



Volvo Irish Sailing Youth Pathway National Championships 2018 IODAI 2018 Optimist Trials

**National Yacht Club
Royal St George Yacht Club**

Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th April 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the National and Royal St George Yacht Clubs in conjunction with Irish Sailing and the International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland (IODAI).

The Volvo Irish Sailing Youth Pathway National Championships 2018 (hereinafter called *the Regatta*) may form part of the selection trials for the 2018 World Sailing Youth Worlds, Irish Sailing National Squads and an indicator, amongst other events, for the Irish Sailing Academy.

The IODAI 2018 Optimist Trials will be held in conjunction with the Championships. Please refer to www.iodai.com for the IODAI Team Selection Process Document 2018, Trials fleet entry criteria & entry.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 Boats competing in each Class shall comply with their respective Class Rules. Boats may be checked for compliance with the Class Rules at any time during the Regatta.
- 1.4 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. If a party, having been informed that an Arbitration Meeting will be held, does not attend, other parties may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the protest committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS Appendix T1(a).
- 1.6 Racing rules Race Signal AP, 28.1, 29.2, 60.1(a), 61.1(b), 62.2, 63.1, 63.2, 64.1, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.7 RRS 70.5 applies and the right of appeal is denied.
- 1.8 In all rules governing this regatta;
 - (a) (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee; and
 - (b) (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 ADVERTISING & IDENTIFICATION (NP, DP)

- 2.1 The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising and competitors to wear an event sponsor bib. Other conflicting advertising shall be removed (or otherwise completely obliterated) from hulls, sails and competitors' clothing and equipment.

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3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY (NP, DP)

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to boats of the 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 Classes. Entry to the Optimist Trials is by invitation only.
- 3.2 Competitors in the 420 shall be under 20 yrs on the 31st December 2018.
- 3.3 Competitors in the Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 shall be under 19 yrs on the 31st December 2018.
- 3.4 Competitors in the Topper and Topper 4.2 shall be under 16 on the 31st December 2018.
- 3.5 Competitors in the Optimist Trials shall be members of Irish Sailing and IODAI.
- 3.6 Boats shall have their full Class allocated sail number displayed in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS.
- 3.7 Overseas entries are welcome in the 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Topper Classes.
- 3.8 Eligible 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Topper should enter online through the link on www.rsgyc.ie or www.nyc.ie. Eligible Optimists may enter online at www.iodai.ie.
- 3.9 Competitors under 18 years of age shall return a completed Parent/Guardian Consent Form prior at registration. This consent form will be available online at www.rsgyc.ie or www.nyc.ie.
- 3.10 A minimum of 7 boats is required to be entered in each Class for racing to be held for that Class.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The required entry fees are as follows:-

Class	Entry Fee if paid before Midnight Thurs 22 nd 2018	Entry Fee if paid after 22 nd March
Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Topper, Topper 4.2	€110.00	€160.00
420	€160.00	€210.00
Optimist	€120.00 - Closing date for entries is 22 nd March 2018	

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration, Briefings and Prize Giving

Wednesday 4th April	Registration - 420, Laser Radial, Optimist	1600-2000
	Optimist Equipment Checks & Weighing	1600-2000
Thursday 5th April	Registration - 420, Laser Radial	0830-1000
	Competitor briefing - 420, Laser Radial, Optimist	1015
	Registration - Laser 4.7, Topper, Topper 4.2	1600-2000
Friday 6th April	Registration - Laser 4.7, Topper, Topper 4.2	0830-1000
	Competitor briefing - Laser 4.7, Topper, Topper 4.2	10.15
Saturday 7th April	Racing	See 5.2 below
Sunday 8th April	Prize giving	1600 or earlier if notified

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5.2 Racing, Number of Races and Time of Warning Signals

Date	No. of Races	Optimist Course	Laser Radial, 420 Course	Laser 4.7, Topper, Topper 4.2 Course
Thursday 5th April	3	1200	1200	No Racing
Friday 6th April	3 (Optimists 4)	1100	1100	1200
Saturday 7th April	3 (Optimists 4)	1100	1100	1100
Sunday 8th April	2	1100	1100	1100

5.3 On the last day of the Regatta, no warning signal for a Class will be made after 1400.

6 RACE OFFICE & REGISTRATION

6.1 The Race Office will be located as follows:

- Laser Radials and 420s - National YC
- Laser 4.7, Topper, Topper 4.2, Optimist - RSGYC

6.2 All entrants shall register in the Race Office within the times stated for their Class in NoR 5

6.3 The Official Notice Boards will be located adjacent to each race office.

7 MEASUREMENT – OPTIMIST TRIALS

7.1 Each boat is required to complete the IODAI Measurement Self Declaration Form 2018 and produce this form together with a valid measurement book.

7.2 Boats may be weighed and equipment serial numbers checked.

8 BOAT PARKING & LAUNCHING / RECOVERY (DP)

8.1 Boat parking and launching/recovery plans will be posted on the Official Notice Boards and parking spaces will be allocated at Registration. Boats shall only be parked in their allocated space and shall only use their Class's allocated slipway.

8.2 All competitors are required to have a launching trolley suitable for their particular Class of boat that is fully serviceable. Trolleys will be used on a 'first come first served' basis on each day of the Regatta except for recovery on the last day.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on www.rsgyc.ie and www.nyc.ie and www.iodai.com prior to the Regatta.

9.2 Optimists shall use the IODAI 2018 Major Event Sailing Instructions and Supplementary Sailing Instruction which will be available per 9.1.

10 RACING AREA and COURSES

10.1 The race areas will be on the southern side of Dublin Bay or in the event of inclement weather, racing may be run in Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

10.2 The courses to be sailed will be either Trapezoid or Windward Leeward.

11 SCORING

11.1 Laser Radial, and 420 Classes - A total of 11 races are scheduled. 4 races required to be completed to constitute a championship.

- 11.2 Laser 4.7, Topper, Topper 4.2 Classes:- A total of 8 races are scheduled. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 11.3 Optimist – a total of 13 races are scheduled. 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.4 For 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 Classes, when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.5 For 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 Classes, when five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.6 For the Optimist Class, when fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.7 For the Optimist Class, when from six to nine races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.8 For the Optimist Class, when ten or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12 SUPPORT BOATS (NP, DP)

- 12.1 Support boats shall register with the respective Race Office. An identification flag which must be conspicuously displayed during the regatta, will be issued by the OA at registration on payment of a returnable deposit of €20.00.
- 12.2 Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee or during emergency rescue operations, support boats must stay 100m distant from the race area unless requested to assist by an official race committee boat from the time of the first Warning Signal until the time that the last competitor finishes the last race to be sailed each day on that race area.
- 12.3 In addition, for the 420 and Laser Radial Classes, support boats shall not communicate with competitors afloat or tow competitors to or from the Race Area unless requested to assist by an official race committee boat.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 For 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 Classes, prizes will be awarded to the first three boats overall in each Class and to the highest place boat with an all-female crew in each Class.
- 13.2 For the Optimist Class, prizes will be awarded to the first five boats overall and to the highest place female.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 Competitors and support team participate in the series entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and support person agrees 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, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, 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) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that 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, umpires and other officials and

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- volunteers by the 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) They will familiarize themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and attend any venue/event safety briefings.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

16.1 By entering the Regatta competitors and, where relevant, their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Regatta facilities and they 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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