



2025 Connacht Championships

Lough Derg Yacht Club in conjunction with the
International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland
19 & 20 July 2025

Dromineer, Co Tipperary, E45 NY60

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SSIs)

For the MAIN FLEET

1 RULES

- 1.1 These Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) are to be read in conjunction with the current IODAI Major Event Sailing Instructions (MESIs) and the Notice of Race (NOR). If there is a conflict between the NOR or MESI and these SSIs, these SSIs shall prevail.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The official notice board is at <https://iodai.com/2025-connacht-championships>. Alerts regarding notices shall be posted on the IODAI WhatsApp "IODAI Events – MAIN", accessible at: https://chat.whatsapp.com/KCIbULJYdtb3drM4WRbUTg?mode=ac_c
- 2.2 The race office is located on the ground floor of the club house. telephone 086 151 7378, email fred.totts@gmail.com.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate on VHF radio channel 71, the standby channel is 11.
- 2.4 A safety briefing for rescue boats/support boat crews will be held at 0930 Saturday in front of, or in, the Club House, depending on the weather. The location will be advised on the intercom.
- 2.5 A competitors briefing for Main Fleet sailors will be held at 1000 Saturday at the same location.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the



clubhouse.

4 RACING AREA

- 4.1 The racing area for the main fleet will be north or south of the Corrakeen Islands (B, C or D as advised by the Race Committee. The area for the Regatta fleet will in Dromineer Bay in front of the Clubhouse (A).



5 MARKS

- 5.1 Racing marks will be Crewsaver "Olympic" orange marks (triangular / pyramid shaped).

6 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 There are no designated obstructions in the Race Area other than those set out in MESI 11. Competitors should obey navigation marks on the way to and from the Race Area.



7 THE START

- 7.1 The start is between the black and white pole on the Committee Boat (A green hulled motor cruiser named "Figaro" displaying an orange flag, and shown in the image below) and a pink spherical buoy, or a Dell Quay Dory (boat) displaying an orange flag on a pole. This will be indicated at the competitors briefing.



- 7.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified; the race committee will attempt to indicate this fact by displaying flag B. Failure to indicate will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 61.4(b).

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finishing line is between the main mast on the finishing boat (A white Bermudan Sloop "Passe Partout", as shown below) or a RIB displaying a blue flag and a RIB with a staff in it or pink finishing mark.



9 HEARING REQUESTS

- 9.1 Hearing request and acknowledgement forms (SI 15.3) are available at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11527/event>.

10 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 10.1 Official mark laying and safety vessels, other than those listed below, will carry a numbered yellow flag. Jury boats will carry a plain yellow flag.

| Committee Vessel | Figaro | 40' green hulled Motor Cruiser |
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| Port end starting boat | Hunky Dory | 4.5m white FRP Dell Quay Dory |
| Finishing boat | Passe Partout | 35' White Bermudan Sloop |

11 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 11.1 Support person vessels shall be identified with a numbered pink flag.