



International Optimist Australian & Open Championships 2013

International Optimist Green Fleet 2013

Notice of Race



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2013 AIODA

INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST AUSTRALIAN & OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sandy Bay, Tasmania, AUSTRALIA

January 6-13, 2013

ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

The AIODA International Optimist Australian & Open Championships and AIODA Green Fleet Championship are organised by Sandy Bay Sailing Club Inc.

The shore venue will be Sandy Bay Sailing Club; Long Point Road, SANDY BAY in the state of Tasmania and racing will be on the waters of the Derwent River.

NOTICE OF RACE

AMENDMENTS: POSTED HERE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix D will apply for the AIODA Team Racing Championship, including D2.2 and D2.3(a); single flag protest procedure.
- 1.3 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is amended as follows:
 - (a) The first paragraph of 61.1(a) ("A boat intending ... However, ") is changed as follows: Add to rule 61.1(a) "The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing."
- 1.5 Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 The first sentence of rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2(a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - 1.5.2 Add to the preamble of part 4, after 'racing': ", except rule 40 as amended by instruction 1.5.1"
 - 1.5.3 Racing rule Appendix P will be changed as follows: P2.3 is deleted and the words 'or subsequent' are added after the word 'second' in P2.2.
- 1.6 Rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.7 The Green Fleet will be governed by the Introductory Rules for Racing.
- 1.8 English shall be the Official Language for the Championship.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20
- 2.2 All competitors may be required to display sponsors' advertising and/or bow numbers. If required they will be provided by the Organising Authority and fixed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

- 2.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of the Tasmanian and or Australian Governments.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing boats of the Optimist class that fulfil the eligibility requirements stated below.
- 3.2 The Australian Championship is open to competitors who are:
- (a) Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents,
 - (b) financial members of an AIODA state member association ,
 - (c) a financial member of a yacht club affiliated with Yachting Australia or a member of a Club affiliated to an MYA and a Yachting Australia Card holder, and
 - (d) eligible for an AIODA representative team.
- 3.3 Competitors shall have been born in 1998 or later.
- 3.4 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. If a sailor does not comply with these guidelines but wishes to be considered for National representation then application may be made to AIODA for dispensation. These applications must be received in writing by the Secretary of AIODA by November 10, 2012. The final decision/ruling on a sailor's eligibility to represent Australia at the World Championship or other international Optimist regattas will be the responsibility of the AIODA committee in conjunction with the IODA executive.
- 3.5 Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship (change of nationality).
- 3.6 The 2013 AIODA Team Racing (ATR) Championship is compulsory for all sailors seeking AOST selection. Any exceptions are at the discretion of AIODA. The 2013 ATR Championship will be sailed on Sunday 6 and Monday 7 (if required) January 2013.
- 3.7 Green Fleet Regatta
The 'Green Fleet' is open to less experienced Optimist Class sailors. The emphasis is on fun and the objective of this regatta is to offer younger siblings and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate without their feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive Open fleet. In the Green Fleet equipment used is not required to hold current measurement certificates (alters International Optimist Class Rule 2.4.1) but all hulls shall carry valid ISAF/IYRU plaques. These boats shall, at the discretion of the Organising Authority and the Race Committee, be allowed to participate in a 'Green Fleet' competition. The 'Green Fleet' competition will be conducted on a separate course and subject to the programme herein, and ISAF simplified rules. Green/Open fleet qualification is subject to the approval of AIODA, and may be varied during the event by the Race Committee.
- 3.8 Australian Representative Team Selection:
The Australian Championship is the selection regatta for: Worlds Team, AOST, Bermuda Cup and Oceania Team and other continental championships. Team selection is only open to Australian Nationals or Residents of Australia who satisfy the eligibility criteria specified in paragraph 3.2.
- 3.9 Qualification and selection for participation in any international representative teams and future events are based on results in the Open Fleet of The Australian Championship. All selections are subject to parent and sailor commitment to the events, execution of the relevant deeds of release and indemnity and code of behaviour form (if not already signed), and confirmation of the AIODA Committee, who have ultimate

discretion on selection. Note that all funding is parent/guardian funded unless otherwise advised in writing. The current details of events and eligibility are as follows:

- (1) Worlds Team: The top five places qualify for selection for the World Championship, currently scheduled to be held in Riva del Garda, ITALY during 13-27 July 2013. If not all places are accepted by qualifiers, the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled. Worlds Team members must also be members of and participate in the AOST.
- (2) Australian Optimist Sailing Team ("AOST"): The top 25 sailors will qualify for selection for AOST, and will be eligible to compete as part of the Australian Team at the AOST training camp, NZ Nationals, IODA Asian Continental Championship, Singapore Nationals and other events subject to event entry criteria. The AOST Camp is mandatory. If not all places are accepted then the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled. Note: AOST EVENTS ARE NOT 'LIVE IN'. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES BEFORE AND AFTER ON WATER TRAINING/RACING ACTIVITIES.
- (3) Bermuda Cup: The highest placed sailor at the Australian Championship continuing in the class the following year is eligible for selection for the Bermuda Cup.
- (4) Oceania Team: Places for Oceania Regattas will be advised at a later date. If not all places are accepted, then the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries shall be made online by completing the Entry forms, Parent Declaration form and making the corresponding payments indicated in NOR 5 below. The web URL is www.sbsc.yachting.org.au
- 4.2 Entries open on Sunday 1 July 2012
- 4.3 Entries close at 1700 hrs on Friday 14 December 2012. Late entries will be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee up to 1200 hrs on 7 January 2013.
- 4.4 Competitors, team leaders and other adults shall complete an on-site registration at the Race Office. Competitors will be considered "entered" when the on-site registration has been completed after returning to the Race Office the measurement form issued by the Measurement Sub-Committee (see NOR 8)

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The Regatta entry fee for the AIODA Australian and Open Championships is AUD250 incl. GST. The Regatta entry fee for Green Fleet is AUD150 incl. GST. The entry fee includes regatta shirt, opening ceremony and presentation function for the helm. Additional regatta shirts, opening ceremony and presentation tickets will be available online at time of entry.
- 5.2 Late entries will be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee of AUD55 up to the close of registration at 1200hrs 7 January 2013.
- 5.3 Charter boat fees are additional to the entry fee.

6. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6.1 The 2013 AIODA Championships comprises three events:
- 6.2 For the AIODA International Optimist Australian & Open Championships:
 - (a) If there are 90 or fewer competitors all of them will race as one fleet. If there are 91 or more competitors the fleet will be divided into four (4) divisions, each of which will sail at least once but no more than five (5) times with each of the other divisions.

- (b) When divisions are used, the allocation to divisions shall be done by the Race Committee prior to 1700 on January 7 with the list of competitors already registered by that time. Competitors registering later will be added at the bottom of the sorted list in the order of registration.
 - (c) Divisions will be re-seeded at the end of racing on Friday 11 January, based on fleet standings at that time. Except that, if all divisions have not raced each other by the end of racing on Friday 11 January, re-seeding will take place at the end of racing on Saturday 12 January. If all divisions have not raced each other by the end of racing on Saturday 12 January, divisions will not be re-seeded.
 - (d) The series will consist of up to 15 races for each division or the fleet.
 - (e) No more than five races will be sailed on any day.
- 6.3 For the AIODA Green Fleet Championship:
- (a) The series will consist of up to 15 races.
 - (b) No more than five races will be sailed on any day.
- 6.4 The AIODA Team Racing Championship (ATR) is limited to a maximum of 16 teams nominated and formed by Nations (for countries other than Australia), States or Clubs.

7. PROGRAM

Sunday January 6	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement at SBSC. AIODA Team Racing Championships.	0900 – 1700 1200
Monday, January 7	Registration and Measurement at SBSC. AIODA Team Racing Championships. Opening Ceremony Information Session.	0900 – 1200 1000 1400 1700
Tuesday, January 8	Championship Racing.	1000
Wednesday, January 9	Championship Racing.	1000
Thursday January 10	Lay Day, provision for re-sails if required.	
Friday, January 11	Championship Racing.	1000
Saturday, January 12	Championship Racing.	1000
Sunday, January 13	Official Departure Day Championship Racing. Closing & Prize giving Ceremony	1000 1800

No warning signal will be made after 1600 on 13 January 2013.

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a Sail Measurement Certificate.
- 8.2 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. 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.

- 8.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 8.4 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office, the damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Sub-Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutineered by the Measurement Sub-Committee.
- 8.5 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Measurement Sub-Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.
- 8.6 Charter boats (see Additional Information following this Notice of Race) 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. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.
- 8.7 Charter boats (see Additional Information following this Notice of Race) shall be supplied with a Registration Book but are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1.
- 8.8 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again at any time.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration from 0900 on 6 January 2013.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The Championship course for fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 10.2 For the ATR the course will be a starboard hand "S" course.
- 10.3 The course for the Green fleet will be triangular laps described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Appendix P will apply, changed as follows: P2.3 is deleted and the words 'or subsequent' are added after the word 'second' in P2.2.
- 11.2 Permission from Yachting Australia for Denial of Right of Appeal has been applied for. If granted, decisions of the Protest Committee are final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 11.3 Protests arising from participation in this regatta may be subject to mediation. Penalties less than DSQ may apply to mediated protests.
- 11.4 Races of the ATR will be umpired according to the Appendix D of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Single flag protest system will apply.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 For the Australian and Open Championships, the series will consist of up to 15 races (for the whole fleet or for each division depending on the number of competitors), five of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 If the fleet is divided, each flight of a race (each race between two divisions e.g. race 1A or race 1B) will be scored as one race in which all competitors of those two divisions have entered. Allocation of points according to rule 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 that have been completed for all divisions will count.

12.3 Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races except that when fifteen (15) races have been completed, her three worst scores shall be excluded; if twelve (12) to fourteen (14) races have been completed, her two worst scores shall be excluded; or if six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, her worst score shall be excluded.

12.4 The racing for the Australian Championship and the Open Championship will be scored as one fleet.

13. SAFETY

13.1 Discretionary penalties will apply to RRS 41 'Outside Help'. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalized.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 Support boats shall be marked with a numbered flag available at registration upon completion of a Support Boat Registration Form.

14.2 Each coachboat is required to carry a working VHF radio.

14.3 Unless directed by the race committee, coach boats, support boats, non-registered coach boats and spectator boats shall not enter the course area, starting area, finishing area or go closer than 100 metres to any boat racing. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

14.4 Team Support boats must be sourced independently. Payments and contracts shall be made directly with the boat provider.

15. BOAT PARK

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

16. 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.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes for the Open Championships will be awarded at least to:

(a) 1st, 2nd and 3rd sailors regardless of gender and continent of residence.

(b) 1st, 2nd and 3rd female sailors regardless of continent of residence.

17.2 Prizes for the ATR will be awarded at least to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams whose members are all of the same Australian state or nationality for overseas competitors.

17.3 For the Australian Championship, age prizes will be 'Opti-age' and the following prizes will be awarded:

Australian National Championship – 1st place + perpetual trophy

Australian National Championship 2nd to 10th places

Australian 12 yo – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Australian 11 yo – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Australian 10 yo and Under – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

World's qualifiers – 1st to 5th places

Australian Optimist Sailing Team (AOST) qualifiers. Top 25.

OziOpti Winner's Club's Championship Cup
Peter Gilmour Trophy – encouragement award
Bennett Family Club Participation Trophy
Participation and encouragement awards
1st Australian female,
1st sailor in their 1st nationals (Australian Open Fleet)
Notable sportsmanship

- 17.4 Green Fleet
Green Fleet championship – 1st place, Natalie O'Brart trophy
Green Fleet 2nd to 10th places
- 17.5 More prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 of the RRS, 'Decision to Race'. The organising 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. In addition to this the following clauses are applicable:
- 18.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits, 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians.
- 18.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her helm is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 18.4 Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 18.5 The provision of rescue boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- 18.6 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these conditions.
- 18.7 The race committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that:
- a) The boat, the equipment or the clothing of the helm, or
 - b) The physical condition of the helm is not adequate for the conditions.

Such boats will be scored DNC, DNS or DNF as appropriate.

19. MEDIA

- 19.1 In submitting the entry form, all competitors, parents, legal guardians/custodians provide their permission for all photographs to be the property of the organisers and used for any purpose including public viewing and posting on the event website.

18. INSURANCE

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD5,000,000. (recommend AUD10,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who

sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The skipper of each boat must be able to display proof of cover if requested to do so.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information and queries, please contact:

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20.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide a mobile phone number for contact in Hobart and an e-mail address.

21. AMENDMENTS

21.1 Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the Regatta Web Site and www.aioda.com no later than 30 November 2012

ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA (WITHIN THE CIRCLE INDICATED ON THE MAP)



2013 AUSTRALIAN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP
SANDY BAY SAILING CLUB
HOBART TASMANIA



Approximate course area (subject to change)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information does not form part of the Notice of Race

Charter Boats

1. Charter boats are NOT mandatory.
2. Charter boats will be provided by **OziOpti**.
3. 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.
4. Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
5. Charter boats will be complete with blocks, airbag, racing spars, racing foils, mainsheet, padded toe straps, paddle and 1 x bailer, trolley and bowlines. Sails, sail ties, sprit halyards and wind vanes will NOT be provided.
6. Competitors shall compete in the championship in boats correctly registered or in OziOpti charter boats officially chartered for the championship as approved by AIODA.
7. The **charter fee** for the Championship days (January 6-13) will be \$510, charter boats will be available from January 3rd at the additional pre-event rate of \$50 per day. Reservation of charter boats shall be made by submitting the Charter Boat Booking Form available on the OziOpti website <http://www.oziopti.com/charter> or by contacting Steven Bond on (+614) 2422 5774. Payments shall be made directly to the boat provider.