



**Brewin
Dolphin**



**International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland
Leinster Championships 18-19 July 2026
Howth Yacht Club**

The Organising Authority is Howth Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland (IODAI).

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

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

Notices will be posted on [IODAI WhatsApp groups](#) and on the official Notice which is <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/14915/event> The Race Office is located in the HYC Junior Room.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the ramp to the marina in front of the clubhouse.

4 SCHEDULE

Six races are scheduled:

Friday 17 July	16:00 – 20:00 Race Office open to collect tally stickers & sail ribbon
Saturday 18 July	08:30 – 10:00 Race Office open to collect tally stickers & sail ribbon 09.45 Coach and Support Boat Safety Briefing 10.00 Competitor Briefing for Juniors and Senior Fleets (Tally and Launch afterwards) 10.50 Competitor Briefing for Regatta Fleets 11.55 Main Fleet First Warning Signal - 3 Races back-to-back 12.30 Regatta Racing First Warning Signal

Sunday 19 July	10.55 Main Fleet First Warning Signal - 3 Races back-to-back 11.30 Regatta Fleet First Warning Signal
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The Race Committee may get one race ahead of schedule but shall not sail more than 4 races on any one day.

All briefings will take place at the base of the Main Steps up to the balcony from the dinghy park.

5 RACING AREA

The Main Fleet course will be to the North and West of Howth Harbour and may be up to three miles from the harbour entrance. More specific information will be provided at the briefing.

6 MARKS AND COMMITTEE / FINISHING BOATS

Marks will be as follows for the Main fleet:

- Black inflatable marks for marks 1 and 2. Yellow inflatable marks for marks 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B
- The pin end of the starting line will be a RIB displaying an orange pole, with an orange flag. In the event of the RIB not being on station, the pin end mark will be a tall, orange inflatable mark.
- The pin end of the finishing line, except when a race is shortened at a mark of the course, will be an orange cherry type mark.
- The holding area marks will be orange cherry type marks.

Descriptions of Committee Vessels as follows:

- The Main Fleet Start Vessel will be a white twin-hulled motor vessel called North Star.
- The Main Fleet Finish Vessel will be a navy motor vessel called Argentor IV,

7 THE START

The starting line will be between a red/white pole displaying an orange flag on the **Start Vessel** at the starboard end and the pin end as per SSI 6 above at the port end

8 THE COURSE

The course to be sailed by all Main Fleet competitors is the "Course" on Attachment A - Courses of the IODAI Major Event Sailing Instruction.

9 THE FINISH

The Finishing Line will be between a red/white pole displaying a blue flag on the Finishing Vessel with the pin end as per SSI 6. If a race is being shortened at a mark of the course the pin end shall be as per RRS 32.2 The Finishing Vessel shall display code flag R to indicate that the Race Committee intend to start another race. After finishing, boats should sail immediately to the starting area.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

Whistle System: To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a rule infringement.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests / requests for redress shall be lodged via <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/14915/event>. The protest time limit shall be 30 minutes after all boats have tallied in or after the Race Committee has accounted for any boats not tallied already.

Protest hearings will be held in the Centenary Room on the top floor of the HYC clubhouse unless otherwise notified. The Protest Room will be signposted. Persons protesting or their witnesses should

not enter the Protest Room until asked to do so.

12 SCORING

3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. Where four or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

13 OFFICIAL VESSELS

In addition to Vessels identified in SSI 6, Official vessels afloat for the Regatta will be identified as follows:

- a. Jury vessels: Yellow flag with "Jury" or "Umpire" text
- b. Safety boats: White flag with letter "R"
- c. Support boats: Pink flag with a number

14 VHF Channels

Main Fleet Committee boat will operate on Channel 77
Beachmaster will be using Channel 69

15 COACH VESSELS

15.1 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.

15.2 Coach vessels must register with IODAI prior to the event, by completing the form on IODAI website.

15.3 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.

15.4 **Coach vessels must be launched and recovered from the public slip adjacent to HYC** – next to the RNLi building

15.5 Each coach must attend the safety briefing.

16 PRIZES

Main Fleet Prizes: There are perpetual trophies for the winners of each division.

The first 5 competitors in each of the following categories will also receive prizes:

- Junior Gold,
- Junior Silver,
- Junior Bronze,
- Senior Gold,
- Senior Silver,
- Senior Bronze,
- Regatta Racing,
- Regatta Coaching

Additional prizes may also be awarded.

17 RIGHT OF WAY AND SAFETY

Howth Harbour and its approaches are deemed 'confined channels' for the purposes of the Collision Regulations. Trawlers and similar large vessels have rights of way in these areas and their passage shall neither be impeded nor threatened by competitors or their support vessels. Particular caution is advised when transiting the Harbour mouth. Competitors and / or support vessels that breach this Sailing Instruction may be subject to penalty by the Harbour Master in addition to being subject to action in accordance with the RRS.

Boats returning to the HYC slip after racing shall comply with the instructions of the Beachmaster and the assisting marshalling RIBs.