



Optimist Trials 2017

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, Northern Ireland

Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd April 2017



TEAM SELECTION

Teams

1. The purpose of the Trials event is to select sailors to represent Ireland in International Events. The events selected are matched to the level of the sailor and are intended to provide appropriate age and experience challenges that will foster the development of our sailors and help them achieve their near term goals and long term potential.
2. After a considerable review and discussion in 2016, IODAI and ISA recommend that the top Optimist sailors following Trials 2017 represent Ireland at the Optimist Europeans.
3. In addition to the top team, there three other teams: International Development Team (IDT) France; IDT Poland; and the Under 12 Squad which includes all under 12 sailors who participate in the trials. The Under 12 Squad competes in the British Nationals.
4. For 2017, sailors who finish in the top 8 at trails were given the option of choosing to go to the Worlds. Sailors needed to declare their intention to make this choice by 25th January. Five sailors have declared this intention.

Selection

5. Team Selection will be based on the results achieved at the Trials Event and full compliance with such terms as IODAI may require.
6. In the event of a sailor being unable to compete in a number of races, an IODAI appointed Committee may at their discretion award him/her (a) average points for those races or (b) a place on a team. Such an IODAI appointed Committee will be chaired by a suitable independent person and consist of the chairman and 2 suitable IODAI Committee persons whose sailor will not be effected by any decision reached.
7. It should be emphasized that this action will only be taken in regard to a sailor who, in the opinion of the committee referred to would have been one of the top performing sailors in the Trials as clearly demonstrated by their performance in the Trial races in which they sailed.

8. It must be emphasised that the circumstances which prevent a sailor from competing will have to be compelling and absolute, and if appropriate, supported by such medical evidence as IODAI may require.
9. No other exceptions to the qualification process will be considered.
10. As soon as possible after final results have been posted sailors will be offered places on the various teams. This will start in order from the first finisher and will complete when all team places are filled (subject to requirements in paragraph 15).
11. European Team. There are seven places in the European team (subject to a minimum of 3 of one gender and 4 of other gender).
12. After the European team is complete places are offered in the IDTs.
13. For the IDT's, selection follows the principle of development: a sailor can move up from IDT Poland to IDT France, but not repeat or move back. Similarly IDT places are not open to sailors who have previously represented IODAI at a World or European event.
14. International Development Squad France. The next 7 highest placed sailors (minimum of 2 of one gender).
15. International Development Squad Poland. The next 7 highest placed sailors (minimum of 2 of one gender).
16. A sailor must be Oppie age 12 or over to compete at the Europeans or International Development events. In the event that this results in there being none or only one of a particular gender eligible then that place or places shall be offered to the next highest placed sailor of the other gender.
17. Under 12 Squad – All invited under 12 sailors who participate in the trials qualify for the Under 12 squad.

Team Membership Rules

18. Continued membership of a team will be dependent upon conformance with the rules and behaviours as described below and in the team acceptance documentation.
19. Conformance with the code of conduct for sailors and the code of conduct for parents and supporters.
20. Conformance with the programme requirements and reasonable IODAI and ISA requests including full participation as members of the team during the relevant

championship event (this includes a commitment to stay at the nominated accommodation with other team members).

21. Attendance at designated training sessions, fitness tests and build-up regattas as part of the programme.
22. In the event of such default and forfeiture, expenses incurred by IODAI will be payable.

Acceptance of Team Place

23. Places are accepted by signing up to the team membership rules and payment of team costs. Full team costs, paid by cheque or electronic transfer, are required within 24hrs. The final cost may be more or less and a final balancing payment or refund will be made as soon as possible after the event.
24. Withdrawal or forfeiture of a team place will incur a penalty of 25% of the team costs, plus any expenses incurred by IODAI in reshuffling teams (e.g. flight change charges).
25. Final team costs are not yet available. This document will be updated as soon as they are finalized.
26. Note that parents travelling to events are required to stay at accommodation other than that of the team. By accepting a place on a team it is deemed that this requirement is also accepted.

ISA Prize giving

27. The ISA will award ISA medals to the top five finishers and to the first girl.