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OPTIMIST MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

2ND - 3RD

OCTOBER

2021





SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Optimist Munster Championships

Monkstown Bay Sailing Club – October 2nd / 3rd

1. RULES

These Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) are to be read in conjunction with the current (latest revision) IODAI Major Event Sailing Instructions (MESI). If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race or MESI and these SSIs, the SSIs shall prevail.

COVID-19 Special Protocols

To maintain the safety and well-being of all involved in the event, the OA will issue COVID-19 Protocols prior to the event. All competitors and support persons must comply with these Protocols.

If the protest committee finds that a competitor or a support person has infringed these protocols the competitor, or competitors associated with the infringing support person, may be penalized as deemed appropriate by the Protest Committee. This changes rule 63.1

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the Event WhatsApp account which will act as the official notice board. As a backup, notices may be posted on a Notice Board at the Registration Hut.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the MBSC flagpole in front of the Registration hut at Paddy's Point.

4. SCHEDULE

1. The racing schedule will be as below. However, the Race Officer may, at his/her discretion, get one race ahead of schedule. If an extra race is to be run, IC Flag E will be displayed at the finish of the last scheduled race of the day. Not more than 4 races shall be sailed on any one race day.
2. Each day, succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable following the finish of the previous race.
3. The Championship will consist of a maximum of 6 races.
4. 2 races shall constitute a series.
5. On the last scheduled day of the regatta, the first warning signal of a race shall not be made after 14:30, unless to re- start a race, which has been subject to a General Recall(s) and whose first warning signal was made before 14:30, except where a race has been recalled

Friday 1 st	18:00 –21:00	Registration
Saturday 2 nd	09:00 – 10:00	Registration
	10:00	Competitor briefing
	11:25	Warning signal. 3 races scheduled
Sunday 3 rd	10:25	Warning signal. 3 races scheduled



Prizegiving 16:00 or earlier/later if notified

5. RACING AREAS

Race Area 1: Curlane Bank

Race Area 2: Monkstown Bay

Race Area 3: Cuskinny

Race Area 4 – Oyster Bank (Regatta Fleet)

Numerals 1, 2, 3 or 4 as appropriate will be displayed approximately 15 minutes before Flag D to indicate the intended race area for each day.

Fleet identification (this changes MESI 8.1)

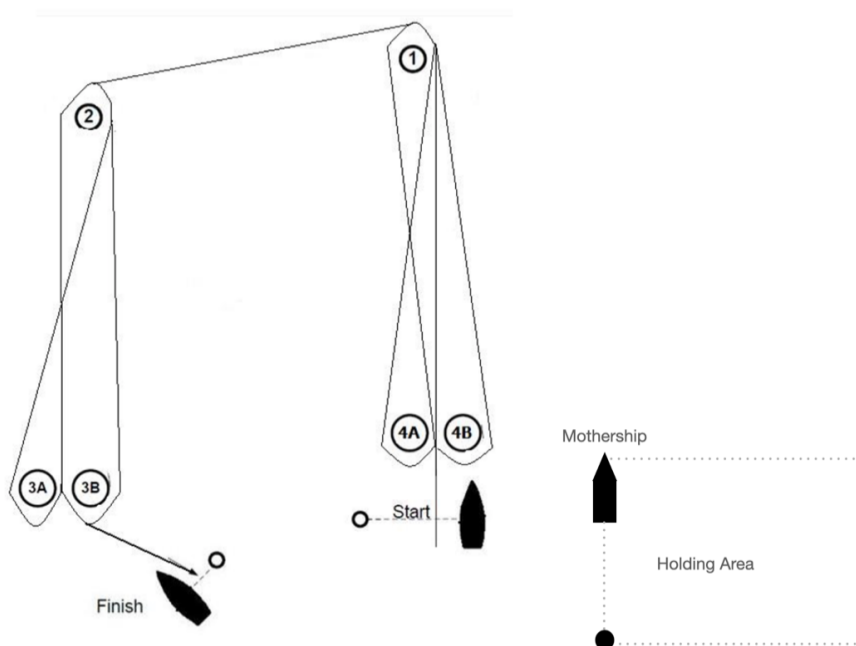
Division / Fleet	Ribbon Colour	Class Flag
Junior / Bronze	[TBC]	Flag J
Junior / Silver	Green	Flag J
Junior / Gold	Red	Flag J
Senior / Bronze	[TBC]	Flag O
Senior / Silver	Blue	Flag O
Senior / Gold	Yellow	Flag O
Regatta	Pink	Flag O

6. MARKS AND COMMITTEE / FINISHING BOATS

1. The Start Vessel will be a Nelson 42 "Irish Mist".
2. The Finish Vessel will be a white Lee Fisher 22 motorboat displaying a Blue Flag when on station.
3. Course marks will be large inflatable triangular Olympic type orange/black marks.
4. The finish mark will be a white spherical mark.
5. Course layout (this changes MESI Attachment A)

Marks are to be rounded to Port with the exception of the leeward gate at 3A/3B, 4A/4B. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark. MESI 13.4 and MESI 26.1 (a) are changed by replacing the word "leeward" with "starboard".

The diagram is indicative and not to scale.



Junior Fleet Course

Mark 1, 2, 3a or 3b, 2, 3b, finish

Senior Fleet Course

Mark 1, 4a or 4b, 1, 2, 3b, finish

Marks 1 and 2 to be left to port, Marks 3a/3b and 4a/4b are a gate

7. THE START

1. The starting line will be between the main mast on the Start Vessel and vessel with a red and white striped pole at the pin end. The port end vessel and pole may be replaced by an orange inflatable mark.

8. THE FINISH

- 8.1 The Finishing Line will be between the red and white pole on the Finishing Vessel and a white mark. After finishing, boats should sail immediately to the starting area.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 All commercial shipping has absolute right of way within the harbour area. All boats shall keep at least 100 metres away from commercial vessels that are manoeuvring at all times but shall in any event maintain a safe distance from any shipping, which may exceed 100 metres in certain circumstances.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Jury Protest Committee members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a rule infringement.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 Protests / requests for redress shall be lodged using the online system, the link to which will be made available in the Event Whatsapp Group, before expiry of the protest time limit.



- 11.2 Protest hearings will be held in registration hut on Paddy Point site or the committee room of Monkstown Bay Sailing Club.

12. SCORING

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

13. OFFICIAL VESSELS

All vessels afloat will be identified as follows:

- a. Jury/Protest Committee vessels will be marked by a yellow flag;
- b. Mark laying boats and safety boats will be marked by a white flag;
- c. Support boats will display a pink flag.

14. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 14.1 All coach/support vessels must check in at the Support Boat Registration Desk on arrival at the event and prior to launching.
- 14.2 Each support vessel skipper must attend the safety briefing. All coach/support vessels must be launched prior to the event safety briefing on the first day of the event.
- 14.3 All coach/support vessels are asked to keep a listening radio watch on VHF channel 11 or as otherwise advised at the Coach and Support boat Safety Briefing.
- 14.4 Support boats shall not tow any competitors to or from the Race Area unless requested to assist by an official race committee boat.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 In the Senior and Junior Main Fleets, trophies will be awarded to the Top 5 sailors in each fleet/division. There may be prizes for local competitors.
- 15.2 Regatta Fleet - -1-3, 1st MBSC Sailor, Sportsmanship, Youngest, U9, U10, U11, U12.
- 15.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

Coronavirus COVID-19

This event is subject to the Covid 19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions are changing as the event approaches and will influence the running/organisation/ cancellation of this event.