

Zurich 2026 Munster Optimist Championships



Waterford Harbour Sailing Club in conjunction with the
International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland
13th & 14th of June 2026

MAIN FLEET SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SSIs)

1 RULES

These Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) are to be read in conjunction with the SIs (referred to as Major Event Sailing Instructions or MESIs in the Notice of Race (NOR)). If there is a conflict between the NOR or SIs and these SSIs, these SSIs shall prevail.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The official notice board (ONB) and all required forms referred to in the SIs are online at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/14444/event>
- 2.2 The race office is located upstairs in the WHSC Boatshed, telephone +353876371096 and email jo@whsc.ie
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate on VHF radio channels:
 - 69 (Main Fleet)
 - 72 (Regatta Coaching Fleet)
- 2.4 A safety briefing for rescue boats/support boat crews will be held at 1000 Saturday in front of, or in, the Club House, depending on the weather.
- 2.5 A competitors briefing for Main Fleet sailors will be held at 1030 Saturday at the same location.
- 2.6 A competitors briefing will take place for the Regatta Fleet, when the main fleet have departed the club for their race area.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races will in accordance with paragraph 7 in the NoR.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole which is situated on the clubhouse balcony.

5 RACING AREA

The racing area is the lower Waterford Harbour Estuary. The Regatta Fleet race area will be near the club house, and the Main fleet will be further out to the east.

6 COURSES

6.1 The PRO will outline the intended course at the Saturday morning briefing. Any changes to the courses on the water, will be signalled on boards on the side of the Starting Committee Vessel.

6.2 Senior Division will have the designation I2. Junior Division will have the designation O2 (see Attachment A, Course A)

6.3 If it is the Race Committee's intention to provide the Words Course (See attachment A, Course B), then this will be signalled from the Flagship and will be for both fleets.

This changes SI 9.2. Unless signalled in accordance with SI 9.3 or 9.4, the course for the Senior Division will be I2 and the course for the Junior Division will be O2.

7 MARKS

7.1 All course marks will be Yellow spherical marks.

7.2 The Starting Mark at the port end will be a round mark with pole and flag.

7.3 The Finishing Mark at the port end will be a large red inflatable buoy.

7.4 The holding area will be approximately 100 metres to leeward of the start line and may be identified by two red round marks.

8 OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1 There are no designated obstructions in the Race Area other than those set out in SI 11 - Obstructions.

8.2 Competitors are advised to proceed with caution and avoid the harbour entrance, when sailing to and from the sail area.

8.3 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.

9 OFFICIAL VESSELS

9.1 All Official vessels, other than those listed in the table below, will carry coloured flags to depict their roles (Safety/White and Mark-layers/Red).

9.2 Protest committee vessels (referred to as a 'jury vessel' in the SIs) will carry Orange coloured flags.

9.3

Role	Name	Description
Starting Committee Vessel	S/Y Blackjack	Light blue 37' yacht
Finishing Vessel – Starboard End	M/V Goblin	White Cabin Cruiser
Mothership	M/V Seahunter	Green Motor Cruiser

(Photos for identification purposes in Attachment B)

10 [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

10.1 Support person vessels are required to be registered with IODAI and shall be identified with yellow flags (available at registration)

10.2 Support person vessels may be launched from Dunmore harbour slipway only on Friday 13 June or Saturday 14 June, after all fleets have finished launching. The OA reserves the right to further restrict launching and recovery of support vessels during these times as it sees fit and without amending these SSIs.

11 PROTEST ROOM

The protest room will be in the function room on the ground floor of the clubhouse.

12 ADVERSE WEATHER

In the event of adverse weather, Attachment B to the SIs may be applied at the discretion of the Race Committee.

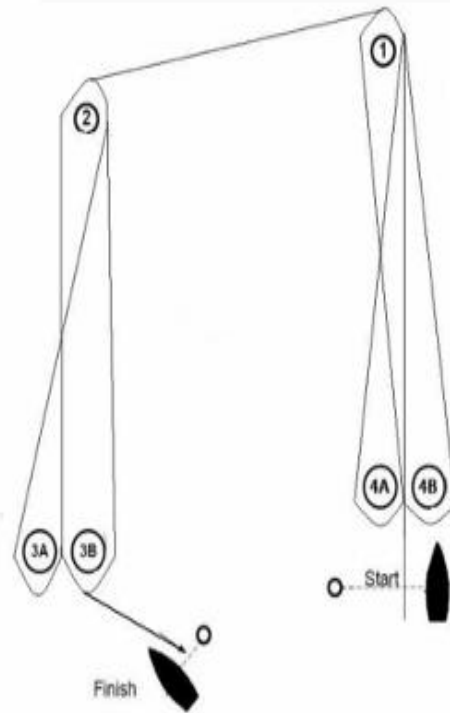
13 THE START

If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to indicate this fact by displaying flag B. Failure to indicate will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 61.4(b).

Attachment A

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Course A

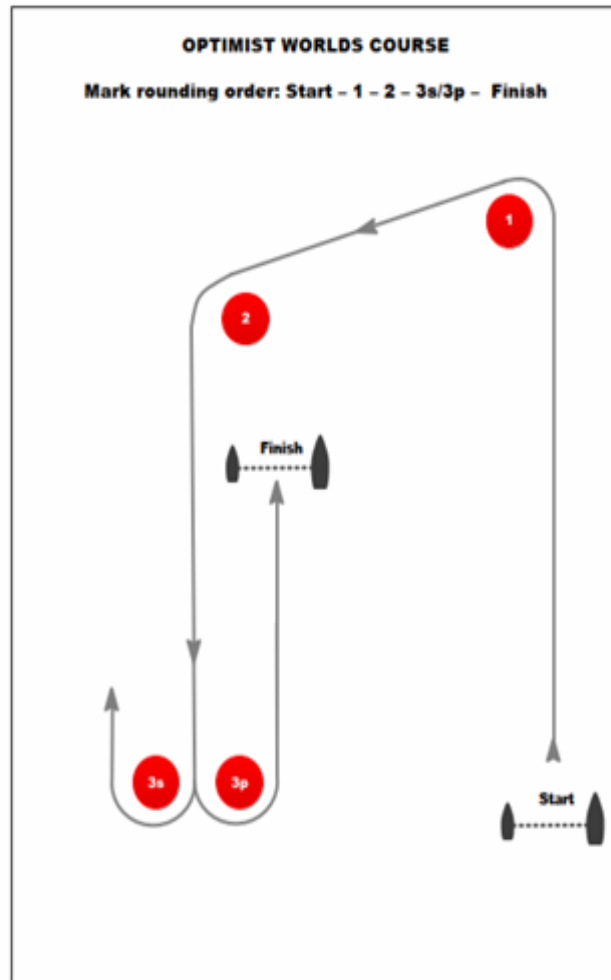


All marks are to be rounded to Port with the exception of the leeward gates at 3A/3B and 4A/4B. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.

Outer Loop Course - Mark 1, 2, 3A/3B, 2, 3B, Finish

Inner Loop Course - Mark 1, 4A/4B, 1, 2, 3B, Finish

Course B



All marks are to be rounded to Port with the exception of the leeward gates at 3A/3B. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.

Attachment B

Photo of Starting Committee Vessel S/Y Blackjack



Photo of Finishing Vessel M/V Goblin

