

Preliminary Notice of Race

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The Asia Pacific Regatta



2007 Pacific Rim and Open International Optimist Dinghy Championships

December 29th 2006 – January 3rd, 2007
Mornington Yacht Club



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**Mornington, Victoria, Australia
December 27th 2006 - January 3rd 2007**

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

**The regatta will be held on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Mornington
Yacht Club**

The Organising Authority is Yachting Victoria (YV) Inc

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Inc will apply

2 ADVERTISING

The Regatta is classified as a Category "A" event in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.
Competitors may be required to display event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s) and bow numbers in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d)(i). If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all Optimist Dinghies, but only those from within the Pacific Rim countries can win the Pacific Rim Championship trophy.
- 3.2 All competitors must have been born in the year 1991 or later. Proof of age will be required with each entry (photocopy acceptable)
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter on the official Entry Form that shall be lodged with the Organising Authority or through the official entry form on the Sail Melbourne web site. The fully completed entry form shall be received at the entry address no later than 1700hrs on the 15th December 2006, accompanied by the required fee (refer Fees).
- 3.4 Late entries may be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the Organising Authority but will be subject to late entry supplements. Refer Fees.
There are no entry quotas.

4 FORMAT & DIVISIONS

- 4.1 If there are more than 80 sailors entered, the entire fleet shall be divided into divisions, each of which shall sail at least once with each of the other divisions.
- 4.2 If there are 80 or less sailors entered then the entire fleet will race in one group.
- 4.3 No more than 4 races per boat will be sailed on any day.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Required fees are as follows:
For entry received by 1700hrs on the 15th December 2006, fee is AUD\$150.00
For entry received after 1700hrs on the 15th December 2006, fee is AUD\$200.00
Entry Fee includes Welcome and Presentation function.
Charter Boats will also be available – refer additional information at the end of this Notice of Race
Additional fee for accommodation and meals as detailed at the Additional Information.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1	Registration and Measurement	time
	Wednesday 27 th December 2006	0900hrs – 1700hrs
	Thursday 28 th December 2006	0900hrs – 1200hrs

6.2 Dates of racing:

Date	Races	Time of Start
Thursday 28 th Dec	invitational race	1400hrs
Friday 29 th Dec	racing	
Saturday 30 th Dec	racing	
Sunday 31 st Dec	racing	
Monday 1 st Jan 2007	layday	
Tuesday 2 nd Jan	racing	
Wednesday 3 rd Jan	racing	

7 MEASUREMENTS

7.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder, 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.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1700hrs on Wednesday December 20th 2006 from the Sail Melbourne Website at www.sailmelbourne.com.au.

9 VENUE

Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

10 THE COURSES

Courses will be Optimist trapezoid courses as described in the sailing instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

11.2 Appendix P will apply

12 SCORING

12.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the series.

12.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and more than 50 metres clear of any mark of the course from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES

The Pacific Rim Optimist Championship can only be won by sailors representing a Pacific Rim Championships. The Pacific Rim Open Championships can be won by a sailor representing any country.

Medallions will be presented to the first three place getters.

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

16 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$1,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent.

18 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact

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GENERAL INFORMATION

(this information is not part of the Notice of Race)

Charter Boats

New International Optimists are available for charter from OziOpti for the Regatta. These and highly competitive boats will be available as follows:

- Boats may be chartered complete and ready to race or with/without spars, foils and/or sails.
- Boats will be delivered to Mornington Yacht Club and will be available to sailors from Sunday December 24th 2006 until the end of the event on January 4th, 2007.
- OziOpti will be on site for the duration of the event to provide service and assistance
- Boats will be available for sale after the event at highly competitive prices.

Charter fees:

- Boats ordered and reserved prior to 1700hrs on July 25th will be available for a charter fee of \$AUD400 for a complete boat
- Boats ordered and reserved prior to 1700hrs on September 25th will be available for a charter fee of \$AUD450 for a complete boat
- Boats ordered and reserved after 1700hrs on September 25th will be available for a charter fee of \$AUD550 for a complete boat

Bookings and enquires for charter boats should be made directly with OziOpti, Tel: + 613 9699 7765, fax: + 613 9682 2955, e-mail: stevenbond@oziopti.com.au Internet: www.oziopti.com.au

Accommodation

Group accommodation will be available for competitors, their families and supporters in a venue nearby to the Mornington Yacht Club with a shuttle bus provided to transport you to the club and back each day. Accommodation will include breakfasts and dinners and will include a range of fun activities and games organised after sailing including plenty of swimming in the pool.

A Homestay billeting program will also run allowing sailors to stay with local families and Mornington Yacht Club members in their homes for the duration of the event

A range of accommodation options in local hotels along with camping is also available. Visit the following website for more information and links to accommodation options www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org

Further information on all accommodation options will be available on the Sail Melbourne website www.sailmelbourne.com.au

Travel & Tourism

Mornington Yacht Club is located on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula which provides a range of tourism destinations within easy reach of the host club. Further information on tourism in the area can be found on the Sail Melbourne website www.sailmelbourne.com.au or by visiting the Mornington Peninsula's own Tourism website www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org

Freight & Shipping

Regatta sponsor Schenker Australia are the Sail Melbourne appointed freight forwarding agent and have substantially reduced their rates for handling the container shipment of boats on behalf of Sail Melbourne competitors. Containers will be stored on site at Mornington Yacht Club with logistics efficiently coordinated by Sail Melbourne.

All updated information on shipping subsidies will be posted on the Sail Melbourne website:
www.sailmelbourne.com.au

All subsidised shipping arrangements will be co-ordinated via the Sail Melbourne office so we encourage you to contact us if you are interested: Telephone: +613 9597 0066 E-mail : info@sailmelbourne.com.au



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Mornington Yacht Club site explanation

Town centre with plenty of shops, cafes and things to do

Parkland and games area

Beach launching — also pretty nice for swimming and relaxing on too!!

Car parking and container storage right next to the club!

Hard stand rigging area and secure boat storage inside the club fence, emptied out especially for you — with launching from a concrete

Clubhouse with café, internet and all other facilities

Great spectator viewing from here!
Or catch a spectator boat from here!

Melbourne city 1 hr this

Surf beaches, tourist attractions and wineries start 10 minutes

Prevailing sea-breeze
(wind = 10 - 18 kn sea breeze every afternoon, 22 degree water temperature, minimum tide and/or currents)

RACING AREA

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