



Optimist Ulster Championships
Ballyholme Yacht Club
Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th June 2009
NOTICE OF RACE

THE INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

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 1st January.
- 3.3. The entry fee is €65/£59 for the Senior and Junior Divisions and €50/£45 for the Regatta fleet.
- 3.4. Entries received after 5th June subject to a Late Entry Fee of €10/£9 per sailor and will be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

4. Event Description & Venue

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. The event will be held at Ballyholme Yacht Club, Seacliffe Road, Bangor, County Down BT20 5HT, who are 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.
- Senior Division: Sailors over 12 but under 15 on 1st January in the year of the regatta

- 5.2. Gold and Silver Fleets

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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 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 12th June from 18.00 to 21.00 and on Saturday 13th June from 0830 - 0930

6.2. Dates of Racing

Date	Warning Signal
Saturday 13 th June	1055
Sunday 14 th June	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 series.

6.6. No race shall be started after 3.00pm 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.

9. Penalty System

4.1 Appendix P will apply.

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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 09.00 on Saturday 13th June
- 10.4. A Regatta fleet briefing will be held separately at 09.30 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 08.30 on Saturday 13th June.

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 trials.

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.

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

18. Accommodation

18.1. Mobile Homes may, by arrangement, park beside the club in the North Park

18.2. Camping facilities will be available, by arrangement, at Royal Ulster Yacht Club

18.3 For B&B and Hotel accommodation please contact the Tourist Information Centre on +44 (0)28 9127 0069 or go to www.northdowntourism.com

Please indicate your requirement for Camping or Mobile home parking on the entry form.

There will be a small charge for the use of the camping facilities – please pay at registration.