LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB
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IODAI

2026

IODAI Halloween Regatta & Crosbie Cup

The Organising Authority (OA) for this event is
Lough Ree Yacht Club

Ballyglass, Coosan, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, **N37 K257**

in conjunction with the
International Optimist Dinghy Association of Ireland (IODAI).

Saturday, 31st October 2026

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.

The notation '[SP]' denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee at a hearing.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2 RRS 63.5(c) 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 (SSIs), the SSIs will prevail.

1.3 NOR 2, 7, 9 (other than 9.3), 12, 13 and Addendum A do not apply to the Regatta Fleet.

1.4 RRS G3 Chartered or Loaned Boats shall apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

2.2 SSIs will be published online (www.iodai.com) prior to registration.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Details of the Official Notice Board will be specified in the SSIs.

3.2 Protest hearing requests and scoring enquiries shall be submitted online through the event page on https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/16241/event

3.3 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.

3.4 [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 Competitors must have participated in National Training Week 2026.

4.2 Competitors must be a member of IODAI. Members of other equivalent national Optimist Class Associations and will obtain temporary membership of IODAI through the entry process.

4.3 Perpetual trophies and Regional/National titles will only be awarded to sailors who are a member of IODAI, Irish Sailing, an Irish Sailing Club and sail under a registered IRL sail number, along with satisfying at least one of the following:

- Hold an Irish Passport;
- Were born on the Island of Ireland;
- Have a parent or grandparent born on the Island of Ireland;
- Have been resident on the Island of Ireland with their family for 2 consecutive years.

4.4 Entry is open to a maximum of 120 sailors in the Main Fleet (Junior and Senior) and a maximum of 60 sailors in the Regatta Fleet. Additional entries may be permitted at the discretion of the OA.

4.5 Entry is open to all sailors who are under 15 on the 1st January in the year of the championship.

4.6 Entry shall be made through the website (www.iodai.com).

4.7 Regatta Fleet eligibility:

4.7.1 All sailors MUST be able to sail a triangular course with approximately 250m legs competently in light to moderate airs.

4.7.2 It shall be at the sole discretion of the Head Coach to request a Regatta Fleet sailor to remain ashore or sit in a RIB if they deem the sailor not to be capable of sailing in the weather conditions of the day.

4.7.3 In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Regatta Fleet may be cancelled by the Head Coach.

4.7.4 It shall be at the sole discretion of the Head Coach to split the Regatta Fleet into groups to enable more competent sailors to sail in more difficult conditions while less able sailors stay ashore.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee for all sailors (Main & Regatta Fleet sailors) is included in the NTW entry fee and must be paid when booking the event at www.iodai.com.

5.2 Refunds shall only be given in accordance with the *Policies on entry fees for IODAI events* on: www.iodai.com

6 Not Used (Crew Limitations)

7 [DP] ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

7.2 The OA may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear.

8 Not used (Qualifying & Final Series)

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration will be carried out through the registration for National Training Week. The racing schedule will be as set out below.

9.2 Briefing shall take place at 09:30

Date	Warning Signal	No. races
Saturday 31st October	10:55	4

9.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no first warning signal of a race will be made after 15:00.

9.4 Regatta Fleet racing and coaching times will be scheduled at the direction of the Head Coach and Race Officer. All communications will be made on the Regatta Fleet's WhatsApp group.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat is required to complete the IODAI Measurement Self Declaration Form (available on www.iodai.com) and submit this form prior to registration. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding sail measurement certificate.

10.2 [DP] Boats may be inspected at any time ashore or on the water at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11 Not used (Clothing & Equipment)

12 VENUE AND RACE AREA

12.1 The event will be based at Lough Ree Yacht Club, Ballyglass, Coosan, Athlone Co. Westmeath N37 K257

12.2 **ADDENDUM A** shows the intended approximate location of the Race Area for the Main Fleet.

Main Fleet competitors should be aware that the starting area may be as much as 3 kilometres from the club.

13 COURSES

13.1 Course A or B as set out in the IODAI Major Event Sailing Instructions will be further specified in the SSIs.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14.2 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).

14.3 [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.

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

15 SCORING

15.1 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 Discards. RRS A2 is changed so that:

(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 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 [DP][NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS (SPVs)

16.1 [DP] Only official OA vessels will be allowed in the vicinity of the race area. Competitors may not interact with any other vessel afloat except for official OA boats and fellow competitors.

16.2 [DP] Only IODAI nominated coaches shall provide coaching on the water.

17 Not used (Chartered or Loaned Boats)

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while ashore.

19 Not used (Haul Out)

20 Not Used (Diving Equipment & Plastic Pools)

21 DATA PROTECTION & IMAGE RIGHTS

21.1 Any personal information provided to the OA 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.

21.2 Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA'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.

21.3 Competitors and support persons accept that the OA 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 OA, and IODAI.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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.**

23 [NP] INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate and valid third-party insurance for the duration of the event.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

24.2 A full prize list will be published in a separate document.

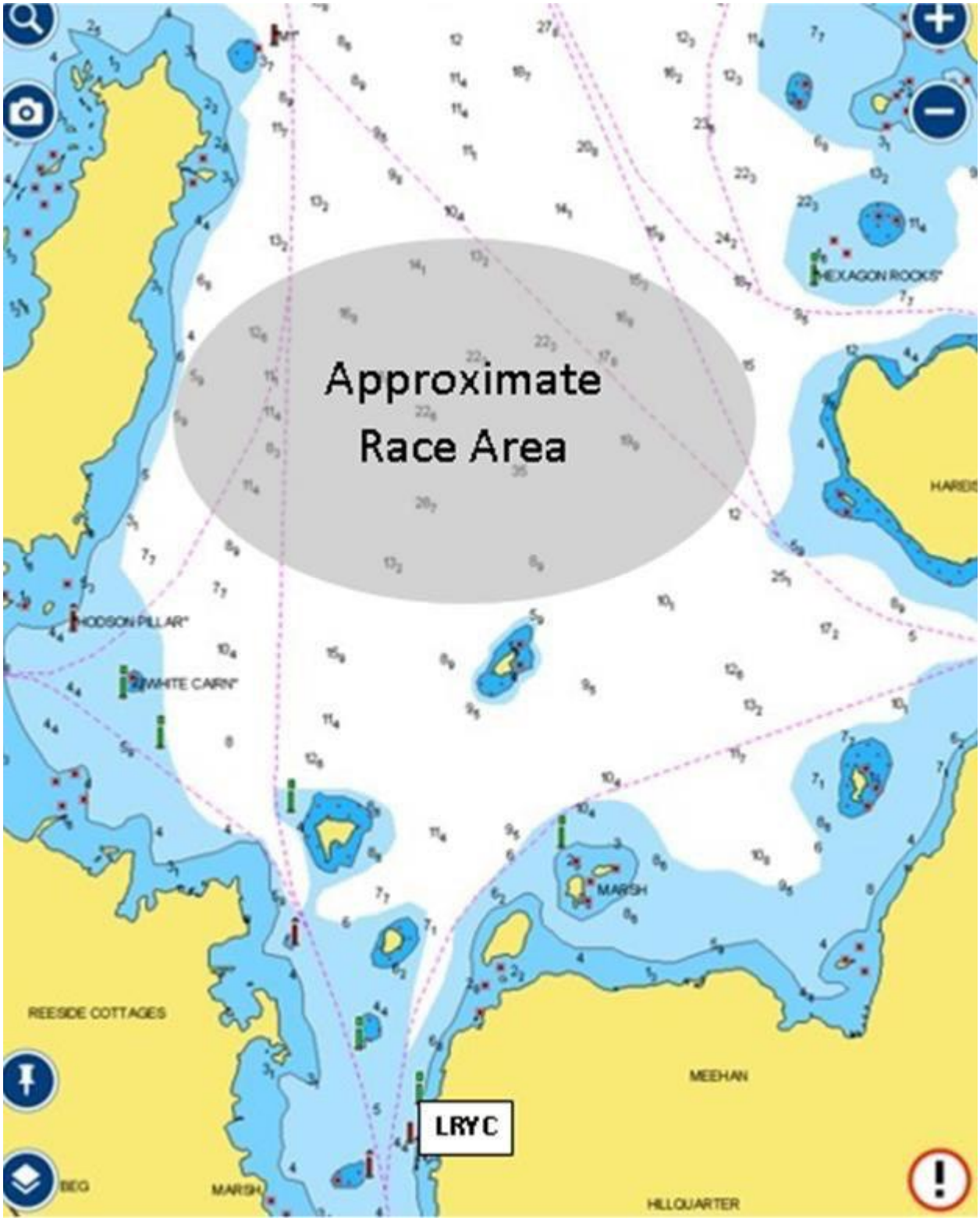
25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 Competitors are granted temporary membership of LRYC for the duration of the regatta, subject only to the provisions of the Club rules on withdrawing or withholding such membership.

25.2 For further information, please contact

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ADDENDUM A – MAIN FLEET ONLY



END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Lough Ree Yacht Club
Site Map



1. Entrance (one way) 2. Junior Room 3. Boat House 2 (Rescue) 4. Slipway / Launch 5. Boathouse 1 (Optimists) 6. ESB Jetty 7. Rigging Area 8. Crane/Set down area for Jetty 9. Marquee Area 10. Glass Recycling 11. Bar (Clubhouse) 12. Veranda 13. Car Parking 14. Ladies & Gents Showers 15. Camping Kitchen and Showers 16. Campsite (Power Points) 17. Boat House 3 18. Exit (one-way) 19. South Field (car/trailer parking, camping) 20. Recycling and General Waste