2023 Cobbler League

Royal Cork Yacht Club

01st, 08th, 15th and 22nd October 2023

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 RRS Race Signal AP, A5.1, A5.2, 33, 60.1(b), and 61.1 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in this NoR or the sailing instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.3 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions, the Supplementary Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The IODAI Major Event Sailing Instructions will apply and are available online at iodai.com.

2.2 Supplementary sailing instructions (SSIs) will be published online at www.royalcork.com prior to registration.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board will be specified in the SSIs.

3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to support person vessels on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSIs.

3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Optimist class sailing in Ireland.

4.2 Entry is open to Optimist sailors who were born in 2008 or later and have sailed in at least one IODAI Regional or National Championship or who, in the opinion of their club class captain, is capable of sailing a long course in medium to windy conditions.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form available on www.royalcork.com . An electronic payment request will follow thereafter.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee will be €40. 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 if entered prior to the discount deadline.

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

6.2 The organising authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration will take place on Sunday 01st and 08th between 1000 and 1100 at the Dinghy Centre.

7.2 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. An additional day may be scheduled for Sunday 29th October if the schedule is impacted by inclement weather, only if the series has not been completed.

7.3 The fleet will launch at or after 10.45 (immediately following a race briefing), with the first warning signal no earlier than 11.30.

8 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION

8.1 Regatta fleet boats MUST have a "bumper" fitted.

8.2 [DP] Boats may be inspected at any time. ashore or on the water at the discretion of the race committee.

8.3 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.

8.4 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.

8.5 Failure to comply with NOR 8.3 or 8.4 may result in refusal to launch.

9 VENUE

9.1 The championship will be held in the Royal Cork Yacht Club, with racing held on the Curlane Bank.

10 COURSES

10.1 The course as set out in the IODAI Major Event SIs will be used or amended in the SSIs or by the race officer on the day.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Appendix P will apply, except that RRS P2.3 is deleted and in RRS P2.2 "second" is changed to read "second or subsequent".

11.2 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).

11.3 [NP]A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race office within the protest time limit.

11.4 Whistle System: To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Jury members may blow a whistle or raise a yellow flag when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

12 SCORING

12.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 Discards

(a) When 3 races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

(c) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

13.1 Support boats are not permitted other than as part of the official safety fleet.

13.2 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.

14 BERTHING

14.1 [DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the dinghy park.

15 DATA PROTECTION

15.1 Any personal information provided to the organising authority will be used to facilitate participation in the event. Competitors and support persons are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.

15.2 Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor or support person's national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

16 IMAGE RIGHTS

16.1 Competitors and support persons accept that the Organising Authority may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore. Competitors and support persons give 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. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, its sponsors, the organising authority, and the class association.

17 RISK STATEMENT

17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate minimum cover per incident.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Main Fleet Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Senior Gold 1,2,3
- Senior Silver 1,2,3
- Junior Gold 1,2,3
- Junior Silver 1,2,3

19.2 Regatta fleet prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Regatta 1,2,3,4,5
- Sporting Award (discretionary)

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information please contact Aislinn Pierse, Royal Cork YC Optimist Class Captain at optimistrcyc@gmail.com or Gary O'Neill at garyfmoneill@gmail.com.