



2026 Irish National and Open Optimist Team Racing Championships

12 August 2026

Royal Cork Yacht Club

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) shall be Royal Cork Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland (IODAI).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the current rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Class.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing apply;
- 1.3 The following applies;
 - 1.3.1 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)
 - 1.3.2 [DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix D will apply including D2.2 and D2.3.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix and D5 will not apply.
- 1.6 RRS 61.1 (a) (2) shall apply.

2 [DP] ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Individual advertising may be displayed according to World Sailing Regulation 20.3.1 on clothing and boats.
- 2.2 While racing, competitors may be required to wear bibs or spray tops. These shall be worn outside all other clothing, according to Regulation
- 2.3. The bibs or spray tops may not be provided by the Organising Authority and shall be identical for all the members of each team.

3 [NP] [DP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is a Team Race event sailed in dinghies of the International Optimist Dinghy Class.
- 3.2 Teams of four sailors may enter and each team shall be accompanied by a Coach or Team Leader. A coach/team leader may not support more than two teams.
- 3.3 The members of a Team shall be born in 2011 or later.
- 3.4 The members of a Team must be a member of IODAI or an IODA affiliated association.
- 3.5 The OA may accept up to 12 Teams.
- 3.6 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate minimum cover per incident of no less than €1,500,000.
- 3.7 Payment of the entry fee for each Team is by way of a single nominated IODAI member through the IODAI events website.
- 3.8 Eligible Teams shall enter by paying the entry fee and completing the entry form, available on the event website at www.iodai.com.
- 3.9 Entry forms will be available on www.iodai.com from the 24th July 2026 and must be submitted no later than 04th August 2026.
- 3.10 Individual sailors changes will be accepted until August 12th and registration confirmation onsite. No team alteration will be accepted after 10.00am on the 12th August 2025.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee will be €120 per Team.
- 4.2 The entry fee may be refunded upon application, solely at the discretion of the OA or if the Championship is cancelled.

5 FORMAT

- 5.1 The event will be a four boat against four boat Team Race.

- 5.2 The Championship format and number of races will consist of one or more round robin and knock-out stages as specified in the sailing instructions. The starting order of the Teams competing and the format to be sailed will be posted on the official notice board at Royal Cork Yacht Club. The Race Committee may terminate a stage at any reasonable time taking in to account the entries, weather, time constraints and other contingencies. A terminated round robin may be scored as complete when more than 50% of the scheduled races have been completed. This changes RRS Appendix D 4.2 (b). If no stage has been completed, the race committee may terminate the present stage and alter the format in order to conclude Championship and determine a winner.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration for competitors, coaches and team leaders will take place between 9.00am and 10.00am on Wednesday the 12th August 2026.
- 6.2 Briefing for team leaders, coaches and sailors with umpires and the race committee will be at 10.15am at Royal Cork Yacht Club.
- 6.3 The schedule of races is as follows;

Warning signal for the first race	Latest start for semi-finals	Latest start for finals
11.30	15.30	16.30

- 6.4 The prize giving will take place as soon as practicable after the last race.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration at Royal Cork Yacht Club and on www.iodai.com and may be provided verbally at the briefing required under 6.2.
- 7.2 As and from the start of the first race of the day any amendments to the sailing instructions will be communicated verbally from the Race Officer.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The Championship will be hosted at Royal Cork Yacht Club.
- 8.2 The race area will be on the Curlane Bank or as otherwise advised at the briefing required under 6.2.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. It will be either the S shape standard team racing course or the Ledro team racing course.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Racing will be umpired according to RRS D2.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 RRS Appendix D3 and D4 will apply with the following change; a terminated round robin may be scored as complete when more than 50% of the scheduled races have been completed. This changes RRS Appendix D4.2(b).

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Trophies will be awarded to the winning Open Championship Team and National Championship Team.
- 12.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA and IODAI. The prize list will be published on a separate document

13 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 All support boats must register with the OA at registration.
- 13.2 Support boats may be called up on by the OA to assist with the running of the event and must comply with the direction of the OA and OOD.
- 13.3 When afloat, all persons on a support person vessel shall wear a personal flotation device at all times. When the engine is running the support person vessel driver shall use a kill cord at all times.
- 13.4 Any Team may not have more than one support boat but 2 teams can share the same support boat.

14 DATA PROTECTION

- 14.1 Any personal information provided to the organising authority will be used to facilitate participation in the event. Competitors and support persons are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.
- 14.2 Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor or support person's national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

15 IMAGE RIGHTS

- 15.1 Competitors and support persons accept that the Organising Authority may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore. Competitors and support persons give 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. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, its sponsors, the organising authority, and the class association.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 omissions;
- (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 organiser 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;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate minimum cover per incident.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information please contact honsec@iodai.com or dinghyperformance2017@gmail.com