

# Zurich 2026 Munster Optimist Championships



Waterford Harbour Sailing Club in conjunction  
with the

International Optimist Dinghy Association of  
Ireland

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of June 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 IODAI Major Event Sailing Instructions (MESIs). 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 is located at link <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/14444/event>
- 2.2 Alerts regarding notices may be made on the [IODAI What's App groups](#).
- 2.3 The race office is located in the WHSC race office which is situated upstairs in the Boatshed, telephone +353876371096 and email [jo@whsc.ie](mailto:jo@whsc.ie)
- 2.4 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate on VHF radio channels: VHF Ch69 (Main Fleet), VHF Ch72 (Regatta Racing and Coaching Fleet).

### 3 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the Club's platform in front of the Clubhouse.

#### 4 **SCHEDULE**

Friday 12 June	18.00 - 20.00 Registration will be upstairs in the bar in the main club house, to collect tally, stickers and sail ribbons.
Saturday 13 June	08:30 – 10:00 Registration continues 10.00 Coach and Support Boat Safety Briefing 11.00 Competitor Briefing for Regatta Fleet 12.30 Regatta Racing First Warning Signal
Sunday 14 June	11.30 Regatta Fleet First Warning Signal

#### 5 **RACING AREA**

- 5.1 The Regatta Racing Fleet racing area is in the Waterford Estuary, East of Harbour
- 5.2 The Regatta Coaching Fleet area is outside of the Sailing club moorings
- 5.3 More detailed racing area location information will be advised at the fleet briefings and / or prior to launching each day.

#### 6 **MARKS**

Marks will be as follows:

- 6.1 Regatta Racing Fleet will use 3 red inflatable marks and the pin mark will be advised at the sailor briefing on Saturday morning.
- 6.2 Regatta Coaching Fleet will use yellow training marks.

#### 7 **OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 There are no designated obstructions in the Race Area.
- 7.2 Competitors are advised to proceed with caution and avoid the harbour entrance, when sailing to and from the sail area.

- 7.3 Competitors are advised that the estuary forms part of the active navigational channel serving the Port of Waterford. Commercial maritime traffic, including fishing vessels from Dunmore East Harbour may be present. While the courses will be set clear of the main navigational channel and harbour entrance, competitors should remain alert to the presence of working maritime vessels.

## 8 **THE START**

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the main mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a starting mark at the port end of the line.

## 9 **THE FINISH**

- 9.1 The finishing line is between the main mast displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

## 10 **HEARING REQUESTS**

- 10.1 Hearing requests shall conform to the requirements of RRS Part 5, Section A, and shall be lodged online using the link on the official notice board at [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) .
- 10.2 The protest room will be in the function room on the ground floor of the clubhouse.

## 11 **OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 11.1 Official mark/safety vessels, other than those listed below, shall be identified with a white flag. Jury boats shall be identified with a yellow flag.
- 11.2 The Start & Finish Vessel for the Regatta Racing Fleet will be a **S/V Shockwave (36 foot sloop)**

## 12 **[DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 12.1 Support person vessels shall be identified with a numbered orange flag.

## 13 **COURSE**

- 13.1 The course will be triangular as per course diagram below

13.2 The sequence of marks to be rounded will be indicated on a board displayed on the Committee Vessel. The sequence will be displayed no later than the preparatory signal of the relevant Class. This changes RRS27.1

13.3 At the Race officer discretion, more than 4 races may be held on the one day.

13.4 The Race Committee will run as many races as they deem appropriate based on to conditions and sailors' ability.

## 14 **SCORING**

14.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 Discards

(a) When three races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores

(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of the race scores excluding the worst races

This amends Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A – Scoring and in particular Appendix A2 – Series Scores

## 15 **BOAT VESSELS**

15.1 When afloat, all persons on a support vessel shall always wear a personal floatation device. When the engine is running, the support vessel helm shall use a kill cord at all times.

## 16 **AMENDMENTS TO REGATTA SSI'S**

Any other updates to the course and/or SSI's, will be advised at the sailor briefing on Saturday morning.

Attachment A: Course Diagram

