



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

Main 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

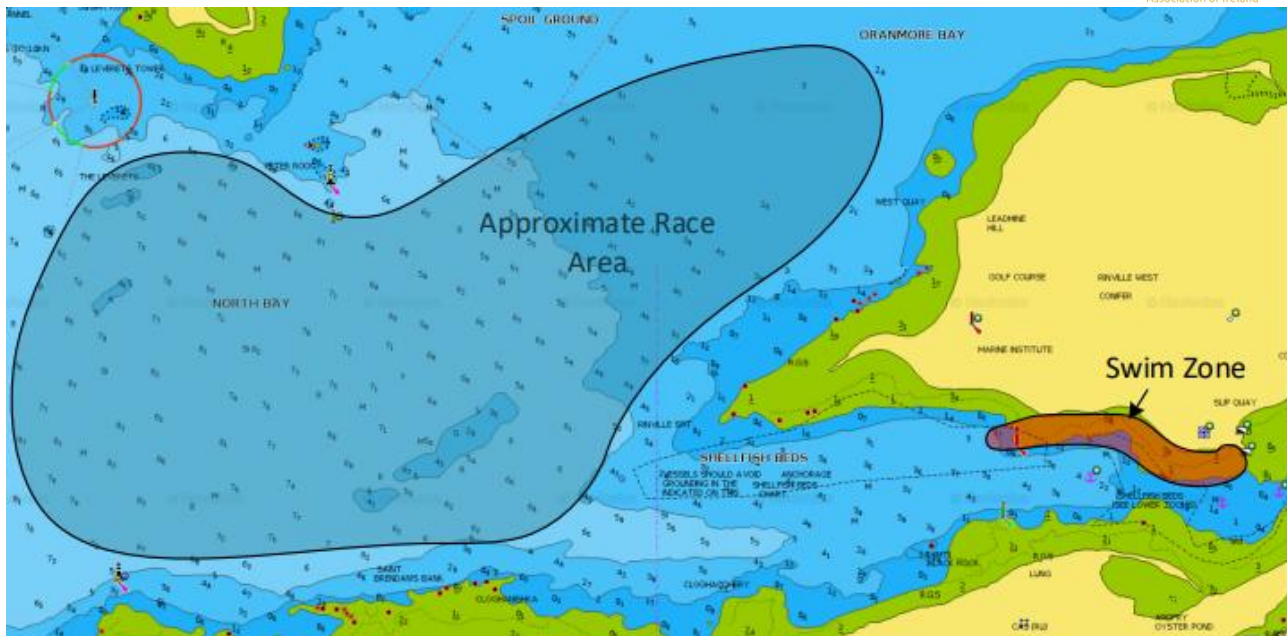
- 2.1 The official notice board (ONB) is located at.
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/15832/event>
- 2.2 Notices may also be communicated through the official IODAI WhatsApp groups.
- 2.3 The race office is located at Galway Bay Sailing Club, New Harbour, Rinville, Oranmore, Co. Galway, H91 W678, telephone 091-794527, email rcjy@gbsc.ie
- 2.4 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate on VHF radio channel 71 and the Regatta Fleet race committee will monitor and communicate on VHF channel 77.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located at the balcony of the GBSC clubhouse.

4. Racing Area

- 4.1 The racing area is north and/or west of the Marine Institute (Rinville Spit), north of the Cockle North Cardinal mark and south of Peter Rock South Cardinal mark and the Leverets lighthouse.



5. Marks

- 5.1 Marks 1 and 2 are tall, cylindrical orange inflatable marks. Marks 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B are shorter bright orange inflatable marks.
- 5.2 The Starting Mark at the port end will be a danbuoy mark or a RIB with a pole and orange flag.
- 5.3 The finishing Mark will be a small orange mark or a RIB with a pole.
- 5.4 The holding area will be approximately 100 metres to leeward of the start line and may be identified by two red spherical marks.



Mark 1 and Mark 2



Marks 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B

6. Obstructions

- 6.1 All vessels must keep clear of the swimming zone on the north shore of the inner bay marked by yellow buoys which extends approximately 1km west of the slipway from which boats will be launched while making their way to or from the race area. There are no designated obstructions in the Race Area. Competitors and support vessels shall keep clear of the swimming area at all times.

7. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 7.1 All Official vessels, other than those listed in the table below, will carry coloured flags to depict their roles (Safety/White and Mark-layers/Red).
- 7.2 Protest committee vessels (referred to as a 'jury vessel' in the SIs) will carry Orange coloured flags.

Role	Name	Description
Committee Vessel	Draught Eile	11m White Sigma Yacht
		
Port end starting boat	NA	RIB/Danbuoy
Finishing boat	NA	6.5m half decker



Mothership

Scorpio

10m White Sigma
Yacht



8. THE START

- 8.1 The starting line is between the main mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a red and white staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end starting boat. The port end vessel and pole may be replaced by a red danbuoy with a flag.
- 8.2 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment 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. If code Flag U or a black flag is used, then it may be displayed for 1 minute before these flags are displayed.
- 8.3 Failure to display Flag B will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 61.1 (a) & 61.4(b).

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 The course to be sailed shall be Course A or B of the IODAI MESIs and notified by the RO at the briefing. Any changes to the courses on the water, will be signalled on a black board on the starboard side of the Flagship.
- 9.2 Senior Division will have the designation I2. Junior Division will have the designation O2 (see Attachment A, Course A)
- 9.3 If it is the Race Committee's intention to provide the Words Course (See attachment A, Course B), then this will be signalled from the Flagship and will be for both fleets.
- 9.4 This changes SI 9.2. Unless signalled in accordance with SI 9.3 or 9.4, the course for the Senior Division will be I2 and the course for the Junior Division will be O2.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line is between a staff or displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing danbuoy with a flag. When a race committee vessel displays code flag F on the approach to marks 3A/3B or 3S/3P, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and sail directly to the finish line. This changes rule 32.2.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A.
- 11.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series and the number of worst scores to be excluded will be specified in the NOR.

12. Support Teams

- 12.1 No coach vessels will be permitted to join this event unless they agree to become part of the rescue fleet in an emergency or where the lead safety boat instructs them to assist in a particular incident.
- 12.2 Coach/Support vessels must register with IODAI prior to the event, by completing the form on IODAI website
- 12.3 Coach vessels must check in at the Support Boat Registration Desk on arrival at the event and prior to launching to collect their identification flag.



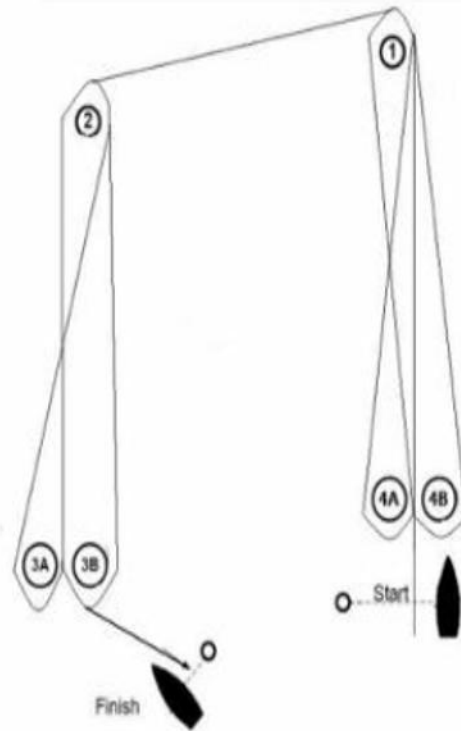
12.4 All coach/support vessel crews shall attend the support boat briefing.

13. PRIZES

13.1 Prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

Attachment A

Course A

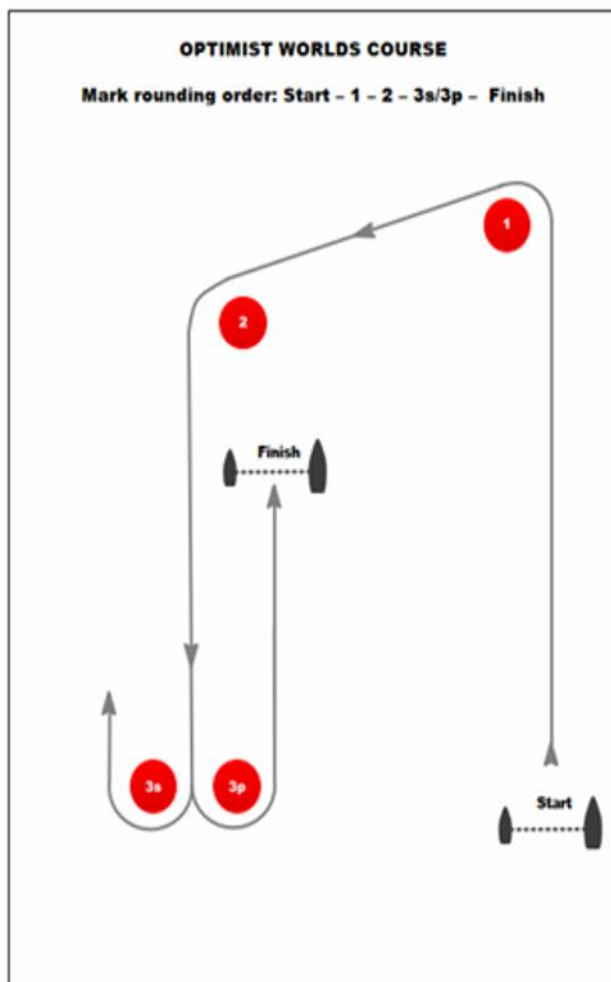


All marks are to be rounded to Port with the exception of the leeward gates at 3A/3B and 4A/4B. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.

Outer Loop Course - Mark 1, 2, 3A/3B, 2, 3B, Finish

Inner Loop Course - Mark 1, 4A/4B, 1, 2, 3B, Finish

Course B



All marks are to be rounded to Port with the exception of the leeward gates at 3A/3B. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.