



WATERFORD
— HARBOUR —
SAILING CLUB EST. 1834

Optimist Club Championships

Saturday 8th and 9th August 2020

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the measurement rules of the relevant Class Associations, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any amendments thereto.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Sailors must be members of the Waterford Harbour Sailing Club to enter the Club Championships. Any sailor who has paid the entry fee may enter the Open Regatta.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the sailing club.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any alteration to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

In addition to Racing Signals, When int. Code flag D' is displayed ashore boats shall not go afloat. The Warning Signal will be made not less than forty five minutes after the signal is lowered.

6. SAFETY

Competitors shall wear lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy, minimum buoyancy of 50 Newtons, at all times when afloat. In amendment of RRS 40, flag Y need not be displayed.

7. FLEETS AND DIVISIONS

There will be one fleet sailing in two divisions. The Main fleet will fly a red ribbon at the top of the sprit and the Regatta fleet will fly a yellow ribbon at the top of the sprit. The Main fleet is for more advanced sailors and the Regatta fleet for the progressing sailors, who may have coaches on the water. The Dinghy Captain in liaison with the senior instructor has sole discretion at placing sailors in each division. Prizes will be awarded for both divisions.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Five races are scheduled and they shall be run in the following order:

Saturday First gun: 11.30 Races 1, 2, and 3.

Sunday First gun: 13:00 Races 4 and 5

The Race Officer may at his or her discretion run extra races on either Saturday or Sunday.

9. CLASS FLAGS

Optimist class flag is Int. Code Flag O



10. BLACK FLAG PENALTY RULE

The sail numbers of boats identified infringing RRS 30.3 will be displayed on the committee boat for a minimum period of three minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed.

11. STARTING LINE

The Starting Line shall be between a pole on the Committee Boat and a Starting Mark.

12. STARTING SIGNALS AND ORDER OF STARTS

Races will be started in accordance with RRS26. The Warning Signal will be five minutes before the Starting Signal.

13. COURSES

The course shall be an Olympic Course

All marks must be rounded to PORT.

Triangle Course

The marks of the course will be placed roughly as displayed. Marks will be rounded in the following order:

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

An illustration of the course will be provided at the briefing.

14. MARKS

The marks will be described at the briefing.

15. SAILING AREA

The sailing area will be described at the briefing.

16. SHORTENED COURSE

The course may be shortened to finish

- (a) between the committee boat and the Start/Finish Mark or
- (b) between a boat displaying the "S" flag and a nearby mark of the course.

16.1 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in Rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress, changing Rule 60.1(b).

17. The Finish

17.1 The finishing line shall be between the pole of the committee boat and the finishing mark.

17.2 After finishing, boats shall keep well clear of the finishing area and avoid impeding any boat not yet finished.

18. COACHING ON THE COURSE

The race committee will provide coaching to the back of the fleet during racing. Coaching will be provided to the Regatta fleet

20. PROTESTS, PROTEST HEARINGS AND PROTEST TIME LIMITS

The time limit for lodging protests is 30 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. The sail numbers of the boats involved in a protest along with the schedule of protests will be displayed on the official notice board 15 minutes after the end of the protest time limit.

21. SCORING SYSTEM

Five races are scheduled, of which at least three must be completed in order to constitute a series. The Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A4. 1 of the RRS will apply. One discard shall apply after four races have been sailed. No discards will apply if only three or less races have been sailed.

22. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in Main and Regatta Optimist Fleets. There will be various 'fun' prizes.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4 DECISION TO RACE. The Organising Authority accepts no liability for material damage or personal injury or death resulting from or in conjunction with this event.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be covered by valid 3rd Party liability insurance to a minimum cover of €1.3 million.