



**BERMUDA NATIONAL OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**  
**December 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**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](http://www.optiworld.org).
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 1.4. [NP][DP] Addendum COVID19 shall apply.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Noticeboard before 1700 Mon Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at:  
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/3041/event?name=bermuda-national-optimist-championship>.
- 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 the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to [secretary@boda.bm](mailto:secretary@boda.bm) by 1700 Thurs Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021. Payment shall be made online to the following account: HSBC 010-496321-501 (USD) 010-496321-001 (BMD).
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees before 1700 Thurs Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021. Entries received after this time will not be accepted.

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## 5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is:

<i>Championship Fleet</i>	<i>Green Fleet</i>	<i>Support Boat</i>
BMD 175	BMD 175	BMD 0

## 6. ADVERTISING

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

## 7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration:

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Location</i>
Fri Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2021	1600	1800	To Be Confirmed

7.2. Dates of Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Championship Fleet</i>	<i>Green Fleet</i>
Sat Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Racing	Racing
Sun Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Racing	Racing

7.3. Number of Races:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Races per day Scheduled</i>	<i>Races per day Maximum</i>
Championship Fleet	6	3	4
Green Fleet	10	5	5

7.4. Competitors are required to attend Registration with valid Safekey (see Addendum COVID-19).

7.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Championship Fleet for the first race each day is 1055.

7.6. Championship Fleet Competitors Briefing will be 0930 each scheduled race day. Green Fleet competitors briefing will be at 0945 each scheduled race day.

7.7. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7.8. Prize giving will immediately follow the conclusion of racing and any protests on the final day of racing at RBYC.

## 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. Boats may be inspected at any time.

8.2. [DP] Boats in the Championship Fleet shall also comply with RRS 78.1.

## 9. VENUE

9.1. NoR Attachment #1 shows the location of the racing areas for the Championship Fleet. 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. SCORING**

### **11.1. For the Championship Fleet:**

- 11.1.1. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.1.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.1.3. When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **11.2. Green Fleet:**

- 11.2.1. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

## **12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

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

## **13. RISK STATEMENT**

- 13.1. 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.

## **14. INSURANCE**

- 14.1. 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.

## **15. PRIZES**

### **15.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:**

- 15.1.1. Overall 1st through 5th
- 15.1.2. Bermuda National Champion (resident of Bermuda sailing under BER)
- 15.1.3. Top girl
- 15.1.4. Top junior (born in 2010 or later)
- 15.1.5. Peter Mitchell Sportsmanship Prize
- 15.1.6. Green Fleet participation prize for all

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1. For further information please contact:

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