

IODA NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

Curaçao, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

June 28th - July 6th 2008

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

1. VENUE

The 2008 IODA North American Championship will be held from June 28th through July 6th 2008 at Jan Thiel Beach, Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles. The racing area will be in the Caribbean Sea to the South of Curaçao and the shore venue will be at Jan Thiel Beach, Zanzibar.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Championship is organized by the Youth Sailing Netherlands Antilles Foundation under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) and with the permission of the Netherlands Antilles Sailing Federation.

3. LANGUAGE

English shall be the Official Language for the Championship.

4. RULES

- 4.1 The Championship shall be sailed under the following rules:
- a. The 2005 - 2008 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
 - b. The current Class Rules and Conditions of the IODA;
 - c. The final 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 Netherlands Antilles Sailing Federation will not apply.
- 4.3 The event is designated Category A, 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

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 North American Championships.
- 6.2 Each American (North or South) member of IODA plus the three non-American members with best scores in the Miami Herald Trophy at the 2007 Worlds may enter a team of 4 sailors with no gender restrictions. (North and South American members as per Appendix A of the IODA Administrative Handbook. Countries geographically partly in America but politically in Europe shall be considered to be American in respect of sailors residents of America).
- 6.3 The following countries may enter more sailors, up to the following maximums (see 6.7 for gender restrictions): Netherlands Antilles (host Nation), 14; USA, 21; Mexico and Brazil, 16; Argentina, 15; Peru, 12; Puerto Rico, 10; Canada, 9; Bermuda and Ecuador, 8; Chile, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Uruguay and Trinidad & Tobago, 5.
- 6.4 Additional places must be requested with the first entry form before February 1st 2008.
- 6.5 In the event that by February 1st 2008 the number of registered and paid American sailors is less than 192, the available places will be allocated by the IODA Executive Committee to the countries that have requested them, according primarily to their average participation in 2006 and 2007 World and North American Championships. Places allocated in this way must be confirmed by registration and payment by March, 1st 2008.
- 6.6 The 12 places allocated to non-American members are subject to registration and payment by February 1st 2008. If not filled they will be offered to other non-American countries according to their scores in the Miami Herald Trophy at the 2007 Worlds and must be confirmed by registration and payment by March 1st 2008.
- 6.7 Members entering teams with more than 9 sailors and up to the maximums specified above (paragraphs 6.2 to 6.6) shall register a minimum number of sailors of the opposite gender, as follows:
 - i. teams of 10 to 13 sailors, 3;
 - ii. teams of 14 to 17 sailors, 4;
 - iii. teams of 18 to 21 sailors, 5;
 - iv. teams of 22 to 25 sailors, 6;
 - v. teams of 26 to 29 sailors, 7;
 - vi. teams of 30 sailors, 8.
- 6.8 Entries are limited to 204 sailors.
- 6.9 Each competitor entered by an IODA member shall have been born in 1993 or later.
- 6.10 Each team shall be accompanied by one Team Leader and may be accompanied by either two or three more adults, depending on the number of sailors. A maximum of four adults including the Team Leader shall be allowed only for teams larger than 10 sailors. (Condition 15.1 of the Conditions for Continental Championships)
- 6.11 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.

- 6.12 Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship (change of nationality).

7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 The IODA North American Championship is made up of two events:
- a. The INDIVIDUAL NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (INAM);
 - b. The TEAM RACING NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRNAM).
- 7.2 INAM:
- 7.2.a The entire fleet will be divided into 6 divisions (as far as possible with the same number of boats) each of which will sail at least once, and if conditions permit, 2 or 3 times with each of the other divisions.
 - 7.2.b The allocation to divisions shall be done by the Race Committee at 1200 on June 29 with the list of sailors already registered by that time. Sailors registering later will be added at the bottom of the sorted list in the order of registration.
 - 7.2.c No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 7.3 TRNAM:
- 7.3.a 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. These team scores will be according to the results available at 2000 on the day before the TRNAM ***regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.***
 - 7.3.b In the event of less than 5 races being complete before July 2nd, completion of the 5 races will take priority. The team racing will be held on July 2nd after the individual races remaining to complete 5 are finished, and on July 3rd if necessary.
 - 7.3.c Up to sixteen teams may participate, selected on the following basis:
 - i. 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 7.3.a, may enter one team.
 - ii. If there are less than sixteen countries represented by at least four sailors, every member country 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 7.3.a.
 - iii. If, after (i) and (ii), sixteen teams have not yet qualified, other non North American member countries may enter a team according to priorities in 7.3.a.
 - 7.3.d No country may enter more than three teams.
 - 7.3.e In every case, the grid is drawn following the cumulative results after the first five races of each group of four sailors as mentioned in 7.3.a.

8. PROGRAM

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| Saturday, June 28 th | Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement. Official accommodation available after 15:00hrs. Opening Ceremony. |
| Sunday, June 29 th | Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders meeting. Practice Race. |
| Monday, June 30 th | Individual North American Championship, Races. |
| Tuesday, July 1 st | Individual North American Championship, Races. |
| Wednesday, July 2 nd | Team Racing North American Championship. |
| Thursday, July 3 rd | Rest / Spare Day. |
| Friday, July 4 th | Individual North American Championship, Races. |
| Saturday, July 5 th | Individual North American Championship, Races. Prize giving and Closing Ceremony. |
| Sunday, July 6 th | Official Departure Day. |

9. SCORING

- 9.1 For the INAM, the series shall consist of up to 12 races for each division, 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 the two largest divisions. Only races which have been completed for all 6 divisions will count.
- 9.3 Each boat’s total score 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 TRNAM will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. Appendix D will apply.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Each boat shall have on board a paddle securely attached to the hull by a lanyard or elastic cord (CR 4.3.c). The blade surface of such paddle shall not be less than 0.025 square meters. Each competitor shall carry a whistle securely attached to the personal buoyancy device (CR 4.2.a). 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.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Team support boats shall be used according to the following conditions:
- 11.1.a Each boat shall display a flag bearing the three letter national code of the teams supported by the boat, which will be supplied by the Organising Committee.
- 11.1.b From June 28th, each boat shall meet the requirements in 11.2 and 11.3.
- 11.1.c All support boats shall comply with the rules established by the Organising Committee.
- 11.1.d Fuel and other consumables will be paid by the teams using the boat.

- 11.2 The maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in support boats (hereinafter 'coaches') at any one time shall be
- 11.2.a Teams comprising 10 or fewer sailors: one coach.
 - 11.2.b Teams comprising 11 to 20 sailors: two coaches.
 - 11.2.c Teams comprising 21 or more sailors: three coaches.
- 11.3 Each support boat shall contain at least two coaches at all times. The Organising Committee will allocate places in support boats to coaches, subject to the above limits, who have reserved them (see 11.4) at its absolute discretion. If a team is entitled to and enters more than one coach, two of these coaches may be allocated to the same boat.
- 11.4 Teams wishing to have places on chartered support boats shall pay for each such place a fee of USD 500 (50% of the charter fee for the boat) according to the schedule of payments in 11.5. If the situation demands that more than two coaches share a boat, the cost of renting the boat for the regatta days will be divided by the number of coaches, in which case the difference (between the 50% required and the actual percentage) will be refunded at the end of the event at the latest.
- 11.5 The charter fee for the support boats to be used during the Regatta (June 28th to July 5th) is USD 1000 per boat. For each place on a support boat, reservations shall be made by returning to the Organising Committee the Support Boat Reservation Form accompanied by a first payment covering 50% of the total amount to be paid (depending on the number of places to be booked, see paragraphs 11.3 and 11.4) which shall be received on or before February 1st 2008. The remaining 50% of that total shall be received on or before April 15th 2008. Availability of places on support boats is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after April 15th 2008.
- 11.6 A damage deposit of USD 200 will be charged at registration and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good conditions. Should the Organising 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.
- 11.7 It is possible to rent a boat to be used during pre-Regatta days (from June 21st to 27th) at USD 100 per boat per day excluding fuel. Payments shall be received on or before April 15th, 2008 to guarantee rate. Allocation of early arrival support boats will be made in order of arrival.
- 11.8 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to late reservations of support boats for Regatta and/or pre-Regatta days. See 16.4 for payment instructions.

12. SPECTATOR BOATS

A spectator boat will be available. Costs to be announced later.

13. MEASUREMENT

- 13.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Regatta. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Measurement Sub-Committee according to the

Measurement Regulations, and approved by this sub Committee to be complying with the Class Rules.

- 13.2 Foils used shall be Epoxy as defined in CR 3.3.1.1 and 3.4.1.1.
- 13.3 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that:
 - 13.3.a The damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Sub-Committee;
 - 13.3.b The substituting equipment is presented for measurement to the Measurement Sub-Committee after the end of the day's racing.
 - 13.3.c Such substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.
- 13.4 Boats chartered through the Organising 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.
- 13.5 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).
- 13.6 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be re-measured on the spare day.
- 13.7 Sails to be used during the event shall have been measured before scrutineering at the event.

14. LIABILITY

- 14.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 14.2 The Organising Authority and any other party involved in the organisation 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 Stuff will be required to execute liability waiver.

15. INSURANCE

Each competitor shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD 100,000 per event or the equivalent. Teams unable to contract the insurance in their country should contact the organizers.

16. ENTRY FEES

- 16.1 Entry fee including accommodation and meals, between official Arrival Day (June 28th) and Official Departure Day (July 6th) will be USD 550 per sailor and USD 575 per adult. See 16.4 for further details.
- 16.2 Fees Payable:
 - 16.2.a 50% must be received by Wire Transfer by February 1st 2008.
 - 16.2.b The balance of fees must be received by April 15th 2008.
- 16.3 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to all late entries.
- 16.4 Payment instructions:
 - 16.4.a Please make payments to

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| Beneficiary: | Youth Sailing Netherlands Antilles Foundation |
| Bank: | ABN Amro |
| IBAN Code | NL52 ABNA 0507676769 |

16.4.b Fees must be paid in USD.

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

17. ENTRIES

Entries shall be made with the official forms, according to the following schedule:

- i. The Preliminary Entry Form, Support Boat Reservation Form and Charter Boat Reservation Form shall be returned to the Organising Committee not later than February 1st 2008.
- ii. The Second Entry Form shall be returned to the OC not later than April 15th 2008.
- iii. The Final Entry Form shall be returned to the OC as soon as the members of the delegations are defined but not later than May 28th 2008.

18. ACCOMMODATION

- 18.1 Competitors and team officials will be housed in Chogogo Resort (www.chogogo.com), Papagayo Beach Resort (www.papagayobeachresort.com) and Livingstone Jan Thiel Resort (www.janthielresort.com); all within walking distance from the shore venue. Official accommodation will be available from 1500 on June 28th 2008 until 1100 on July 6th 2008.
- 18.2 All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the shore venue or the hotel. The first official meal will be dinner on June 28th 2008 and the last official meal will be breakfast on July 6th 2008.
- 18.3 A damage deposit of USD 200 per room 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 Visa or Mastercard.
- 18.4 Special food will be provided if requested in advance. Please send special requests filling in the corresponding field in the Final Entry Form.

19. EARLY ARRIVALS

- 19.1 Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should contact the Resorts (see NOR 18.1) in order to book accommodation. Refer to Optimam 2008 for a 5% discount. Fees are published on the websites of the resorts (see NOR 18.1).
- 19.2 The shore venue will be open from June 21st 2008.

20. CHARTER BOATS

- 20.1 Charter boats are mandatory.
- 20.2 Charter boats will be provided Riotecna SRL, Argentina. They will be allocated on a random basis to individual sailors by the Organising Committee under the supervision of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 20.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that
 - 20.3.a a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - 20.3.b wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - 20.3.c hulls, daggerboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;

- 20.3.d adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
- 20.3.e all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 20.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 20.5 Charter boats will be complete with blocks, air bags, racing spars and racing foils (specific manufacturers to be announced later), bowline and mainsheet. No sails will be provided. No bailers or paddles will be provided.
- 20.6 The cost for the Regatta days (June 28th through July 5th) will be USD 500 per boat. First payment of USD 250 shall be received on or before February 1st 2008. Remaining payment of USD 250 per boat shall be received on or before April 15th 2008.
- 20.7 Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day, from June 21st to June 27th 2008 at USD 25 per boat per day. Reservations of pre-Regatta charter boats shall be made before April 15th 2008. Full payment of the charter fee is due April 15th 2008.
- 20.8 Late reservations and payments of Regatta and/or pre-Regatta charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%. Charter boats availability will not be guaranteed for reservations made later than April 15th 2008.
- 20.9 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 Free of charge transportation to and from Curaçao International Airport (Hato) will be provided on official arrival and departure days.
- 21.2 On other days the cost will be USD 25 per person each way.

22. SUPPORTERS

Supporters shall make reservations by themselves. Please contact the official travel agency (t.b.a.) to arrange the accommodation.

23. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the participants and to make their stay in Curaçao 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 Netherlands Antilles.

25. SAILING CONDITIONS

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| Max-Min air temperature | 34°C/93°F - 24°C/75°F |
| Water temperature | 25°C/77°F |
| Prevailing wind direction | East North East, along shore |
| Max - Min wind speed | 5 B - 2 B |
| Hours of good wind per day | All day |

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| Tides | Max 30cm |
| Current | 75% easterly < 1knot, 25% westerly < 1knot |

26. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Delegations shall contact a Netherlands Embassy or Consulate in their country to get the latest visa requirements.

27. CONTACT

27.1 For further information and queries, please contact:

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

28. PRIZES

28.1 For the INAM, prizes will be awarded at least to:

28.1.a The 15 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence;

28.1.b The 5 best placed female sailors regardless of their continent of residence;

28.1.c The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is from North America; the first of whom will become the North American Champion 2008;

28.1.e Three permanent trophies (to be kept for one year and returned to the organisers of the following year's event) will be awarded:

i. To the best placed male sailor whose IODA member is from North America;

ii. To the best placed female sailor regardless of her continent of residence;

iii. To the best placed sailor, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is from outside North America.

28.2 Prizes for the team racing events shall be awarded at least to:

28.2.a The 3 best placed teams in the North American Team Racing Championship;

28.2.b The best placed team whose IODA member is from North America, if different from the first in 28.2.a.

28.2.c Each sailor of the teams mentioned in 28.2.a and 28.2.b will be awarded a medal or a trophy.

28.3 More prizes may be awarded at the criteria of the organisers.