



# Optimist Cobbler League

## Royal Cork Yacht Club



**2/9/16/23/30 October 2016**

### NOTICE OF RACE

- 1 The Cobbler League for Optimists will take place at the Royal Cork Yacht Club under the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailings, ISA Prescriptions, IODA Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions. The Organising Committee for the Event is the Royal Cork Yacht Club, delegated to the Optimist Committee.
- 2 Entry is open to all sailors who were born in 2001 or later and have sailed in at least one IODAI Regional or National Championship or who, in the opinion of their club class captain are capable of sailing a long course in medium to windy conditions.
- 3 The Entry Fee will be €40. However, entries received before midnight on Thursday 29th September will be at the discounted rate of €30. A special discount of €50 is available for families of 2 or more sailors (yes - 3rd sailor goes free!) if entered prior to the discount deadline. Entries will be made online via [www.royalcork.com](http://www.royalcork.com) and online entry fees will be collected electronically after the discount deadline. Registration shall take place on Sunday 2 and 9 October at 1000 at the Dinghy Centre in the Royal Cork Yacht Club, and will close upon launching.
- 4 Boats will be divided into Main Fleet - Junior & Senior Divisions and Regatta Fleet. 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). The combined Senior and Junior Divisions will start separately from the Regatta Fleet. Sailors who do not have a ranking, or who wish to move from Regatta to Main Fleet, will be allocated to Silver Fleet.
- 5 It is planned to sail 3 races each day, with a minimum of 4 races constituting the series. Up to 4 races may be sailed on any day if behind schedule. The fleet will launch at or after 1100 (immediately following a race briefing), with the first warning signal no earlier than 1200. An additional day may be scheduled if the schedule is impacted by inclement weather, only if the series has not been completed.
- 6 In adverse weather conditions the Race Officer may decide to stand down certain groups of sailors. The order of stand down will be Regatta, Junior Silver, Senior Silver, Junior Gold and Senior Gold. Sailors who have been stood down shall be awarded average points in accordance with A10(a). The application of this procedure shall not be grounds for redress.
- 7 Sailing Instructions will be issued at registration. Penalties applicable under Appendix P will be amended the sailing instructions.
- 8 4 Races shall complete a series. Discards shall apply as follows:
  - 1 Discard shall be applied when the 4<sup>th</sup> race has been completed.
  - 2 Discards will be applied when the 7<sup>th</sup> race has been completed.
  - 3 Discards will be applied when the 10<sup>th</sup> race has been completed

- 9 Prize giving will take place at approximately 1700 on Sunday 30 October or as soon as possible after that time unless there are changes to the schedule of races. Permanent prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in the Senior Division – Gold Fleet, Junior Division – Gold Fleet, Senior Division – Silver Fleet, Junior Division – Silver Fleet and the Regatta Fleet. Daily prizes will be presented after racing each Sunday to the winners in each division.
- 10 All sailors must have proof of valid (in date) insurance in accordance with IODAI minimum requirements (€1,500,000). This should be available at registration if requested.
- 11 Sailors are advised that the weather in October is changeable and that it can suddenly become very cold and windy. Therefore, sailors must be dressed and prepared for adverse conditions. The Beachmaster may, at his/her sole discretion, refuse to allow a sailor to launch if they consider that the sailor is not adequately clothed for the expected conditions.
- 12 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, “Decision to race”. The Organising Committee and host club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.
- 13 Further information is available from the Royal Cork Optimist Class Captain, Andrew Crosbie, [crosbie.andrew@gmail.com](mailto:crosbie.andrew@gmail.com).