

	<p><b>Leinster Optimist Championships</b>  <b>Howth Yacht Club</b>  <b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009</b></p> <p>THE INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION OF  <b>IRELAND</b>  Organised by HYC Events Ltd.</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF RACE</b></p>	
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## 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. Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
- 2.2. 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 who are under 15 on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. Online entry will be available at [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie)
- 3.3. For those who entered the abandoned championship held in June 2009 in either the Senior or Junior Divisions of the Main fleet or are moving from the Regatta fleet to the Main fleet the entry fee is €20.
- 3.4. For those who entered the abandoned championship held in June 2009 in the Regatta Fleet and wish to do so again the entry fee is €20.
- 3.5. For those who did not enter the abandoned championship in June 2009 the entry fee is €45 for the Main fleet and €30 for the Regatta fleet.
- 3.6. Entries received after **31<sup>st</sup> August 2009** are subject to a Late Entry Fee of €20 per sailor and will be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

## 4. Event Description & Venue

- 4.1. The event is a new IODAI ranking event that replaces the abandoned Optimist Leinster Championship held on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- 4.2. The event will comprise two fleets – a Main fleet which will compete for the Junior and Senior Championship, and a Regatta fleet, which will combine coaching and racing.
- 4.3. The event will be held at **Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, Co.Dublin.** **HYC Events Ltd** is the organising authority.

## 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.

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- Senior Division: Sailor 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](http://www.iodai.com) . Gold and silver fleets shall have a single start within their division.

### 5.3. Identification Ribbons

Each boat shall display the ribbons provided at registration as follows:

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

## 6. Schedule

6.1. Registration/ Measurement Validation shall be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009 from **1700 to 2100** and on the Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 from **0830 - 0930**

### 6.2. Dates of Racing

Date	Warning Signal
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	1055
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	1025

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 championship will consist of a maximum of 6 races

6.5. 3 races shall constitute a championship.

6.6. No race shall be started after approximately 1500 on the last day.

## 7. Measurement

7.1. You are required to have your spars, foils and sails measured by a qualified measurer.

7.2. Spot checks will 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 from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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### **9. Penalty System**

4.1 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 **0845** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. See Official Notice Board for location.
- 10.4. A Regatta fleet briefing will be held separately at **0930** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September as indicated on the Official Notice Board.

### **11. Safety Checks**

- 11.1. Safety checks will be carried out on all boats either in the Dinghy Park, or on the slipway, before launching. Any boat not displaying the appropriate safety check pass symbol for that day will not be permitted to launch.
- 11.2. 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.

### **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 **0830** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. See Official Notice Board for location.

### **13. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk (See RRS 4 - Decision to Race). The Organising authority and host clubs will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the championship.

### **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.

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- 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 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Dining facilities are available in the club house during the day, including bar food and an early bird menu.

### **18. Accommodation**

- 18.1. See [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) , Howth Area.