



BERMUDA NATIONAL OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

December 2nd-4th, 2022

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The regatta is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association; under the authority of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA).

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The current Conditions of the IODA will apply and may be found at www.optiworld.org.
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Official Noticeboard (ONB) before 1700 Wed Nov 30th 2022.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The ONB is located at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5023/event>.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. [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 & ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Optimist class that are members of the BODA, or their respective Country of Residence's Optimist Class Association.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the Entry Form to sailingoffice@rbyc.bm.
- 4.3. All competitors shall attend Registration in person to confirm their entry details and collect skipper packs for the regatta.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall submit a completed Entry Form before the entry deadline. Entries received after this time will not be accepted.

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5. FEES

5.1. Competitor entry fee includes registration dinner, event t-shirt, and prize giving with pizza. Box lunches, and additional registration dinner tickets are available for an additional fee.

Championship Fleet	\$150
Green Fleet	\$100
Additional Registration Dinners	Kids \$20 / Adults \$30
Box lunches	\$27.50

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE

7.1.

<i>Date</i>		<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Thu Dec 1 st	Entry Deadline	1700	
Fri Dec 2 nd	Registration	1600 - 1800	Calabash Lounge
Fri Dec 2 nd	Registration Dinner	1730 - 1930	Dining Room
Sat Dec 3 rd	Championship Fleet		
	- Competitor Briefing	0900	Terrace
	- Scheduled 1 st Warning	1045	
Sat Dec 3 rd	Green Fleet		
	- Competitor Briefing	0945	Terrace
Sun Dec 4 th	Championship Fleet		
	- Competitor Briefing	0900	Terrace
	- Scheduled 1 st Warning	1045	
Sun Dec 4 th	Green Fleet		
	- Competitor Briefing	0945	Terrace
Sun Dec 4 th	Prize Giving	Immediately following racing & protests on the Terrace	

7.2. Dates of Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Championship Fleet</i>	<i>Green Fleet</i>
Sat Dec 3 rd	Racing	Racing
Sun Dec 4 th	Racing	Racing

7.3. Number of Races:

Fleet	Number	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Championship	6	3	4
Green	# of races will be stated at morning briefing, and is at the RC discretion		

7.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made for the Championship fleet after 1500.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.2. [DP] Boats in the Championship Fleet shall comply with RRS 78.1.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The venue is the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. Non-RBYC competitors who wish to store boats at the venue during the regatta shall contact sailingdirector@rbyc.bm to confirm space.
- 9.2. Addendum RA shows the location of the racing areas for the Championship Fleet which will be announced at the Competitor Briefing each day. The Green Fleet will race within Hamilton Harbour.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The Championship Fleet course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg. Green Fleet courses will be described at the Green Fleet Competitor Briefing each day.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Appendix P “Special Procedures for rule 42” will apply. P2.2 “Second Penalty” is changed to “Second and Subsequent Penalties”. There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, “unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify a race committee finish boat that she is retiring”. Appendix P2.3 will not apply.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. For the Championship Fleet:
 - 12.1.1. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 12.1.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 12.1.3. When 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.2. Green Fleet:
 - 12.2.1. A boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1. Support persons shall register vessels with the OA during Registration and shall declare the competitors and fleets with whom they are associated.
- 13.2. Support Persons are required to provide at a minimum 1 safety boat for every 10 boats they are associated with.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. 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.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of BMD 250,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - 16.1.1. Overall 1st through 5th
 - 16.1.2. Bermuda National Champion (resident of Bermuda sailing under BER)
 - 16.1.3. Top girl
 - 16.1.4. Top junior (born in 2011 or later)
 - 16.1.5. Peter Mitchell Sportsmanship Prize
 - 16.1.6. Green Fleet participation prize for all

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. For further information please contact:

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END OF NOTICE OF RACE