

20th - 23rd of August 2015

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CORK DINGHY FEST '15



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1. Organising Authority

1.1 *The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Cork Yacht Club in association with the RS Feva Ireland Association, The RS200 and RS400 Dinghy Class Association, The Irish International 420 Class Association, The National 18 Foot Class Association, The Irish Topper Racing Association, and The Irish Water Wag Class Association*

2. Rules and Eligibility

2.1 *Racing will be governed by the Rules defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), Notice of Race, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and the Rules of a specified Class, except where amended by the Sailing instructions. Class Rules shall be posted on the Notice board 24hrs prior to a classes scheduled race day 1.*

2.2 *Entries are open to all competitors wishing to enter and who abide by their National Class requirement of Class Membership and affiliation.*

2.3 *The Optimist class is restricted in entry number to 50 in the main fleet and 35 in the Fun Fleet. Sailors wishing to compete in the main fleet must be ranked within the top 50 of the Junior or Senior Fleet rankings as at year end 2014.*

3. Notice to Competitors

3.1 *Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board located outside the Race Office at the Dinghy Center of the Royal Cork Yacht Club.*

3.2 *Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagstaff of the Royal Cork Yacht Club.*

3.3 *When flag AP is displayed ashore '1minute' is replaced with not less than '60 minutes'*

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1 *Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and signaled to competitors by the display of ICF/L at least two hours before the scheduled warning signal time or any postponement thereof of the race or races concerned except that any change to the schedule of races or race designated race areas shall be posted by 19:00 on the day before it shall take effect.*



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5. Schedule of Events

5.1 *The Schedule of Events is as follows:*

- 5.1.1 *August 20th – 23rd Irish Mirror National Championships*
- 5.1.2 *August 21st – 23rd Mixed Dinghy PY and Optimist, Cork Dinghy Fest Championships*
- 5.1.3 *August 21st – 23rd Irish 420 National Championships*
- 5.1.4 *August 21st – 23rd RS 200 Euro Cup & Irish National Championships*
- 5.1.5 *August 21st – 23rd Irish RS Feva National Championships*
- 5.1.6 *August 21st – 23rd National 18 National Championships*
- 5.1.7 *August 22nd – 23rd Topper Southern*
- 5.1.8 *August 22nd – 23rd RS400 Southern's*
- 5.1.9 *August 22nd – 23rd Optimist Fun Fleet*

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 *The maximum number of scheduled races is shown in SI Appendix A*
- 6.2 *The daily Group schedule, race area, starting sequence and the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start are shown in SI Appendix B.*
- 6.3 *Races not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on a following day at the discretion of the race Committee.*
- 6.4 *The warning signal for each succeeding race and class will be made as soon as practicable.*
- 6.5 *To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange start line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least one minute before a warning signal is made.*
- 6.6 *On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.*

7. Fleet Groupings

- Group 1: Mirror & Optimist*
- Group 2: RS Feva, Topper & Mixed Dinghy*
- Group 3: National 18 & International 420*
- Group 4: RS 200 & RS 400*
- Group 5: Optimist Fun Fleet*

8. Race Areas

- 8.1 *The Races Area's are shown in SI Appendix C and are listed below:*
 - Outer Harbour East*
 - Outer Harbour West*
 - Currlane Bank*
 - Cuskinny Bay*



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9. Race Area & Group designations

	<i>Curlane Bank</i>	<i>Cuskinny</i>	<i>Outer Harbour East</i>	<i>Outer Harbour West</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Group 1</i>			
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Group 3</i>	<i>Group 4</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Group 4</i>	<i>Group 3</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Group 3</i>	<i>Group 4</i>

10. Protests and requests for redress

- 10.1 *Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line.*
- 10.2 *Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.*
- 10.3 *The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.*
- 10.4 *Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room at the Royal Cork Yacht Club.*
- 10.5 *Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).*

11. Scoring

- 11.1 *The Low Point System shall apply to all races*
- 11.2 *A boats score shall be calculated in accordance with RRS A2.*
- 11.3 *A boat starting 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.
This changes RRS A4 & A5*
- 11.4 *3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.*

12. Safety Regulations

- 12.1 *Competitors shall wear adequate buoyancy aids at all times when afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate buoyancy aids.*
- 12.2 *The Beach Master will be using a tally system for competitors going afloat and coming ashore and this will be described on the official notice board.*
- 12.3 *A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.*



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13. Replacement of crew or equipment

- 13.1 *Substitution of crews will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.*
- 13.2 *Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.*

14. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 14.1 *A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated Jury for inspection.*

15. Support boats

- 15.1 *All ribs attending Dinghy Fest '15 shall register with the Royal Cork Yacht Club at the time of registration to receive their briefing support boat pack outlining requirements as well as Safety Boat Registration number and flag.*
- 15.2 *All support boats shall stay no less than 100 metres away from vessels racing and the start and finish area.*
- 15.3 *No Support boat shall enter a race course (within 100 metres) unless required for safety reasons.*
- 15.4 *All Support boats shall, when required, liaise and adhere to instructions from the Race Officer and Safety Officer whilst on the water.*
- 15.5 *All Support boats shall advise the OA what race area they will be attending on the particular day of racing.*
- 15.6 *Support Boats shall carry on board:*

- *Life jackets for all passengers and the driver.*
- *First aid kit*
- *VHF Radio*
- *Device for making a sound signal*
- *Compass*
- *Adequate anchor and tackle*
- *Tow Rope – Minimum of 15mtrs and 10mm thick*
- *Operational engine kill cord*
- *Knife*



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16. Disclaimer of Liability

16.1 *The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his/her skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.*

16.2 *The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/ competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly/ seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficiently in number and experience who are physically fit to face the conditions presented to them at the time of racing and going afloat.*

16.3 *Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner and crew. The crew are themselves advised to satisfy their decision to race, go afloat and compete with the skipper and the relevant safety equipment aboard as well as the insurance held for such vessel and the insurance held for racing such vessel.*

17. Insurance

17.1 *Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third party liability insurance.*

17.2 *Each Support/coach boat shall be adequately insured with valid third party liability insurance.*

18. Media Wavier

18.1 *By participating in this event, competitors grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make use and show at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at during the event without compensation.*



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Appendix A

Schedule of Races

Group	Race Name	Class Flag	Maximum No. of Races	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Group 1	Mirror Nationals		10	2 Races	3 Races	3 Races	2 Races
	Optimist Main Fleet		8		3 Races	3 Races	2 Races
Group 2	RS Feva Nationals		10		4 Races	3 Races	3 Races
	Topper <u>Southerns</u>		6			3 Races	3 Races
	Mixed Dinghy		8		3 Races	3 Races	2 Races
Group 3	420 Nationals		9		3 Races	3 Races	3 Races
	National 18 Nationals		8		2 Races	3 Races	3 Races
Group 4	RS 200 Nationals & Euro Cup		10		4 Races	4 Races	2 Races
	RS 400 <u>Southerns</u>		6			4 Races	2 Races
Group 5	Optimist Fun Fleet		6			3 Races	3 Races

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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Appendix B – Group Format of Racing

Group 1

Race Office – Kevin Lane

Committee Vessel – Dufour 40 "Aisha"

<i>Date</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Race Area</i>	<i>FG</i>
<i>Thursday 20th</i>	<i>Mirrors</i>	<i>Curlane Bank</i>	<i>10:55</i>
<i>Friday 21st</i>	<i>Mirrors, Optimists</i>	<i>Curlane Banks</i>	<i>10:55</i>
<i>Saturday 22nd</i>	<i>Mirrors, Optimists</i>	<i>Curlane Banks</i>	<i>10:55</i>
<i>Sunday 23rd</i>	<i>Mirrors, Optimists</i>	<i>Curlane Banks</i>	<i>10:55</i>

Mirror Dinghies shall start first each day

The consecutive races shall be starting as soon as possible after the previous race.

Marks of the course will be Pink Circular buoys

The Finish line and Start line may be laid using White Circular buoys.

*The Course per race per class shall be identified on the Committee boat by flying the required Numeral Pennant for the selected course.
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Group 2

Race Office – Richard Leonard

Committee Vessel – Dufour 365 “Molia”

<i>Date</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Race Area</i>	<i>FG</i>
<i>Friday 21st</i>	<i>RS Feva, Mixed Dinghy</i>	<i>Cuskinny Bay</i>	<i>10:55</i>
<i>Saturday 22nd</i>	<i>RS Feva, Topper, Mixed Dinghy</i>	<i>Cuskinny Bay</i>	<i>10:55</i>
<i>Sunday 23rd</i>	<i>RS Feva, Topper, Mixed Dinghy</i>	<i>Cuskinny Bay</i>	<i>10:55</i>

RS Feva's will start first each day of racing followed by the mixed dinghies and Topper large Rig and followed by the Topper small Rig

*Marks of the course will be tall Orange spherical buoys
The Finish line and Start line may be laid using White Circular buoys.*

*The Course per race per class shall be identified on the Committee boat
by flying the required Numeral Pennant for the selected course.
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Group 3

Race Office – Peter Crowley

Committee Vessel – Motor Cruiser “Spare Time”

<i>Date</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Race Area</i>	<i>FG</i>
<i>Friday 21st</i>	<i>420 Dinghy</i>	<i>Outer Harbour East</i>	<i>10:55</i>
<i>Friday 21st</i>	<i>National 18</i>	<i>Outer Harbour East</i>	<i>13:30</i>
<i>Saturday 22nd</i>	<i>420 Dinghy, National 18</i>	<i>Outer Harbour West</i>	<i>10:55</i>
<i>Sunday 23rd</i>	<i>420 Dinghy, National 18</i>	<i>Outer Harbour East</i>	<i>10:55</i>

420 Dinghies shall start first each day

The consecutive races shall be starting as soon as possible after the previous race.

NB - On Friday the 21st the National 18 Class first gun will be 13:30hrs

Mark 1 of the course will be a large Green Circular buoy, further rounding marks apart from Mark 1 shall be tall Orange cylindrical bouys.

*The Start line may be laid using a tall Orange cylindrical bouy.
The Finish line may be laid using White Circular bouys.*

The Course per race per class shall be identified on the Committee boat by flying the required Numeral Pennant for the selected course. As defined in Appendix D



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Group 4

Race Office – Ciaran Mc Sweeney

Committee Vessel – Motor Cruiser “Fly Away”

<i>Date</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Race Area</i>	<i>FG</i>
<i>Friday 21st</i>	<i>RS200</i>	<i>Outer Harbour West</i>	<i>10:55</i>
<i>Saturday 22nd</i>	<i>RS 400, RS 200</i>	<i>Outer Harbour East</i>	<i>10:55</i>
<i>Sunday 23rd</i>	<i>RS 400, RS 200</i>	<i>Outer Harbour West</i>	<i>10:55</i>

The RS400 class shall start first on the 22nd & 23rd of August. The consecutive races shall be starting as soon as possible after the previous race.

Mark 1 of the course will be a large Red Circular buoy, further rounding marks apart from Mark 1 shall be tall Orange Spherical buoys.

*The Start Line will be laid using an Orange Cylindrical buoy.
The Finish line may be laid using White Circular Buoy.*

The Course per race per class shall be identified on the Committee boat by flying the required Numeral Pennant for the selected course. As defined in Appendix D



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Group 5

Race Office – John Crotty

Committee Vessel – Motor Cruiser - Aquador

<i>Date</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Race Area</i>	<i>FG</i>
<i>Saturday 22nd</i>	<i>Optimist Fun Fleet</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>11:30</i>
<i>Sunday 23rd</i>	<i>Optimist Fun Fleet</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>11:30</i>

Sailors within the Optimist Fun Fleet shall race point to point style races. Courses may include a race around Spike Island, The Spit Light House Sprint and White Bay Championships.

The Optimist Fun Fleet participants will receive tuition from qualified ISA instructors and members of the Organizing Authority.

Sailors must adhere to the instructions of their race officer and instructors at all times.



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Appendix C – Race area





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Appendix D – Course Configuration

Course 1

Identified - Numeral pennant 1



Mark 1



Gate



Start Line



Finish Line



1 Round: 1p – Gate – 1p – through gate and finish

2 Rounds: 1p – Gate – 1p – Gate – 1p – through gate and finish

3 Rounds: 1p – Gate – 1p – Gate – 1p – Gate – 1p – through gate and finish.

The Number of rounds shall be identified on a Black board on the Committee vessel.



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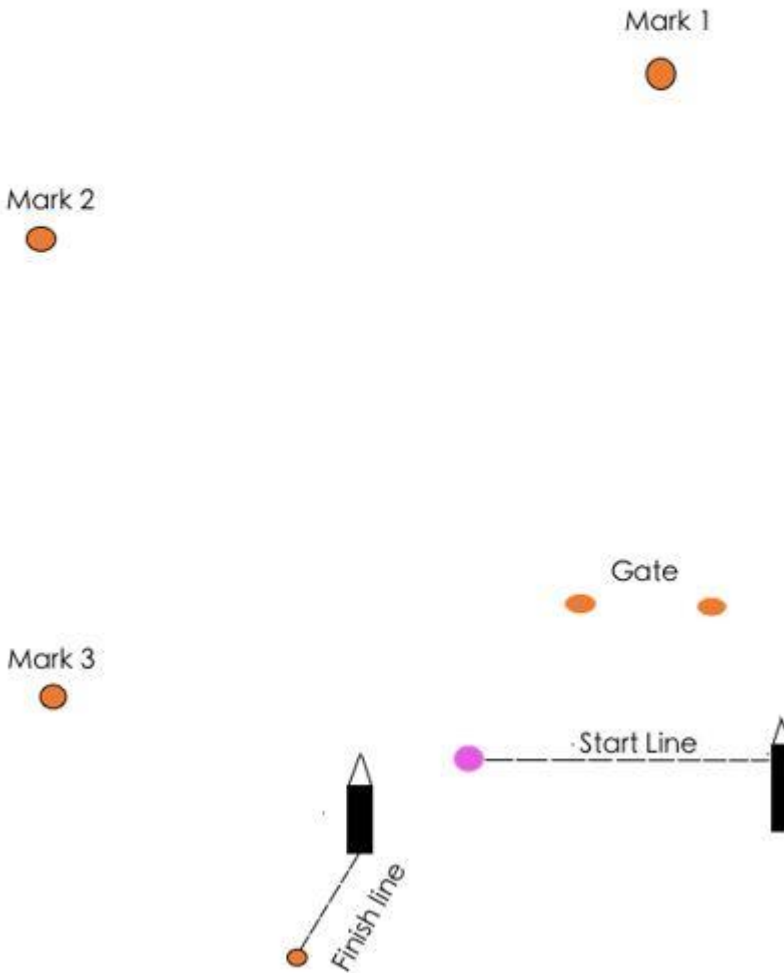


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Course 2

Identified - Nummeral Penant/2



First fleet to start:

Mark rounding's: Start - 1p - 2p - 3p - 2p - 3p - Finish

Second fleet to start:

Mark rounding's: Start - 1p - gate - 1p - 2p - 3p - Finish

Third fleet to start:

Mark rounding's: Start - 1p - gate - 1p - 2p - 3p - Finish



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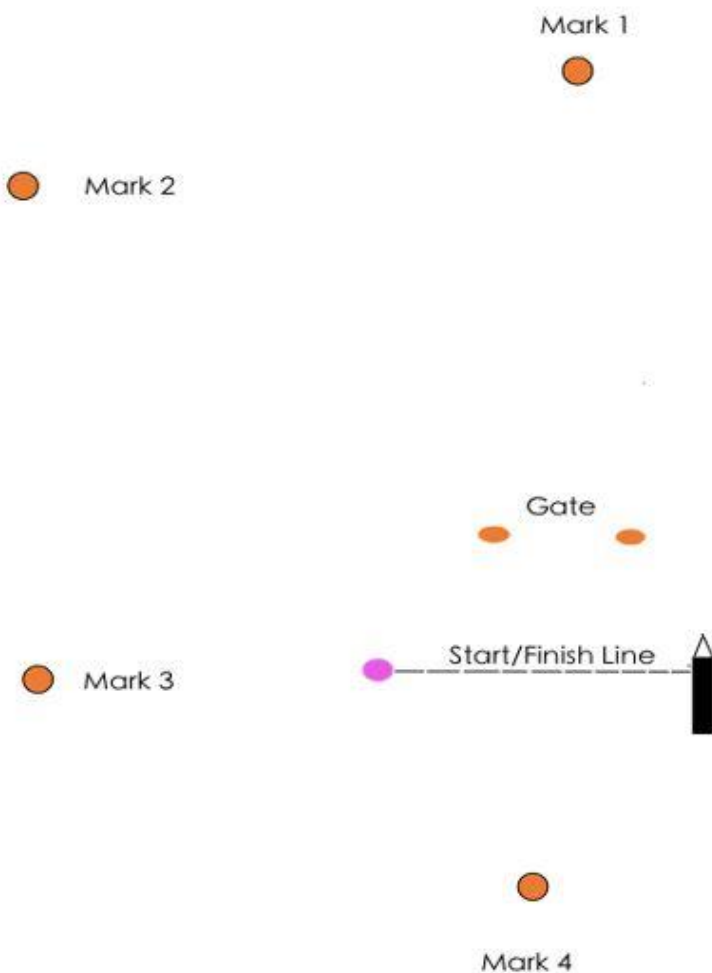


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Course 3

Identified - Nummeral Penant 3



First fleet to start:

Mark rounding's: Start - 1p - 2p - 3p - 2p - 3p - 4p - Finish

Second fleet to start:

Mark rounding's: Start - 1p - gate - 1p - 2p - 3p - 4p - Finish

Third fleet to start:

Mark rounding's: Start - 1p - gate - 1p - 2p - 3p - 4p - Finish



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