



Optimist Cobbler League

Royal Cork Yacht Club



1/8/15/22/29 October 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1. The Cobbler League for Optimists will take place at the Royal Cork Yacht Club under the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, ISA Prescriptions, IODA Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions. The Organising Authority for the Event is the Royal Cork Yacht Club, delegated to the Optimist Committee. Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
2. Entry is open to all sailors who were born in 2002 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 28th 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 and online entry fees will be collected electronically after the discount deadline. The OA reserves the right to exclude unpaid entries from the results. Registration shall take place on Sunday 1 and 8 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. 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. International sailors will be deemed to be Gold Fleet in line with IODAI policy. Regatta Fleet sailors may be "coached" on the course by safety boats to improve their enjoyment and learning. No other on or off the water coaching is permitted, unless where provided by the Optimist Class.
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 in the sailing instructions.
8. 4 Races shall complete a series. Discards shall apply as follows:
 - 1 Discard shall be applied when the 4th race has been completed.
 - 2 Discards will be applied when the 8th race has been completed.
 - 3 Discards will be applied when the 12th race has been completed
9. Prize giving will take place at approximately 1700 on Sunday 29 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.
10. All sailors must have proof of valid (in date) insurance in accordance with IODAI minimum requirements (€3,000,000). This should be available at registration if requested.
11. A list of the mandatory equipment required and the process to be adhered to is posted on the IODAI website under Safety Check List (<http://iodai.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/IODAISafetyChecklist2015.doc>). It is the responsibility of each Parent/Guardian to ensure each sailor is in compliance with this Safety Check List. In addition, Regatta fleet boats MUST have a “bumper” fitted. The Beachmaster will be performing checks on the slipway and may, at his/her sole discretion, refuse to allow a sailor to launch if they consider that the sailor or boat is not compliant with these requirements.
12. 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.
13. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”. Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an

element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor, and their parents/guardians, agree and acknowledges that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

14. By entering the Event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Event 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 competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.
15. Further information is available from the Royal Cork Optimist Class Captain, Ian Venner, optimistrcyc@gmail.com .