



NOTICE OF RACE FOR 2009 TRIALS.

THE INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Selection Trials will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 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. Entry is by invitation only.
- 3.2. Competitors must be Members of the Irish Sailing Association and paid up members of IODAI.
- 3.3. The entry fee is €130.

4. Venues

- 4.1. Royal Cork Yacht Club www.rycy.ie
- 4.2. Lough Ree Yacht Club www.lryc.ie

5. Schedule

- 5.1. Registration / Measurement Validation at Royal Cork Yacht Club on 16th April from 15.00 to 21.00.

- 5.2. Dates of Racing

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| Royal Cork Yacht Club | 17 th – 19 th April 2009 |
| Lough Ree Yacht Club | 2 nd – 4 th May 2009 |
| Reserve Weekend (venue to be confirmed if applicable) | 9 th & 10 th May 2009 |

- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:30 hours.
- 5.4. Three races are scheduled for the first two days and two are scheduled for the final day of the two initial weekends. 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.
- 5.5. The Trials shall consist of a maximum of 16 races.
- 5.6. No more than 8 races may be sailed on any weekend.
- 5.7. 10 races shall constitute a series.

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- 5.8. No race shall be started after 2.30pm on 20th April or after 2.30pm on 4th May.
- 5.9. Race scheduling is a continuation across venues and weekends.
- 5.10. If after the two initial weekends the number of races necessary to constitute a series have not been sailed, a third 2-day weekend of racing will be held on 9th & 10th May at the venue which provided the least number of races. In the case of an equal number of races at each venue, this weekend will be sailed at the second venue.
- 5.11. At the end of the third weekend, if 10 races have not been sailed, the races sailed shall constitute a series.
- 5.12. The racing schedule on the third weekend shall continue with the schedule of races up to the maximum of 16 races (subject to the restriction that no more than 8 races may be sailed on the weekend) but no race shall be started after 2.30pm on 10th May.

6. Registration / Measurement Validation

- 6.1. There will be no Measurement at the trials. You are required to have your spars, foils and sails measured by a qualified measurer in advance of the trials. You are required to complete the IODAI Trials Measurement form clearly and present it, together with the official Registration and Measurement book, at registration in RCYC.
- 6.2. Measurement validation will not take place after Thursday 16th April.
- 6.3. Measurement Validation will consist of the following steps:-
 - 6.3.1. Your boat will be weighed.
 - 6.3.2. Your Measurement Book will be presented and the serial numbers of the spars, foils, sail and hull will be checked against the Measurement Form you submitted.
 - 6.3.3. Your sail will be stamped/marked for the 2009 Trials (note that the same sail must be used for the entire series)
- 6.4. Spot checks will be performed on equipment on a random basis prior to, and during the trials.

7. Scoring

- 7.1. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 7.2. When from six to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.3. When from ten to twelve races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 7.4. When from thirteen or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

8. Penalty System

- 8.1. Appendix P will apply.

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9. Team Selection Process

The highest placed sailors from the Trials results will be selected to represent Ireland at the European Optimist Championships in Slovenia (the European Team) and the French Open National Championships in Brittany (the International Development Team) in the following manner:

- 9.1. Team Selection will be based on the results acquired at the Trial Process and full compliance with such terms as IODAI may require.
 - 9.1.1. However in the event of a sailor, who is placed in a “team qualifying position” before the final weekend of the Trials, being unable to compete in the final weekend, an IODAI appointed Committee may at their discretion award him/her (a) average points in the remaining races of the Trials or (b) a place on a team. Such an IODAI appointed Committee will be chaired by a suitable independent person and consist of 2 suitable IODAI Committee persons whose sailor will not be effected by any decision reached.
 - 9.1.2. It should be emphasized that this action will only be taken in regard to a sailor who, in the opinion of the committee referred to in 9.1.1, would have been one of the top performing sailors in the Trials as clearly demonstrated by their performance in the Trial races in which they sailed.
 - 9.1.3. It must be emphasised that the circumstances which prevent a sailor from competing will have to be compelling and absolute, and if appropriate, supported by such medical evidence as IODAI may require.
 - 9.1.4. Where a team place is awarded under these circumstances, the overall number of sailors that constitute the teams shall increase to allow an additional member.
 - 9.1.5. No other exceptions to the qualification process will be considered.
- 9.2. European Team – highest placed seven sailors (minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls)
- 9.3. International Development Team - the next 10 highest placed sailors (minimum 2 girls)
- 9.4. IODAI is aware that some sailors may still wish to attend the World Championships in Brazil. The highest placed five sailors may opt out of the European Team and IODAI will (as required by the competition rules) enter them as Ireland representatives.
- 9.5. In the event of any or all of the five highest placed sailors opting to attend the Worlds, the next highest placed sailors will be selected for the European Team to fill the available places (again subject to its gender rule) and the following highest placed sailors will be selected for the International Development Team (subject to its gender rule).
- 9.6. Up until the 16th May European Team members may opt to join the International Development team in which case their European Team place will be offered (as a swap) to the highest placed sailor on the International Development Team (subject to the gender rule). This offer will be made by phone and an immediate answer will be required. Up until the 16th May if a European team sailor chooses not to accept any team place, then they will be removed from the team listings and their European Team position will be offered to the first sailor on the International Development team subject to the gender rule. Should such offers not be taken up they will continue down the list of International Development team members. If as a result of the above or an International Development team sailor not wishing to accept their

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place that place will be offered to the next highest placed sailor at the trials (subject to its gender rule) until all available team places have been filled. All such team place offers will be handled by IODAI and sailors/parents wishing to opt out or not take up their team place will inform IODAI Honorary Secretary immediately.

- 9.7. All sailors who compete at the Worlds, European and International Development Teams will be presented with IODAI Green Team Lifejackets.

10. Team Membership Rules

Continued membership of a team will be dependent upon:

- 10.1. Conformance with the code of conduct for sailors and conformance with the code of conduct for parents and supporters.
- 10.2. Conformance with the programme requirements and reasonable IODAI and ISA requests including full participation as members of the team during the relevant championship event (This includes a commitment to stay at the nominated accommodation with other team members)
- 10.3. Attendance at designated training sessions, fitness tests and build-up regattas as part of the programme.
- 10.4. Sailors in default of these commitments will be removed immediately and completely from the team listings.
- 10.5. In the event of such default and forfeiture, expenses incurred by IODAI will be payable.

11. Acceptance of Team Place

- 11.1. Team places will be offered immediately after publication of the final results.
- 11.2. Top five sailors wishing to opt out of the European Team and enter the World Championships must indicate their preference immediately.
- 11.3. Sailors wishing to accept their place must commit to the Team Membership Rules and pay a non-refundable deposit of €1,000 immediately.

12. Sailing Instructions & Briefing

- 12.1. The Major Event sailing instructions will be used for this event and will be available on the IODAI website.
- 12.2. Supplementary sailing instructions will be available at each venue.
- 12.3. There will be a briefing for competitors at 09.00 on the first day of each weekend.

13. Support boats

- 13.1. Support boats must register with the organising committee, and nominate each competitor they are supporting.
- 13.2. There will be a briefing for support boat skippers at 08.30 on the first day of racing at each venue.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1. Competitors participate in the trials entirely at their own risk (See RRS 4 - Decision to Race). The Organising authority and host clubs will not accept any liability for

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material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the trials.

15. Insurance

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per event or the equivalent.