



IODAI SPRINT SERIES 2026

7th February 2026, National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire

7th March 2026, Malahide Yacht Club, Malahide

28th March 2026, Monkstown Bay Sailing Club, Cork

Notice of Race (NoR)

The IODAI Sprint Series is intended to cater for those sailors preparing for Irish Sailing Youth National Championships and are participating in a winter training program.

The Organising Authority (OA) shall be the Host Club in association 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 above. The series are IODAI class events.

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 '[SP]' denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee at a hearing. The notation

'[DP]' denotes a Discretionary Penalty meaning that the Protest Committee may impose a penalty less severe than disqualification for breaking that rule.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI), the SSI shall prevail.
- 1.3 RRS G3 Chartered or Loaned Boats shall apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The IODAI Major Event Sailing Instructions will apply and are available online at www.iodai.com.
- 2.2 SSI will be published online prior to registration by the Host Clubs for each event.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be specified in the SSI and be available online.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to support person vessels on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSI.
- 3.3 [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. Competitors shall also satisfy one of the following:

- Hold an Irish passport, or are born in Ireland or Northern Ireland
- Have a parent or parents born in Ireland or Northern Ireland
- Have a grandparent or grandparents born in Ireland or Northern Ireland
- Have been living in Ireland with their family for 2 consecutive years prior to the first day of event.

The OA in association with IODAI will have sole discretion in determining eligibility.

- 4.2 Entry is open to a maximum of 60 Gold and Silver Sailors from Main Fleet. There will be no Regatta Fleet. Additional entries or sailors from bronze fleets may be permitted at the discretion of the OA and IODAI.

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 €105 and is payable upon registration at www.iodai.com prior to 2330hrs Friday 23rd January 2026.

5.2 Entries made after 23rd January 2026 shall only be permitted at the discretion of the OA and IODAI.

5.3 Refunds shall only be given in accordance with the "IODAI Policies on Entry Fees for IODAI Events" published on www.IODAI.com

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

6.2 The OA may provide bibs that competitors shall be required to wear.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The events will be held as detailed below:

Host Club, Date [Reserve Date]

National Yacht Club, Saturday 7th February [Sunday 8th February]

Malahide Yacht Club, Saturday 7th March 2026 [N/A]

Monkstown Bay Sailing Club, Saturday 28th March 2026 [Sunday 29th March]

7.2 Maximum of Four races per race day are scheduled.

7.3 Registration will take place in the morning of each event between 9.30am and 11.00am.

7.4 A competitor's briefing will take place prior to the first warning signal on each event day. The time will be outlined in the SSI.

7.5 The first warning signal for all scheduled race days will be not earlier than 11.00am.

7.6 The OA may, taking the weather forecast into consideration, move the race day to Sunday of the same weekend as above. Competitors will be notified of this change no later than 2200 on the Thursday evening preceding the Saturday of each event. The OA may elect to change the time of the first warning signal on the reserve Sunday.

7.7 There is no reserve date possible for the Malahide event due to operational reasons and if racing is cancelled for that event, a proportional refund will NOT be made.

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) 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.

8.3 Immediately after each race, one or more boats may be required to proceed for an equipment check.

9 VENUE AND RACE AREA

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

9.2 The race area will be set out in the SSI.

10 COURSES

10.1 Course B (Optimist Worlds) as set out in the IODAI Major Event SIs will be specified in the SSI.

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 boat's 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 boat's 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 vessels will be allowed in the vicinity of the race area. Competitors may not interact with any other vessel afloat (eg. Coach) except for official OA boats and fellow competitors.

14 BERTHING

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

15 DATA PROTECTION

15.1 Any personal information provided to the OA 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 OA'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 OA 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 OA, 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 1st to 5th in both Junior and Senior Fleets 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 may be awarded at the discretion of the OA and IODAI.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information please contact: honsec@iodai.com

January 2026 ENDS