



**Davy Irish Optimist National & Open
Championships
Kinsale Yacht Club
16th to 19th August 2018**



NOTICE OF RACE



1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017 – 2020)
- 1.2 Irish Sailing prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 IODA Class Rules will apply
- 1.4 The Organising Authority is Kinsale YC in conjunction with IODAI

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies (DP).

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 who are under 15 on the 1st January in the year of the championship.
 - 3.3 The entry fee for the all Sailors (Main Fleet and Regatta) is €160
 - 3.4 Entries for the Main fleet received after **August 1st** will be subject to a late entry Fee of €100 per sailor and will be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.
 - 3.5 Entries for the Regatta fleet will be limited to 50 sailors and will close on **August 1st**. No late entries will be accepted for this fleet after this date.
- 1.1 A completed declaration of the Parent/Guardian Consent Form shall be submitted at registration

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4 Event Description & Venue

- 4.1 The event will comprise two fleets – a Main fleet which will compete for the Junior and Senior Championships, and a Regatta fleet, which will combine coaching and racing.
- 4.2 The event will be held at Kinsale Yacht Club (KYC), Pier Road, Kinsale.

5 Divisions & Fleets

5.1 Senior and Junior Divisions

Boats will be divided two divisions with separate starts as follows:

- Junior Division: Sailors under 12 on the 1st January in the year of the regatta.
- Senior Division: Sailors over 12 but under 15 on 1st January in the year of the regatta

5.2 Gold and Silver Fleets

Within each division there will be a further split into Gold and Silver Fleets according to the current national rankings as posted on the IODAI website at www.iodai.com . Gold and Silver fleets shall have a single start within their division.

5.3 Identification Ribbons

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

Division / Fleet	Colour
Senior / Gold	Blue
Senior / Silver	Pink
Junior / Gold	Red
Junior / Silver	Green

6 Schedule

Date	Warning Signal	Scheduled Races
Thursday 16 th August	1155	3
Friday 17 th August	1055	3
Saturday 18 th August	1055	3
Sunday 19 th August	1055	2

- 6.1 Racing Schedule will be as above however 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.
- 6.2 The championships will consist of a maximum of 11 races
- 6.3 4 races shall constitute a series.

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- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of the regatta, the first warning signal of a race shall not be made after 15.00.

7 Measurement

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate
- 7.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment may be inspected or measured by the Technical Committee.
- 7.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 7.4 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Technical Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.
- 7.5 Sails measured during the measurement days may be inspected again.
- 7.6 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate) it will be measured at the Championship either by an Official Measurer or one appointed by the Organising Committee. This may incur a fee payable to the measurer.

8 Scoring

- 8.1. When four or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.2. When from five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.3. When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

9 Penalty System

- 9.1. RSS Appendix P will apply as changed by SI's 16.2.
- 9.2. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 9.3. RRS Appendix T will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1 (a).

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.

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- 10.3 There will be a briefing for competitors at **1015** on Thursday 16th August.
- 10.4 A Regatta fleet briefing will be held separately at **1115** on Thursday 16th August.

11 Safety Check

A list of the mandatory equipment required 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 this Safety Check List.

12 Support boats

- 12.1 Support boats must register with the organising committee, and declare 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 **1045** on Thursday 16th August.
- 12.4 Except when requested by, or agreed with, the race committee, support vessels must stay 100 m distant from the race area during racing, i.e., from the warning signal until the last boat has finished each race.

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.
- (g) 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.

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14 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

15 Regatta Fleet Competency

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 light snack will be provided to all sailors after sailing each day.

18 Data Protection and Image Rights

- 18.1 At registration competitors will be requested to complete a form giving permission to the Organising Authority to collect and use data about the competitor for the purpose of organising this Championship. The Organising Authority has adopted a Data Protection Policy for the Championship which be displayed at Registration.
- 18.2 By entering the Championship competitors and support persons accept that the Organising Authority may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore. Competitors and support persons will be requested to complete a form giving consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, of the organising authority or of IODAI.