



Galway Bay Sailing Club
IODAI Optimist Connacht Championship
12th/13th September 2026

Regatta Fleet SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SSIs)

1. RULES

- 1.1 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. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The official notice board (ONB) is located at:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/15832/event>
- 2.2 The race office is located at Galway Bay Sailing Club, New Harbour, Rinville, Oranmore, Co. Galway, H91 W678, telephone 091-794527, email rcjy@gbsc.ie
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate on VHF radio channel 77.
- 2.4 A briefing for Regatta Fleet sailors will be held as detailed in the schedule.
- 2.5 A briefing for support boat crews will be held at 10:00am.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club flagstaff.

4. SCHEDULE

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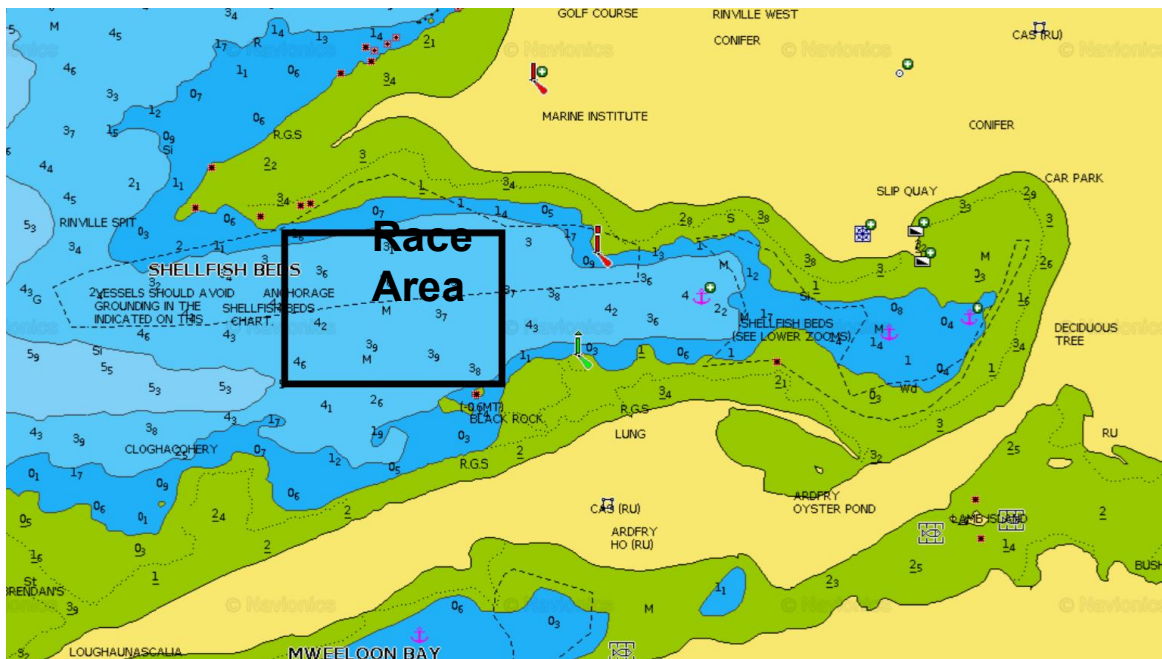
Sat 12 Sept (LW Galway 12.00)	Coach and Support Boat Safety Briefing	10.00
	Regatta Fleet Briefing	10.50 to 11.15
	First Warning Signal	12.30
Sun 13 Sept (LW Galway 12.40)	First Warning Signal	11.30
	Prizegiving	ASAP after Racing

- 4.2 The Race Committee will define the race schedule with the lead

Regatta coach. The racing schedule (expected range of 4-8 races) will be communicated at the Regatta Fleet Briefing.

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 The racing area is in an area west of Blackrock in New Harbour. Race areas will be described at the competitors' briefing.



6. MARKS

- 6.1 The course race marks will be: Mark 1, 2 & 3 – orange/ pink buoy.



Marks 1, 2 and 3

- 6.2 Start and Finishing boat – 11m Westerly sloop "Tigger"

7. OBSTRUCTIONS/RESTRICTIONS

- 7.1 All vessels must keep clear of the swimming zone on the north shore of the inner bay marked by yellow buoys while making their way to or from the race area. The swimming zone extends approximately 1km west of the slipway from which boats will be launched. There are no designated obstructions in the Race Area, however there are rocks southwest of the race area at Blackrock (see chart in section 5.1).

8. THE START

- 8.1 The start line will be between an orange and white pole displaying an Orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and a pink mooring buoy at the port end of the line.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finishing line is between the orange and white pole on the committee/finishing boat at the starboard end and pink mooring buoy at the port end of the line

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The course will be a triangular course. The diagrams in Appendix A show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, all marks to be rounded to port.

11. HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1 Hearing request forms are available on the Official Notice Board.
11.2 The protest time limit shall be 30 minutes after last boat has tallied or after the Race Committee has accounted for all competitors.
11.3 Protest hearings will be held in the training rooms on the ground floor of Galway Bay Sailing Club.

12. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 12.1 Official vessels, other than those listed below, will carry a white flag.

Jury boats will carry a yellow flag.

Role	Name	Description
Committee Vessel (Start/Finish Vessel)	Tigger	11m Sloop
		
Port end start mark	NA	Pink mooring buoy.

13. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

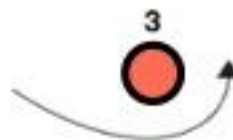
- 13.1 Only IODAI and nominated local club coaches shall provide support to the Regatta fleets. These must be registered with the race office and shall be identified with Numbered Flags to be collected from the Race Office.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race

Appendix A: Course Diagram

IODAI COURSE
START - 1 - 2 - 3 - FINISH



NOT TO SCALE