



Lough Ree Yacht Club
(Founded 1770)



SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

IODAI OPTIMIST CONNACHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sat 7th Saturday & Sunday 8th September 2019

Organising Authority: Lough Ree Yacht Club (LRYC) in association with the International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland (IODAI)

1. **Rules**
 - 1.0 These Supplementary Sailing Instructions are to be read in conjunction with the current (latest revision) IODAI Major Event Instructions 2019 (SI's). If there is a conflict between the Major Event Instructions 2019 and these Supplementary Sailing Instructions, the Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
 - 1.1 No earlier than 20 minutes after the first boat has finished the Race Officer may, at his discretion, award places to the remainder of the fleet which are still racing, in reverse sequence from the rear of the fleet. Each non finished boat shall be awarded a score, increasing by one from the non finished boat nearest the finishing line, which is equal to its position on the course relative to the last boat to finish. This changes RRS A4.2. In awarding such places the decision of the Race Officer is final and shall not provide grounds for any boat to seek redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
2. **Notices to Competitors**
 - 2.0 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the front window of the Club house of LRYC .
 - 2.1 Competitors briefing for **Main Fleet** sailors will be held at **10:45am** on Saturday morning outside the Club House of LRYC.
Regatta Fleet sailors briefing will be at **11:00am**
 - 2.2 A briefing for support boat crews will be held immediately after the Competitor's briefing at the same location.

3. Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of LRYC Club House.

4. Schedule of Races

6 th September	18:00-20:00 Registration
7 th September	09:00-10:30 Registration
7 th September	10:45 Main Fleet - 11:00 Regatta Fleet Competitors Briefing
7 th September	3 possibly 4 races back to back.
8 th September	3 possibly 4 races back to back.

The time of the first warning signal on 7th September will be 1225.

The time for the first warning signal on 8th September will be 1025.

The racing schedule will be as above however the Race Officer may, at his discretion, get one race ahead of schedule but shall not sail more than 4 races on any one day.

No warning signals shall be made after 15.00 on 8th September unless such a signal follows the general recall and / or postponement of a race for which the first warning signal was made prior to 15.00.

Three races shall constitute a series.

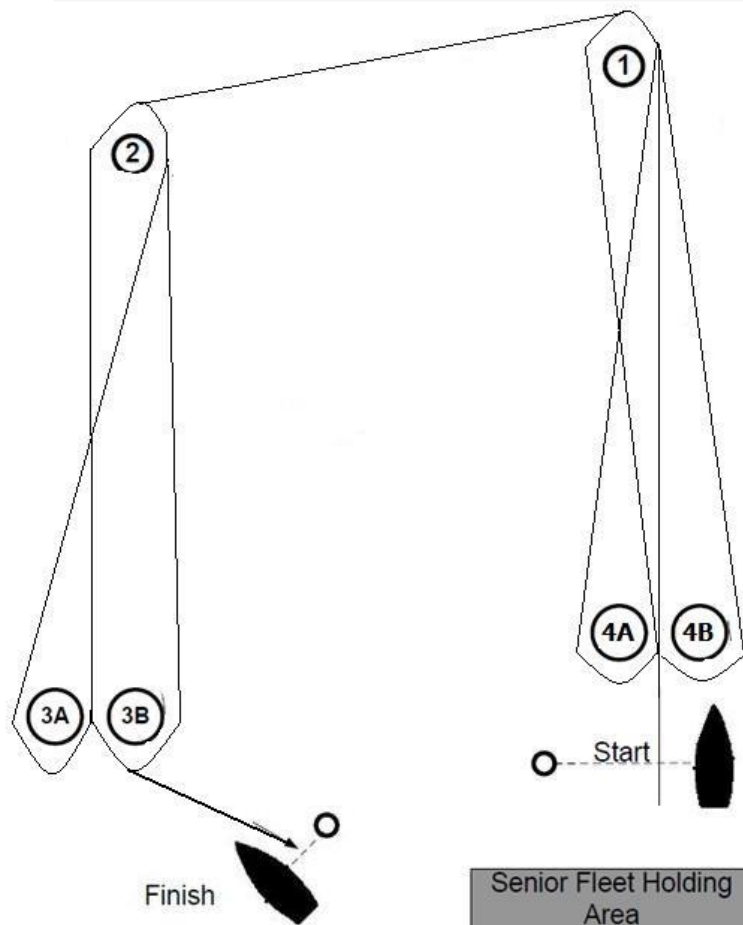
5. Racing area

On Lough Ree, in the vicinity north of Lough Ree Yacht Club, more specific details will be provided at the briefing on Saturday morning, the 7th September.

6. **The Course**

Marks are to be rounded to Port with the exception of the leeward gate at 3A/3B, 4A/4B. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.

The diagram is indicative and not to scale.



Junior Fleet Course

Mark 1, 2, 3a or 3b, 2, 3b, finish

Senior Fleet Course

Mark 1, 4a or 4b, 1, 2, 3b, finish

Minor alterations to the course - a movement of any mark up to approximately 15 degrees and / or +/- 200m from the original position - will not be signaled. All changes in excess of these amounts will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33. This changes RRS 33.

7. Marks and Committee Boats

- 7.1 Marks will be as follows: Marks 1, 2 will be large yellow cylindrical racing marks. Marks 3a, 3b, 4a and 4b will be yellow inflatable ball-type marks.
- 7.2 Start line pin end – boat with red and white pole
Finish line pin end – black ball-type mark
Start Boat – 9m sailing cruiser 'Maimuma' displaying orange flag
Finishing Boat – 10m motor cruiser 'Maid of Erne'

8. The Start

- The Starting line shall be between the pole on the start line pin end boat and the main mast of the start boat.
- 8.1 Senior Division boats are required to remain in the 'Inactive Fleet Holding Area' during the starting sequence for the Junior Division. Such area shall be deemed to be no closer than 50m to leeward of the start line.
 - 8.2 The Junior Division will start first, using the display of ICF J as their Warning Signal. The warning signal for the Senior Division, display of ICF O (Oscar), may be made at the same time as or subsequent to the Starting Signal for the Junior Division at the discretion of the Race Committee.
 - 8.3 The intention to commence a Junior Division starting sequence for the second and subsequent races each day will be signaled by the display of ICF E accompanied by one sound signal not later than one minute before the warning signal is made. ICF E will be lowered at the warning signal for the Junior Division.

13. The Finish

The finishing line, except where the race is shortened, shall be a pole on the finish boat. The finishing boat shall display a blue flag. Unless the race is shortened, the finishing boat shall display a blue flag when on station to finish a race. In the event of the motor cruiser not being available to finish a race, a RIB or other boat flying an orange flag and the appropriate finishing flag (Blue or ICF 'S') shall be substituted for it.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 Protest forms shall be available from the Committee room at LRYC.
- 16.2 Protests will be heard in the Committee room at LRYC.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship regatta.
- 17.2 When less than four races have been completed, a boat's Championship regatta score will be the total of her race scores. If four or more races are completed, a boat's worst excludable score will be excluded from her total.

17. Official Boats

Starting and finishing boats shall be identified with orange flags. Mark laying and rescue boats may be identified with white flags with a red R. Jury boats shall display a yellow flag. Mother ships will display a white flag
Support boats shall display the numbered flag given to them at registration.

18. Safety

19.1 The tally board shall be located near the top of the LRYC slipway leading to the harbour.

20. Support Boats

Support boats are asked to keep a listening radio watch on VHF Ch. 72.

21. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the fleet at the discretion of the organizing committee. Please note that perpetual trophies may not be removed from Ireland.

Safety and Right of Way

The river Shannon has many private and hire pleasure craft traveling on the system, although motor should give way to sail, every care should be taken to avoid these craft. This will be discussed in more detail during the briefing on Saturday morning on the 7th September at 10:45.