



**Optimist Crosbie Cup
Lough Ree Yacht Club
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July 2016**

NOTICE OF RACE

THE INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

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

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. I.S.A. prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. I.O.D.A Class Rules will apply

2. Advertising

- 2.1. All Competitors' Boats may be required to display a Sponsor's logo as instructed. If required, the Logo will be available at registration.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Competitors must be Members of IODAI or their National Optimist Association
- 3.2. Entry is open to all sailors in the Senior Silver and Junior Silver Divisions who were under 15 on the 1st January in the year of the regatta.
- 3.3. The entry fee is €60 for the Senior and Junior Divisions and €60 for the Regatta fleet (Max 40 Boats).
- 3.4. Entries received after Sunday 3rd July 2016 date are subject to a Late Entry Fee and will be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

4. Event Description & Venue

- 4.1. The event will comprise of a Main fleet, comprised of the Senior Silver and Junior Silver Divisions which race together and will compete for the Crosbie Cup, and a Regatta fleet which will combine coaching and racing.
- 4.2. The event will be held at LRYC, which is the organising authority.

5. Divisions & Fleets

- 5.1. Senior and Junior Divisions

For this Regatta, the Senior and Junior Divisions will race as a single fleet. Boats will be divided into two divisions as follows:

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5.2. Silver Fleets

Silver Fleet division is according to the current national rankings as posted on the IODAI website at www.iodai.com.

5.3. Identification Ribbons

Each boat shall display from their sail sprit loop, the ribbon provided at registration as follows:

Division / Fleet	Colour
Senior / Silver	Pink
Junior / Silver	Green

6. Schedule

6.1. Registration/validation shall be from 1900 to 2100 on Friday 15th July and from 0900 to 1100 on Saturday 16th July 2013.

6.2 Dates of Racing

Dates	Warning Signal
Saturday July 16th	12.25
Sunday July 17th	10.25

6.3. Three races are scheduled each day. The Race Officer may, at his discretion, get one race ahead of schedule but shall not sail more than 4 races on any one day.

6.4. The regatta will consist of a maximum of 6 races

6.5. 3 races shall constitute a series.

6.6. No race shall be started after 4.30pm on the last day.

7. Measurement

7.1. Spars, foils and sails should be measured by a qualified measurer.

7.2. Spot checks may be performed on equipment on a random basis prior to and during the regatta.

8. Scoring

8.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.2. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9. Penalty System

4.1 RRS Appendix P will apply.

10. Sailing Instructions & Briefing

10.1. The Major Event Sailing Instructions will apply and are posted on the IODAI website.

10.2. Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

10.3. There will be a briefing for competitors at 11:15 on Saturday 16th July 2016.

10.4. Regatta fleet briefing will be held separately at 11:30 as indicated on the Official Notice Board.

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11. Safety Checks

11.1. A list of the mandatory equipment required in each boat, and the processes to be adhered to, is posted on the IODAI website under Safety Check List. It is the responsibility of each Parent/Guardian to ensure each sailor is in compliance with the Safety Checklist.

12. Support boats

12.1. Support boats must register with the organising committee, and nominate each competitor they are supporting.

12.2. Support boats may be called upon by the Race Committee and/or Safety Officer to assist with rescue operations.

12.3. There will be a briefing for support boat skippers at 11:30 on Saturday 16th July.

13. Risk statement

Rule 4 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, and their parents/guardians, agree 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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.

13.1 INSPECTIONS

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

14. Insurance

14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 or the equivalent per event.

15. Regatta Fleet Competency

15.1. All Regatta Fleet sailors must be competent and capable of sailing a triangular course (with approximately 250m legs) in light to moderate winds.

16. Trolleys

16.1. All trolleys must be in full working order and marked with current sail number.

16.2. All old trolley tags must be removed. New trolley tags issued at Registration must be attached

17. Catering

17.1. All competitors are to bring their own packed lunch each day in a waterproof lunch bag, or suitable plastic container, clearly marked with their sail number.

17.2. A small meal will be provided for all sailors after sailing each day.