



## **IODAI SPRINT SERIES 2024**

### **Notice of Race (NoR)**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

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

The Host Club is the Club for the race day as set out in the schedule below.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

- 1.2 RRS Race Signal AP, A5.1, A5.2, 33, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.1, 63.7, Appendix P2, and Appendix T1(a) will be changed. The changes will appear in full in this NoR or the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions, the Supplementary Sailing Instructions will prevail.

## **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The IODAI Major Event Sailing Instructions will apply and are available online at [www.iodai.com](http://www.iodai.com).
- 2.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) will be published online prior to registration.

## **2. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board will be specified in the SSIs.
- 3.2 Protest hearing requests and scoring enquiries shall be submitted online through the event page on [www.racingrulesofsailing.org](http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org).
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to support person vessels on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSIs.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 Competitors in IODAI Sprint Series shall be a member of IODAI, Irish Sailing, an Irish Sailing Club and sail under a registered IRL sail number.  
The OA in association with IODAI will have sole discretion in determining eligibility.

- 4.2 Entry is open to a maximum of 60 sailors in the Main Fleet (Junior and Senior). There will be no Regatta Fleet. Additional entries may be permitted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.3 Entry is open to all sailors who are under 15 on the 1st of January in the year of the championship.
- 4.4 Entry shall be made through the IODAI.com website.

## **5 FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee for the IODAI Sprint Series is €100 and must be paid when registering for the event at [www.iodai.com](http://www.iodai.com) prior to 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.
- 5.2 Entries made after 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024 shall only be permitted be at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.3 Refunds shall only be given in accordance with the "IODAI Policies on Entry Fees for IODAI Events" published on [www.IODAI.com](http://www.IODAI.com)

## **6 ADVERTISING**

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 6.2 The Organising Authority may provide bibs that competitors shall be required to wear.

## **7 SCHEDULE**

- 7.1 The events will be held at the venue and dates in the following table;

<b>Host Club</b>	<b>Date</b>
Royal Cork Yacht Club	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
National Yacht Club	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Lough Derg Yacht Club	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March

- 7.2 Four races per race day are scheduled.
- 7.3 Registration will take place in the morning of each event between 9am and 10.30am
- 7.4 A competitors briefing will take place prior to the first warning signal on each event day. The time will be outlined in the SSI's.
- 7.5 The first warning signal for all scheduled race days will be outline in the SSI's.

## **8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 8.1 Each boat in the Main Fleet is required to complete the IODAI Measurement Self Declaration Form (available on [www.iodai.com](http://www.iodai.com)) and submit this form prior to registration. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding sail measurement certificate.
- 8.2 [DP] Boats may be inspected at any time ashore or on the water at the discretion of the race committee.

## **9 VENUE**

- 9.1 The IODAI Sprint Series will be held in the venues as outlined above in the Schedule

## **10 COURSES**

- 10.1 The course as set out in the IODAI Major Event SIs will be used.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 Appendix P will apply, except that RRS P2.3 is deleted and in RRS P2.2 "second" is changed to read "second or subsequent".
- 11.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. If a party, having been informed that an Arbitration Meeting will be held, does not attend, other parties may take a Post-Race Penalty at any

time until the protest committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS Appendix T1(a).

- 11.3 [NP]A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race office within the protest time limit.
- 11.4 Whistle System: To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 6 races across the IODAI Sprint Series are required to be completed to constitute a series and for the purposes of an event day 2 races are required to constitute a series. A boat's overall series score shall be her points tally across all race days less her discarded scores as outlined below.
- 12.2 Race Day discards:
  - (a) When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's race day score shall be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When 4 races have been sailed, a boats race day score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3 Series discards:
  - (a) When 4 or more races have been sailed, a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (b) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
  - (c) When 12 races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

## **13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 13.1 [DP]Only official OA support vessels will be allowed in the vicinity of the race area. Competitors may not interact with

any other vessel afloat except for official OA support boats and fellow competitors.

- 13.2 [DP]Only IODAI nominated coaches shall provide coaching on the water.

## **14 BERTHING**

- 14.1 [DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

## **15 DATA PROTECTION**

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 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.

## **16 IMAGE RIGHTS**

- 16.1 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.

## **17 RISK STATEMENT**

- 17.1 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".
- 17.2 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.

## **18 INSURANCE**

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

## **19 PRIZES**

- 19.1 Prizes for places 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> overall will be awarded for each race day and for the overall IODAI Sprint Series. The overall winner of the series will be presented with the IODAI Sprint Series Perpetual Trophy. Other prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the OA and IODAI.

## **20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 20.1 For further information please contact: [honsec@iodai.com](mailto:honsec@iodai.com)

## **21. COVID STATEMENT**

- 21.1 [DP] [NP] By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the host club and IODAI COVID-19 procedures.
- 21.2 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.