North of Ballyholme Bay.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be Trapezoid.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Arbitration will be available to decide some protests.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 8 Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When from six to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall register with the Race Office. An identification flag, which must be conspicuously displayed during the regatta, will be issued by the OA on receipt of a returnable deposit of £10.00.
- 13.2 Except when requested by, or agreed with, the race committee, support boats must stay 100 m distant from the race area except when requested to assist by an official boat from the time of the warning until the time that the last competitor finishes the last race to be sailed each day on that race course.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first five boats overall and to the highest placed female.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor 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, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, 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 omission;
- (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 organisers does not relieve them 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;

INSPECTIONS The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

16 INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 16.1 By entering the Regatta competitors and where relevant their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.
- 16.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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