

42ND YOUTH SAILING ISAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**12 – 22 JULY 2012, DUN LAOGHAIRE, IRELAND**

A Report by the ISAF Competition Manager and Technical Delegate, dated 16 August 2012.

1 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Organising Committee:

- Chairman of the Organising Committee: Brian Craig
- Vice Chair and Shoreside: Don O'Dowd
- Event Secretary: Ciara Dowling
- Competition Manager: Con Murphy
- ISAF Technical Delegate: Antonio González de la Madrid
- ISAF Youth World Championship Sub-Committee: Fiona Kidd

2 VENUE

Dun Laoghaire is unique in having 3 individual yacht clubs located side-by-side and with similar characteristics:

1. Royal St George Yacht Club: Base for the SL16, 29 and Laser.
2. National Yacht Club: 420 and RS:X
3. Royal Irish Yacht Club: Logistic - Race management

The clubs were perfectly fenced with the down floor and the forecourt as the competitor's area and the first floor as the club members and visitor's area. The competitor's area offered outstanding facilities for the athletes and coaches.

Although the ramps were not especially wide, the launching process went well as the fleets racing in the same area were split into two clubs and therefore the entire area could be released at the same time. Only the Laser fleet caused some delays but this was minimized with the help of the volunteers, most of them junior sailors of the clubs.

3 ACCOMMODATION

Competitors, team leaders and coaches and race officials were accommodated on the Royal Marine Hotel, located only 3 minutes' walk from the Clubs. Only 3 or 4 teams were moved to a second hotel adjacent to the Royal Marine.

There was a report received on damage to the accommodation and serious misbehaviour of some competitors from teams identified by the hotel. The team leaders were warned and the damaged were covered by the deposit.

Breakfast and evening meal were provided in the hotel. Meals were nutritious and of a very good standard. However, as usual, some complaints were received on the size and variety of the lunch packs.

4 EQUIPMENT

Boat suppliers were:	29er: Ovington	420: Nautivela
	Laser Radial: Maclaren	RS:X: Neil Pryde
	SL16: Sirena Voile	

Except for SL16, all the boats/boards were brand new and built to the highest quality specifications.

Sirena Voile organized an international training and the boats from the ISAF Youth fleet were use for 7 days (3 training days and 4 racing days). 11 out of 15 teams competing at the Youth Worlds attended the training. After that, all the boats were checked and fixed before sending them to IRL. A draw was made to allocate boats and sails and no complaints were received about possible differences on the equipment.

The support of the manufacturer's teams during the championship was superb and the co-operation with the organisers was excellent.

All manufacturers were present on and off the water to solve any problems for the sailors. There was no significant breakage or failure of equipment and no claims for redress on equipment.

All the boats were set up well in advance thank to the help of the volunteers provided by the organizers.

5 REGISTRATION

An on-line registration process was set up for this edition. It worked very well for the equipment reservation and all the entered countries used the on-line system.

However, for the final entry payment only a 2 countries chose the on-line system. This payment means a considerable amount of money and that makes very unlikely to use a credit card.

Sailor's registration took place in the hotel and it was a smooth process thank to the Event Secretary and the volunteers who supported her.

6 INTERNATIONAL JURY

The following International Jury members were appointed:

Francisco Jaúregui MEX (Chair)	Bill O'Hara IRL (Vice-chair)
Barbara Murray ESP	Pedro Rodrigues POR
Christine Voelklein GER	Jacob M. Andersen DEN
Mike O'Connor IRL	Dennis Todd GBR (NJ)

A Rule 42 briefing was held for all the sailors by Jacob M. Andersen before the first race. The jury went out on the water spread over four boats for policing Rule 42.

7 RACE MANAGEMENT

PRO	Peter Crowley IRL		
	420 & SL16	Laser Radial	RS:X & 29er
ISAF Course Reps	Tom Duggan USA	Søren Badstue DEN	Athanasios Papantoniou GRE
Course Race Officer	Alan Crosbie IRL	David Lovegrove IRL	Jack Roy IRL

Sailing conditions were not easy in Dun Laoghaire with shifty winds throughout practically the whole event. However, the race management team did an outstanding job and worked very professional and consistent with the ISAF Race Management policies.

The course representatives described the relationship with the course race officers as excellent and all agree that their expertise and knowledge of the local conditions was crucial for the success of the event.

Race Schedule

The number of races schedule for each event was 12. Except for the 15 July (3 races) and the last day (1 race), for the rest of the racing days only 2 races were scheduled. It was felt by the race officers and team leaders that this schedule was a bit 'light', mainly for 29ers and RS:X, the two events with a 30 minutes target time.

8 OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

The Opening Ceremony took place in the Harbour Plaza close to the Royal St George YC. The ceremony started with the parade of nations from the Royal Marine Hotel led by Celtic Drummers.

The closing ceremony was held on the same square and was run according to the manual in a very formal way.

9 APP PROGRAMME

ISAF approved 24 sailors from 12 nations into the programme, distributed as follows:

MNA	Boys	Girls	MNA	Boys	Girls
Netherlands Antilles	1	0	Macedonia	1	0
Bermuda	1	0	Paraguay	1	0
Chile	2	2	Puerto Rico	2	0
Colombia	1	1	Serbia	1	1
Guatemala	2	1	Ucrania	2	2
St Lucia	1	1	Uruguay	1	0
Total Boys	16		Total Girls	8	

Youth World Sailing Trust Coach: the appointed YWST Coach for this edition was Hugh Styles.

Hugh made a wonderful job not only with the APP sailors but with all competitors and coaches. The number of attendees to his daily briefings was greater than last year and he received a deserved applause after the last debriefing.

10 SPONSORSHIP AND MEDIA

A media team of 16, including six volunteers, led by Media Director Jane Curtin assisted and guided by ISAF Website and Media Co-ordinator led the team of photographers, videographers, bloggers and media assistants throughout the 2012 ISAF Youth Worlds.

National coverage was evident everyday throughout the regatta with media outlets taking images by photographer David Branigan as well as provided written work.

Internationally coverage was picked up by local papers of sailors competing and was very well received.

Daily highlights videos featuring a class per day were uploaded to the ISAF TV Player, ISAF YouTube Channel and Dublin Bay Video and received in excess of 20,000 views.

The ISAF website received 106,500 visits during the regatta, 36,600 of those unique, amassing 636,000 total page views.

A Live Blog was also used to keep the world up-to-date as and when things happened and this fed in from five twitter accounts and amassed 9,500 unique page views and 27,000 views in total. The ISAF Youth Worlds Facebook page reached 168,000 thousand people during the regatta.

11 RESULTS

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
420 Boys	ESP	FRA	NED
420 Girls	ITA	AUS	GBR
Laser Boys	AUS	IRL	NOR
Laser Girls	SWE	NOR	ITA
RS:X Boys	KOR	ITA	FRA
RS:X Girls	GBR	ISR	ITA
SL16	GBR	AUS	BRA
29er	ESP	FRA	ARG
Nations Trophy	GBR	FRA	ITA

12 ANTI-DOPING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

As in 2010, ISAF in collaboration with the World Ant-Doping Agency ran the WADA Athlete Outreach programme supported by Helen Fry. The programme consisted in half and hour education session and the Play True quiz where the athletes and coaches may test their knowledge.

ISAF also completed In-Competition doping control testing during this event

13 SUMMARY

This was an unforgettable edition. The organizers made a fantastic job, making all of us to feel like in our own home club. Hundreds of volunteers worked very hard to make this championship a great success both on the water as ashore.

Participation in the 2012 ISAF Youth Worlds - Ireland

No.	Code	Radial Boys	Radial Girls	420 Boys	420 Girls	RS:X Boys	RS:X Girls	SL16 Open	29er Open	Total Entries
1	AHO	1								1
2	ARG			1	1	1	1		1	5
3	AUS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
4	AUT			1	1					2
5	BAH	1								1
6	BEL	1	1	1		1		1	1	6
7	BER	1								1
8	BLR	1					1			2
9	BRA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
10	BUL	1								1
11	CAN	1	1	1	1	1			1	6
12	CHI	1	1	1	1					4
13	COL	1	1							2
14	CRO	1	1							2
15	CYP	1	1			1	1			4
16	CZE	1	1							2
17	DEN	1	1					1	1	4
18	ESP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
19	EST	1								1
20	FIN	1	1							2
21	FRA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
22	GER	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	7
23	GBR	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
24	GRE	1				1				2
25	GUA	1	1			1				3
26	HKG	1	1	1		1	1		1	6
27	HUN	1	1							2
28	IRL	1	1	1				1	1	5
29	ISR	1	1	1	1	1	1			6
30	ISV			1	1					2
31	ITA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
32	JPN	1	1	1	1	1	1			6
33	KOR	1	1	1	1	1	1			6
34	LCA	1	1							2
35	LTU	1	1			1			1	4
36	MAS	1	1	1	1	1				5
37	MEX	1	1			1	1			4
38	MKD	1								1
39	NED	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	7
40	NOR	1	1			1		1	1	5
41	NZL	1		1	1			1	1	5
42	OMA	1						1		2
43	PAR	1								1
44	PER	1	1			1				3
45	POL	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	7
46	POR	1	1	1	1			1	1	6
47	PUR	1				1				2
48	QAT	1								1
49	RSA	1		1				1	1	4
50	RUS	1	1	1	1	1	1			6
51	SIN	1	1	1	1		1		1	6
52	SLO	1	1							2
53	SRB	1	1							2
54	SUI	1	1	1	1					4
55	SWE	1	1			1			1	4
56	THA	1	1	1	1		1		1	6
57	TUN	1								1
58	TUR	1	1	1	1	1	1			6
59	UKR	1	1			1	1			4
60	URU	1								1
61	USA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
	Boats	58	42	30	26	30	23	15	24	248
	Boys	148				30	23			343
	Girls	117								
	Open	78								