



Competitor Welcome Pack

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Welcome

The Royal Cork Yacht Club welcomes you to the Irish & Open Optimist Nationals 2026. We hope you will enjoy your time at the club and we are here to make your visit as memorable as possible. If you need any information not described in the welcome pack, please reach out to a member of [club staff](#) or the event team via the Race Office.

Contact Info

Club Phone No: 021 483 1023 or email office@royalcork.com Event: optimats2026@royalcork.com

Address: Crosshaven, Co. Cork, P43 HD40 Website: <https://www.royalcork.com/> Event Link: [Optimist Nationals](#)

Site Map



Arrival

Please access the club via the Western approach and car park. Preferably people should use the available space to unload optimists and then push their trailers into the designated parking areas to reduce traffic movements and reduce risk to sailors. Cars should not be driven or parked in any of the dinghy parking areas as shown.



Registration

Registration will be open from Wednesday 12th August 2026 14:00 to 20:00 and late registration will be available 09:00 – 10:00 on Thursday the 13th of August 2026. Competitors should promptly register once they arrive. The registration and Race Office will be in the club Dinghy Centre.

Rib Registration & Launching

Rib Registration will take place at the Race Office will be located in the RCYC Dinghy Centre, which is at the top of the slip. To complete registration ribs must be registered via the [IODAI registration portal](#), after which a flag will be provided which must be displayed prominently at all times. A €20 cash deposit will be required, which will be refunded when the flag is returned to the Race Office at the end of the event.

Ribs can be launched up until Wednesday evening 22:00. No rib launching is provided for in the club from Thursday am @ 07:30. Public slipways are available in Crosshaven village and Paddys Point in Ringaskiddy if there are latecomers or ribs need to be recovered during the event. Please follow the one-way system in the diagram, respect the speed limits, use a guide person when reversing and be conscious of the population of young persons.

Camping & Motor Homes

Camping is provided for on the Eastern Lawn and must be booked in advance with the Club office. Please announce your arrival and pitch in the area provided.

Motor Homes may be parked in the car park area. Facility for temporary power is available but please consult with a member of staff before connecting.

Competitor Briefing

Competitor briefing will be on the lawn at the club flag pole at 09:30 on Thursday the 13th of August 2026.

Safety Briefing

A mandatory safety briefing for all safety and support teams will be provided on Wednesday the 12th at 18:00. The safety briefing will be provided on the lawn or the main clubhouse if necessary.



Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony will be at 19:00 on Wednesday the 12th of August. The ceremony will be on the lawn in front of the main club house. Bring your flags!

Leisure Craft Guidance

Cork Harbour and the environs is a live commercial port with regular commercial traffic movements. Visiting parents and coaches are advised to familiarise themselves with the arrangements and by-laws.

There is a 6 knot/ no wash speed limit for ribs in the river as far as Currabinny Pier (Mark C2)

https://www.royalcork.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Guidance_Notes_for_Leisure_Craft.pdf

Refuelling

Diesel and petrol are available from the RCYC marina. Fuel must be paid for in advance at the bar in the clubhouse. Two copies of the receipt will be provided from the receipt book. One will be retained, while the other is provided as proof of purchase to the Marina Staff. Any additional details required will be recorded, e.g. flag number and location berthed.

Refuelling of designated safety and event boats (Jury, OD etc) will be completed by the marina staff each evening.

Local Restaurants

- Cronins Pub, Crosshaven – lunch & dinner www.croninspub.com or 021 4831829
- Anchor Inn, Crosshaven Evening Meals 021 4831 799
- The Lodge Bar & Kitchen, Myrtleville (2km) Open 4:30-9pm 021 4833 426 or info@thelodgebar.ie
- The Roberts Cove Inn – Gastro Bar (6km) Open from 4pm www.robertscove.ie or 021 488 7679

Lunches

The local Centra (Barrys Crosshaven) provide a full deli service and may make an easy option for sailor lunches. A water station is located at the race office and we suggest sailors bring a refillable bottle to reduce plastic consumption. Volunteer lunches will be provided and can be collected at the Race Office daily. The club will be offering food at the bar throughout the event.



Event BBQ

The club will host a BBQ on Saturday night for all sailors, family members, members and volunteers. Early booking is advised to ensure you get your tickets and the club can plan ahead. [BBQ Booking](#)

With the generous support of our sponsors ([Cully & Sully](#) + [Fehily Timoney & Co.](#)) and through the event priority budgeting we have discounted the costs to support families and make the price point as accessible as possible. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Parents Pimm's Reception

With the kind sponsorship of [Celtica](#) we are running a Pimm's Party on Friday evening. Parents and guardians are welcome to come and enjoy a refreshing glass of Pimm's with us in the main club building. Children are welcome to use the playground, lawn and surrounds and remain under their parents control at all times.

Event Hoodies

Event hoodies can be ordered directly at the link provided – [Event Hoodies](#).

Things to See & Do

<https://www.royalcork.com/things-to-see-do/>

Accommodation

<https://www.royalcork.com/accommodation/>



Schedule

Event Calander			
Wednesday 12 th August 2026			
Registration	14:00 to 20:00	Race Office	Registration Team
Safety Briefing	18:00 – 18:30	Flag Pole	Coaches & Officials

Thursday 13 th August 2026 – Main Fleet			
Late Registration Available	09:00 – 10:00	Race Office	Registration Team
Competitor Briefing	09:30 – 09:50	Flag Pole	All + Competitors
D & T Flags Raised	10:00	Flag Pole	Tally + Beach
Main Fleet Launch	10:00	Slip Way	Tally + Beach
1 st Warning signal	11:55	Race Course	RO / Safety / Marks
Thursday 13 th August 2026 – Regatta Fleet			
Competitor Briefing	11:00 – after main fleet	Flag Pole	All + Competitors
R, D & T Flags Raised	11:30 – after main fleet	Flag Pole	Tally + Beach
Regatta Racing (RR) Launch	11:30 – as per RR Coach / RO	Slip Way	Tally + Beach
RR 1 st Warning signal	12:30	Race Course	RO / Safety / Marks
Regatta Coach (RC) Launch	12:30 – as per RC Coach	Slip Way	Tally + Beach

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 14 th / 15 th / 16 th August 2026 – Main Fleet			
D & T Flags Raised	09:00	Flag Pole	Tally + Beach
Main Fleet Launch	09:00	Slip Way	Tally + Beach
1 st Warning signal	10:55	Race Course	RO / Safety / Marks
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 14 th / 15 th / 16 th August 2026 – Regatta Fleet			
R, D & T Flags Raised	10:30 – after main fleet	Flag Pole	Tally + Beach
Regatta Racing (RR) Launch	10:30 – as per RR Coach / RO	Slip Way	Tally + Beach
RR 1 st Warning signal	11:30 – as per RR Coach / RO	Race Course	RO / Safety / Marks
Regatta Coach (RC) Launch	11:30 – as per RC Coach	Slip Way	Tally + Beach

*times are for info only, all racing comms will be via official signals and official race management channels.

Social Calendar			
Wednesday 12 th	Opening Ceremony	19:00	Club Lawn
Thursday 13 th	In-it-to-win-it & Daily Prizegiving	17:30	Club Lawn
	Games Night – ping pong, tug-o-war etc	18:00	Club Lawn
Friday 14 th	Ice Cream Van	After Sailing	Dinghy Centre
	In-it-to-win-it & Daily Prizegiving	17:30	Club Lawn
	Parents Pimm's Party	18:00	Club House
Saturday 15 th	In-it-to-win-it & Daily Prizegiving	17:30	Club Lawn
	Main Event BBQ	17:00 – 19:00	Club Lawn
Sunday	Prizegiving	After Sailing	Club Lawn