

OPTIMIST MEXICO



## IODA NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, México

July, 7th - 15th 2007

### FINAL NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. VENUE

- 1.1. The 2007 IODA North American Championship will be held July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, Mexico (Puerto Vallarta International Airport (PVR) is located near south of Nuevo Vallarta-Nayarit).

#### 2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 2.1. The Championship is organized by the Asociación Mexicana Veleros Clase Optimist (Optimist Dinghy Mexican Association), the Federación Mexicana de Vela (Mexican Sailing Federation), the Vallarta Yacht Club and the Paradise Village Marina & Yacht Club under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

#### 3. LANGUAGE

- 3.1. English shall be the Official Language for the Championship.

#### 4. RULES

- 4.1. The Championship shall be sailed under the following rules:
  - a. The current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions and any Supplementary Sailing Instructions);
  - b. The current Class Rules and Conditions of the IODA;
  - c. The Notice of Race;
  - d. The Sailing Instructions (SI) and their amendments;
  - e. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) and their amendments.

- 4.2. The prescriptions of the Federación Mexicana de Vela will not apply.
- 4.3. Advertising will be restricted to Category A, according to ISAF Regulation 20. All competitors may be required to display advertising of the event sponsors on each side of the hull in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d)(i).
- 4.4. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
- 4.5. Boats shall "conspicuously display a red flag" according to the second sentence of RRS 61.1(a). (Amends RRS 61.1(a)(2)) A boat required to display a flag shall do so until she is no longer racing and shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. (Amends RRS 61.1(a), third sentence)

## 5. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 5.1. An international Jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury are final and not subject to appeal as provided in RRS 70.4.

## 6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1. Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19 and with the Conditions for IODA Continental and IODA North American Championships, but;
- 6.2. Each American (North or South) member of IODA as of 31 December 2006, plus the three non-American teams with best scores in the Miami Herald Trophy at the 2006 Worlds, may enter a team of 4 sailors.
- 6.3. The following countries may enter more sailors, up to the following maximums: México (host Nation), 24; USA, 22; Argentina and Brazil, 14; Bermuda and Canada, 10; Puerto Rico, Peru and Trinidad & Tobago, 9; Chile, 6; Barbados, Dominican Republic, US Virgin Islands and Ecuador, 5.
- 6.4. Additional places must be requested with the first entry form before February 15.
- 6.5. In the event that by February, 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 the number of registered and paid American sailors is less than 179, the available places will be allocated by the IODA Executive Committee to the countries that have requested them following 6.4, according primarily to their average participation in 2005 and 2006 North American and World Championships. Places allocated in this way must be confirmed by registration and payment by March, 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- 6.6. The 12 places allocated to non-Americans are subject to registration and payment by February, 15<sup>th</sup> 2007. If not filled they will be offered to other non-American

countries according to their scores in the Miami Herald Trophy at the 2006 Worlds and must be confirmed by registration and payment by March, 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

- 6.7. Entries are limited to 191 sailors.
- 6.8. Each competitor entered by an IODA member shall have been born in 1992 or later.
- 6.9. Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader and may be accompanied by a Country Representative and up to two coaches.
- 6.10. Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee.
- 6.11. Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship. (Change of nationality)

## 7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

IODA North American Championship shall comprise:

- a. The Individual North American Championship (INAM);
  - b. The North American Team Racing Championship;
- 7.2. For the **Individual North American Championship**, the entire fleet shall be divided into 6 divisions (as far as possible with the same number of boats), each of which shall sail at least once and if conditions permit 2 or 3 times, with each of the other divisions.
  - 7.3. The registration of competitors continuing up to the last minute, dividing the fleet shall be done by the Race Office on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 hrs. Late entries will be added to the list.
  - 7.4. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
  - 7.5. For the **North American Team Racing Championship**, after the first 5 races sailed in the INAM the total points of the 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the *first team* of each country. The total points of the following 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the *second team* of each country; and the total points of the following 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the *third team* of each country.

- 7.6. In the event of less than 5 races being complete before July 11<sup>th</sup>, completion of the 5 races will take priority. The team racing will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> after the individual races remaining to complete 5, and on July 12<sup>th</sup> if necessary.
- 7.7. Any request for redress made later than one hour after the ranking with the first five races is published on the Official Notice Board will not be taken into account when calculating the teams' scores mentioned on 7.5.
- 7.8. Up to sixteen teams may participate selected on the following basis:
  - a. If there are sixteen or more member countries represented by at least four sailors, the sixteen member countries with the best placed *first teams*, according to priority shown in 7.5, may enter one team.
  - b. If there are less than sixteen countries represented by at least four sailors, every member country in that situation may enter a team. Remaining places are allocated to teams of North American member countries in the order of the points of their second and third teams, following the priorities in 7.5.
  - c. If, after 7.7.a and 7.7.b, sixteen teams have not yet qualified, other non North American member countries may enter a team according to priorities in 7.5.
  - d. No country may enter more than three teams.
  - e. In every case, the grid is drawn according to the cumulative results of the four best sailors of each member country after the five first races.
- 7.9. Teams will be comprised of 5 sailors of which 4 will sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the qualifying country.
- 7.10. If a qualifying country decides not to enter a team to compete, it shall inform the Race Committee.
- 7.11. The format for the North American Team Racing Championship will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

## 8. PROGRAM

Wednesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Early Arrivals.
Thursday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Early Arrivals.
Friday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Early Arrivals. Measurement.
Saturday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Official Arrival Day. Official Lodging available from 14:00. Registration and Measurement.

Sunday, July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Registration and Measurement. Practice race. Team Leader's meeting. Opening Ceremony.
Monday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Individual North American Championship, races.
Tuesday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Individual North American Championship, races.
Wednesday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	North American Team Racing Championship. Party.
Thursday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Spare/Rest Day.
Friday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Individual North American Championship, races.
Saturday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Individual North American Championship, races. Closing Ceremony, Awards.
Sunday, July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Official Departure Day.

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1. The series shall consist of up to 12 races, of which 5 must be completed to constitute a championship.
- 9.2. Each race of two divisions will be scored as one race in which all competitors of those two divisions have entered. Allocation of points according to RRS A4.2 will consider that "the number of competitors entered in the series" is the maximum number of competitors after grouping two divisions. Only races which have been completed for all 6 divisions will count.
- 9.3. Each boat's total score for the INAM will be the sum of her scores for all races except that when 12 races have been completed, her two worst scores shall be excluded or if only 6 or more but less than 12 races have been completed, her single worst score shall be excluded.
- 9.4. The scoring system for the Team Racing Championship will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. RRS Appendix D will apply.

## 10. SAFETY

- 10.1. In addition to IODA Class Rules 4.2 (A) and (B), 4.3 (A) and (B), each boat shall have on board a secured paddle with a blade surface of not less than 0.025 square meters, and each competitor shall carry a whistle attached to clothing with a lanyard.

- Competitors not complying with this instruction will be attributed a penalty of 5 points for each race of the day on which they have failed to observe this instruction.
- 10.2. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. If the buoyancy device is of an inflatable type, it shall be inflated at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.

## 11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. Team support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Committee and used according to the following conditions:
- a. Each boat shall display a flag with the national letters (RRS G1.1) of the country/ies it supports, supplied by the Organizing Committee.
  - b. From July 7<sup>th</sup> boats shall be shared by coaches of at least two different countries as decided by the Organizing Committee. No more than one person from each team shall be on the water in the boat at the same time, except that when one member country has entered two coaches, they can share a boat.
  - c. All support boats shall comply with the rules established by the Organizing Committee.
  - d. Fuel and other consumables will be paid by the teams using the boat.
- 11.2. Teams are allowed one support boat every twelve sailors and up to two boats for larger teams.
- 11.3. Team support boats may be hired directly from the Organizing Committee at USD 1000 per boat for the period July 7<sup>th</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup>, without fuel. Should the boat be used by more than one team, its cost will be shared.
- 11.4. Reservations of support boats, together with a first payment of USD 500, are due on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007. Remaining amount of USD 500 is due on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- 11.5. Late reservations and payment will result in a surcharge of 20% and will depend on availability.
- 11.6. Pre-regatta support boats will be hired at USD 100 per boat per day and will be available from July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007. Reservations of pre-regatta support boats are due on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- 11.7. A damage deposit of USD 200 (in cash) will be charged at registration in the Regatta Office and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good conditions. Should the Organizing Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the

coaches are permitted to use the boat again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat.

## **12. SPECTATORS' BOATS**

12.1. The organisers will supply a spectators' boat for parents and other supporters. Tickets will be available at the Regatta Office at registration. Costs will be announced later.

## **13. MEASUREMENT**

13.1. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be measured according to the Measurement Regulations, and approved to be complying with the Class Rules by the Measurement Committee.

13.2. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that:

- a. The damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Committee;
- b. The substituting equipment is presented for measurement to the Measurement Committee after the end of the day's racing.
- c. Such substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

13.3. Boats officially chartered for the Regatta through the Organizing Committee may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat, and the number shall consist of the number of digits equal to the most recently issued sail number in that country.

13.4. Hulls officially chartered through the organisers shall be supplied with a Registration Book but are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c).

13.5. Sails measured to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be re-measured on the spare day.

## **14. LIABILITY**

14.1. Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

14.2. The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the Championship accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim,

whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the Championship.

14.3. All competitors and support staff will be required to execute a liability waiver.

## 15. INSURANCE

15.1. Competitors shall produce at registration a valid 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance covering a minimum amount equivalent to USD 300,000. Teams unable to do so should contact the organisers.

## 16. ENTRY FEES

16.1. Entry fee including accommodation and meals, between official Arrival Day (July 7<sup>th</sup> 2007) and Official Departure Day (July 15<sup>th</sup> 2007) will be USD 500 per sailor and USD 550 per adult (maximum four).

16.2. Fees Payable

- a. 50% of the entry fee must be received by Bank Draft or Wire Transfer before February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 and before March 15<sup>th</sup> for places allocated later than February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. The balance of fees (50%) must be received by Bank Draft or Wire Transfer by May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- c. A surcharge of USD 50 will be charged to all late entries. All late entries include funds received after the initial or second payment schedule. This surcharge will apply to all payments for entry fees, charter boats and support boats.

16.3. No entries will be accepted after May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

## 17. ENTRIES

Entries shall be made with the official forms, which will be sent directly to each IODA member National Authority, according to the following schedule:

17.1. For reasons of planning (accommodation and boats available for chartering) the First Entry Form shall be returned to the Organizing Committee no later than February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007, or March 15<sup>th</sup> for countries that have been allocated places after February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 according to clauses 6.5 and 6.6;

17.2. The Second Entry Form shall be returned to the OC no later than May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007;

17.3. The Final Entry Form may be returned to the OC as soon as the official members of the delegations are selected but shall not be returned later than June 15<sup>th</sup>.

17.4. Payment instructions:

a. Please make payments to

Beneficiary: **Asociacion Mexicana de Veleristas Clase Optimist, A.C.**

Beneficiary bank: **BBVA BANCOMER**

Account number: **0145030986**

Sucursal: **0284 Centro Comercial Santa Fé**

Clabe (locals): **012180001450309860**

Swift: **BCMRMXMMPYM**

Aba: **021000021**

b. Fees must be paid in USD.

c. Fees must be free from bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.

## **18. ACCOMMODATION**

18.1. Competitors and team officials will be housed at Paradise Village Hotel & Marina, next to the shore venue.

18.2. Official lodging will be available from 14:00 on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 until 11:00 on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

18.3. All three meals will be provided. The first official meal will be dinner on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 and the last official meal will be breakfast on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

18.4. A damage deposit of USD 150 per apartment may be charged by the hotel and will be refunded if no damage has occurred. The damage deposit and other extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid by credit cards or cash.

18.5. Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please send special requests by May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

18.6. Official lodging is only available to official members of national delegations (sailors, team leaders, country representatives and coaches).

## **19. EARLY ARRIVALS**

19.1. Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should contact the Organising Committee in order to book accommodation. The daily fee per person per day will be USD 60 per day per person (no meals included). Meals can be eaten at the Vallarta Yacht Club, the Hotel restaurants or the mall just next door. Early arrivals have to be booked by February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 to guarantee rate.

19.2. Club facilities will be open from July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007.

19.3. Lodging for extra days for competitors and Team officials might be at the same hotel (Paradise Village Hotel & Marina) or another hotel at the same area to be determined.

## 20. CHARTER BOATS

20.1. Charter boats are mandatory.

20.2. Charter boats will be supplied by McLaughlin. They will be allocated on a random basis to individual sailors by the Organizing Committee under the supervision of the IODA Executive Committee. Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

- a. a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- b. wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- c. hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
- d. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
- e. all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.

20.3. Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.

20.4. The cost for 8 days (from July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup> 2007) will be USD 475. First payment of USD 238 (50%) due February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007, or March 15<sup>th</sup> for places allocated later than February 15<sup>th</sup> and a final payment of USD 237 (50%) due May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

20.5. A surcharge of USD 50 will be charged to all late payments. (See 16.2.c)

20.6. No charters requests will be accepted after May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

20.7. Charter boats will include:

- a. One measured hull, including properly executed measurement book, all required class affixed hardware, 3 buoyancy units, ratchet block and single block;
- b. One set of foils,
- c. One set of Optiparts Black Gold spars or similar;
- d. One mainsheet with becket block and safety shackle and one painter of the proper length;
- e. Set of padded toe straps;
- f. Trolley for launching;
- g. No sails will be provided. Neither bailers, nor paddles will be provided.

- 20.8. Pre-regatta charters will be available from July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007 at a cost of USD 50 per boat per day.
- 20.9. No pre-regatta charters will be accepted after February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 (March 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 for countries whose places were allocated later than February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007)
- 20.10. In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of USD 100 will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.

## 21. TRANSPORTATION

- 21.1. Teams may fly directly to Gustavo Díaz Ordaz International Airport in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (15 minutes drive from the shore venue).
- 21.2. Transportation will be provided to and from Puerto Vallarta Gustavo Díaz Ordaz International Airport at USD 20 per person per way. Your advance information on the tentative arrival/departure date/time should be received by May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

## 22. SUPPORTERS

- 22.1. Supporters should make their hotel reservations individually. Please visit the official website at [www.optinam2007-mexico.org](http://www.optinam2007-mexico.org) for further information on official lodgings and nearby hotel accommodation.

## 23. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the participants and to make their stay in Vallarta more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire.

## 24. MISCELLANEOUS

- 24.1. Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm x 150cm) and the National Anthem recorded on CD.
- 24.2. There are no medical precautions that need to be taken entering Mexico.

## 25. SAILING CONDITIONS

Max-Min air temperature	93 F°/30 C° -78F°/26C°
Sea temperature	Approx. 88°F
Prevailing winds	South West
Average wind speed	8 - 12 Knots
Wave height	0.50 m maximum
Average tide	1.8 ft

Current

1.4 knots maximum

## 26. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Chandlery and repairs will be available.

## 27. PRIZES

27.1. Prizes will be awarded to:

- a. The 15 first places in the Individual North American Championship (open, no gender distinction);
- b. The 5 first girls in the Individual North American Championship (open);
- c. The 3 first places in the Closed Individual North American Championship (no gender distinction);
- d. The first place in the Closed Individual North American Championship (no gender distinction), who will be the North American Champion 2007; and
- e. The first 3 teams in the North American Team Racing Championship (the first of which will be the North American Team Racing Champion 2007).

27.2. Three permanent prizes (to be kept for one year and returned to the organizers of the North American Championship 2008) will also be awarded to:

- a. The best placed male sailor in the closed North American Championship;
- b. The best placed female sailor in the closed North American Championship; and
- c. The best placed sailor (no gender distinction) of a non North American country.

27.3. The Organizing Committee may decide to award extra prizes.

## 28. VISA REQUIREMENTS

28.1. Please check with the Mexican Embassy or Consulate in your country to get the latest visa requirements for your country.

**Countries that do not need a visa (FMTTV):**

[http://www.inami.gob.mx/pagina\\_ingles/911000.htm](http://www.inami.gob.mx/pagina_ingles/911000.htm)

If you are a citizen of:

Andorra	Finland	Lichtenstein	Slovenia
Argentina	France	Lithuania	South Korea
Australia	Germany	Luxemburg	Spain
Austria	Greece	Malta	Sweden
Belgium	Hong Kong*	Monaco	Switzerland
Canada	Hungary	New Zealand	The Netherlands
Chile	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom
Costa Rica	Ireland	Poland	United States of America
Cyprus	Israel	Portugal	Uruguay
Czech Republic	Italy	San Marino	Venezuela
Denmark	Japan	Singapore	
Estonia	Latvia	Slovakia	

You can enter Mexico without a visa showing your passport and the "migration Form", which you can obtain from travel agencies, airlines, or at your point of entry into Mexico.

**But** if you are from other part of the World you must go to the Consular representation of Mexico in your country. ([http://www.inami.gob.mx/pagina\\_ingles/912000.htm](http://www.inami.gob.mx/pagina_ingles/912000.htm))

For further information we recommend you to contact the National Migration Institute (Secretaría de Gobernación): [www.inm.gob.mx](http://www.inm.gob.mx), the consulate directory is in <http://www.sre.gob.mx/acerca/directorio/consulados/dirconsulados.htm> and the Embassies directory is in <http://www.sre.gob.mx/acerca/directorio/embajadas/dirembajadas.htm>

## 29. CONTACT

29.1. For further information and queries, please contact:

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[collivier@grupogaa.com](mailto:collivier@grupogaa.com)

Secretary: Caty Ollivier

Telephone (5255) 58-13-11-28

Official Website: <http://www.optinam2007-mexico.org>

Championship President: REYNALDO AMPUDIA

29.2. Each participating country should designate a person to be the official contact with the Organizing Committee and provide an e-mail address.