

I.O.D.A. Handbook 2006

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Articles of Association of the International Optimist Dinghy Association

1. NAME

The name of the Association is the "International Optimist Dinghy Association" ("I.O.D.A."). I.O.D.A. is a non-profit making Association.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of I.O.D.A. are:

- a) To administer the International Optimist Dinghy Class in accordance with ISAF requirements, and to see that the Class Rules are observed.
- b) To co-ordinate youth work between member countries.
- c) To establish Conditions for the I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championships and determine where each year's I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship is to be held.
- d) To establish Conditions for I.O.D.A. Continental Championships and to see that they are observed.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Full Members (hereinafter called members)

The National Authority or Class Organisation in any country using the International Optimist Dinghy in their work for junior sailors can be a member of I.O.D.A. In a country where a Class Organisation does not exist, a yacht club may be a member for a period of up to three (3) years. A member who has not paid his annual subscription by 1st June cannot vote at the I.O.D.A. Annual General Meeting of the same year. A member who has not paid his annual subscription by the first day of the Annual General Meeting of the year following will automatically cease to be a member until arrears are paid. A member may voluntarily discontinue its membership provided it is not in arrears and may reapply for membership at any time. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that building fees are collected promptly for each International Optimist Dinghy built in that member's country, in accordance with Class Rule 2.3.

- b) Individual Members

Individual Membership: Individual membership is available to individuals, organisations and companies who wish to support the objects of I.O.D.A. Individual members shall have no vote. The

terms and conditions of individual membership shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time.

4. INCOME

For sources of income, I.O.D.A. will rely upon annual subscriptions from its members, building fees for sale of International Optimist Dinghy plaques, net proceeds from sales of goods, and fees from sales of sail buttons. The annual subscription is payable on or before the 1st of March.

5. ORGANISATION

The organisation of the I.O.D.A. shall consist of the members, the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat. All members of the Executive, Technical and Regatta Committees, when elected, shall be members of the Optimist Class Organisation of their country of residence when such an organisation exists and appropriate membership therein is available. No partner, employee or agent of a professional manufacturer of Optimist hulls, sails or spars shall be a member of an I.O.D.A. committee.

6. LANGUAGE

The official language of I.O.D.A. is English.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Technical Committee and the Chairman of the Regatta Committee. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13) in alternate years, as follows:

The President and one Vice-President shall be elected in odd years (1981, 1983, 1985, etc.) and two Vice Presidents shall be elected in even years (1982,1984,1986, etc.). One Vice-President shall be principally resident in each of the following areas: A. Europe; B. North or South America; C. Africa or Asia or Oceania, and no two Vice-Presidents shall be principally resident in the same area. Each member shall be elected for a period of two (2) years. A member shall not be re-elected for more than four (4) periods of two years in the same office. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among the Vice-Presidents and shall serve as both Vice-President and Treasurer. The Chairman of the Technical Committee shall be elected by the members of the Technical Committee in accordance with Article 8. The Chairman of the

Regatta Committee shall be elected by the members of the Regatta Committee in accordance with Article 9.

8. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

There shall be a Technical Committee with a maximum of three members to:

- a) Study the International Optimist Dinghy Class Rules, plans and measurement form.
- b) Examine any proposal from a member for amendments or interpretations.
- c) Maintain close liaison with ISAF and request interpretations from ISAF as considered advisable. The Chairman shall ensure that rulings and interpretations made by ISAF are promptly forwarded to the Secretariat.
- d) Make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting.
- e) Prescribe procedures for measurement during the I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship, and act as the authority on any issue as to the interpretation or application of the Class Rules.

Members of the Technical Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13). Each member shall be elected for a period of two years. Re-election is allowed. A member shall not be re-elected for more than five periods of two years. Two members shall be elected or re-elected in even years, one member in odd years. The Technical Committee shall elect a chairman by a written nomination to the president within two weeks of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a tie in the voting the president has the casting vote.

9. REGATTA COMMITTEE

There shall be a Regatta Committee with up to four voting and seven non-voting members to:

- a) Implement the Conditions for I.O.D.A. World, Continental and European Sailing Championships in co-operation with the host members each year.
- b) Study the Conditions and recommend amendments necessary or desirable to promote the goals of I.O.D.A.
- c) Examine proposals from members for amendments or interpretations of the Conditions and make recommendations.

Four full members of the Regatta Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13). Each member shall be elected for a period of two (2) years. Re-election is allowed. A member shall not be re-elected for more than four (4) periods of two years. Two members to

be elected or re-elected each alternate year.

One non-voting member may be nominated by the host member for the next I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship and approved by the Executive Committee. One non-voting member may be nominated by the host member for the following I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship and approved by the Executive Committee. One non-voting member may be nominated by each continental group of I.O.D.A. member countries which organises a continental regatta recognised by I.O.D.A., and approved by the Executive Committee.

The full members of the Regatta Committee shall elect a chairman by a written nomination to the president within two weeks of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a tie in the voting the president has the casting vote.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee can appoint sub-committees to undertake particular tasks. The Executive Committee can also dissolve such sub-committees. The Executive Committee is to be represented on such sub-committees.

11. OFFICERS OF HONOUR

On a proposal made by the President the Annual General Meeting may as a mark of respect or of appreciation for past services to the I.O.D.A., elect any distinguished person from the "Optimist World" to an Office of Honour. Offices of Honour may include that of President of Honour, Vice-President of Honour or such other title of Honour as the Annual General Meeting may at the time of the election prescribe. Unless otherwise prescribed by the Annual General Meeting at the time of election a person elected to an Office of Honour shall hold such office for the remainder of his life. An Officer of Honour shall be entitled to attend and to participate in the deliberations of all meetings of the Annual General Meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

12. SECRETARIAT

There shall be a permanent secretariat, adequate to deal with the affairs of I.O.D.A. The Executive Committee shall employ a secretary or secretaries who shall be responsible, under the supervision of the Executive Committee, for the maintenance of the Secretariat. The secretary shall cause proper minutes to be kept of all proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee, the Technical Committee and the Regatta Committee. The location of the Secretariat is at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Annual General Meeting is the highest authority of I.O.D.A.
- b) The Annual General Meeting is formed by the official representatives of Members present or the appointed substitutes.
- c) 1) The Annual General Meeting is to be held each year in connection with the I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship.
2) If the I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship does not take place the Annual General Meeting can take place in a country chosen by the Executive Committee.
- d) On or before 15 May an Agenda containing the following items is to be sent out:
 - 1) Election of Chairman of the Meeting.
 - 2) Report from the President.
 - 3) Reports from the Technical Committee and the Regatta Committee.
 - 4) The annual accounts.
 - 5) Fixing of next year's subscription and price of sail buttons.
 - 6) Proposals from the Executive Committee.
 - 7) Proposals from Members.
 - 8) To fix the venue for the I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship two years ahead and confirm the venue for the I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship one year ahead.
 - 9) To fix/confirm the venues for the I.O.D.A. Continental Championships. Only member countries from the continent concerned shall vote on venues proposed for each Continental Championship.
- 10) Racing Calendar for the following year.
- 11) Information from ISAF Meetings.
- 12) Election of a President and/or Vice-Presidents.
See Article 7. In a year in which only one vice president is to be elected, no candidate from an area from which there is already a vice president shall be eligible. In a year in which two or more vice presidents are to be elected, there shall be a ballot between all candidates properly nominated and seconded by members' representatives, with no candidate from an area from which there is already a vice president being eligible. The candidate with the most votes shall be elected. A second ballot shall then take place for which no candidate from an area from which there is now already a vice president being eligible. The candidate with the most votes shall be elected. If, exceptionally, there is a third vacancy a similar third ballot shall be held

- 13) Election of members of the Technical Committee.
 - 14) Election of members of the Regatta Committee.
 - 15) Election of auditor.
 - 16) Any other business.
- e) Voting
- 1) Except as noted in Article 13 (d) (9) and proposals to alter the Conditions for the I.O.D.A. European and North American Championships, voting related to items on the Agenda except business concerning Articles 16 and 17 is to be decided by simple majority of votes cast by members' official representatives or their proxies present and voting in person. When voting each representative or proxy has one (1) vote. When the voting is equal the President has a casting vote; only when such a situation arises does the President have a personal vote.
 - 2) A motion with relation to Article 16 and/or Article 17 is carried when at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by Members representatives or their proxies present at time of voting and voting in person are in favour of the motion. For the purpose of calculating whether a motion is carried an abstention is counted as a vote cast.
 - 3) An official representative present at the Annual General Meeting may only have one (1) proxy vote.
 - 4) If one of the official representatives asks for a secret vote this shall be carried out.
- f) At the Annual General Meeting all questions referring to I.O.D.A. of which due notice has been given (see Articles 16 and 17) are to be discussed. Such matters may include formal proposals to ISAF for amendments to the Class Rules, Plans and Measurement form.
- g) The name of the official representative and his proxy if any shall be received by the Secretariat or delivered to the Executive Committee in writing prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.
- h) The members should select as their official representatives persons in their organisation who would secure the best possible continuity of their representation and work in the I.O.D.A. Annual General Meeting.
- i) A member can appoint if special circumstances arise a substitute for the entered representative. The name of the substitute shall be given in writing to the president or another member of the Executive Committee present, prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.
- j) Team-leaders present at the I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship

coinciding with the Annual General Meeting are welcome to attend the Meeting as observers. In addition each member may nominate a separate observer to attend the Meeting.

- k) The President may at suitable intervals ask for written reports to be presented by members. Such a report shall describe the organisation of the youth work around the International Optimist Dinghy, numbers of registered dinghies etc. These reports are to be incorporated in the information which I.O.D.A. is obliged to give to the ISAF.

The reports from members shall be brought to the Annual General Meeting by their representatives (at least one hundred copies), Those members not represented at the Annual General Meeting are to forward their report to the Secretariat.

- l) When the I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship is held other than at the normal time (July/August) or in a year when the Championship does not take place, the dates referred to in Articles 13 14 and 15 and Conditions 4.5 and 4.8 may be amended at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

14. ACCOUNTING

- a) The Association's financial year shall be the 12 months ended 31 December. The first financial year covers the period 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1993.
- b) The Association's accounts shall be audited by a state-authorised public accountant.
- c) The annual accounts shall consist of profit and loss account balance sheet and report and shall be prepared in accordance with sound accounting principles.
- d) At least 10 per cent of the profits not applied to cover losses (if any) from previous years shall be allocated to a reserve fund. The reserve fund shall be used only in accordance with decisions reached at the A.G.M. on the formal proposal of the Executive Committee.
- e) The residue of net profits shall be carried forward and applied in accordance with decisions reached by the Executive Committee.

15. LIABILITY AND BINDING BY SIGNATURE

- a) The Executive Committee of the Association shall be in charge of the day-to-day management of the Association.
- b) Neither the members of the Association nor individual members are personally liable for the Association's obligations.
- c) The president and one other member of the Executive Committee are authorised to sign on behalf of the Association but the Executive

Committee may appoint such other persons as it sees fit to sign cheques and similar documents. When buying selling or mortgaging real estate the whole Executive Committee shall sign on behalf of the Association .

16. ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CLASS RULES

Any request by a member or the Executive Committee for an alteration to the Class Rules is to be received by the Secretariat on or before 15 January. The Secretariat must then on or before 15 February send a copy of the proposal to each Member and furthermore on or before 15 March send the Technical Committee's comments thereon to each Member. No proposed alterations to the Class Rules which alter the dimensions or tolerances of the outside of the hull (except to correct typographical or mathematical errors) in the period 1 March 1995 to 1 March 2005 shall be accepted.

17. ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO I.O.D.A. ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND CONDITIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any request by a member or the Executive Committee for an alteration to these Articles, and Conditions for I.O.D.A. World, Continental, European or North American Sailing Championships is to be sent to the Secretariat on or before 15 January. The Secretariat must then on or before 15 February send a copy of the proposition to each member and furthermore on or before 15 March send the Executive Committee's comments thereon to each member

18. DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the International Optimist Dinghy Association can take place only when two-thirds (2/3) of the members are in favour. When voting the procedure to be as follows: each member has to send the voting letter made out by the Executive Committee to the President, by the stated date. The result to be sent to all members. In the event of dissolution any residual surplus of funds is to be distributed to the ISAF Youth Sailing Committee.

Conditions for the I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The overriding goal of the championship is to promote youth sailing all over the world. The name of the championship shall be the "I.O.D.A. World Sailing Championship".
- 1.2 The prime objective of the championship is to ensure the highest quality racing is provided for accomplished and skilled young skippers in the Optimist dinghy.
- 1.3 The championship shall also provide the environment necessary to ensure that individual friendships may develop among competitors, and goodwill among all participating national representatives.
- 1.4 The championship is to be held every year, is to alternate between Members, is normally to be sailed during July or August, and is to comprise an eleven-day programme.
- 1.5 The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:
 - 1) TWO MEASUREMENT DAYS
 - 2) TEAM LEADERS' MEETING
 - 3) PRACTICE RACE(S)
 - 4) OPENING CEREMONY
 - 5) CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

This series shall be sailed according to a format as prescribed by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee for:

A) BEACON CHALLENGE CUP (Open Individual World Championship)

A minimum of five races shall be sailed.

Prizes include the Beacon Challenge Cup, gold, silver and bronze medals, and prizes for the first twenty sailors. In addition, special prizes shall be awarded to the top three girl skippers.

B) MIAMI HERALD TROPHY (DANISH-AMERICAN CHALLENGE CUP) Awarded to the national team with the lowest total points scored by its top four sailors in all championship races sailed. Prizes include the Miami Herald Trophy and medals for the members of the winning team.

C) I.O.D.A. CHALLENGE CUP (WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP)

This shall be a team racing competition for a selected group of national teams according to a format as prescribed by the I.O.D.A.

Executive Committee.

In each race, four yachts from these teams shall sail.

The selection and seeding of the teams shall be based upon the results of a team's top four sailors in any number of championship races as may be prescribed by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.

The team of the host country shall be selected. Prizes include the I.O.D.A. Challenge Cup, and gold, silver and bronze medals for each member of the national teams placing first, second and third.

The I.O.D.A. Executive Committee shall have the authority to vary this programme for the purposes of developing and testing new events or in view of other circumstances. The I.O.D.A. Challenge Cup and Beacon Challenge Cup shall take priority over all other races.

(7) PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

2. APPLICATION AND SELECTION OF THE HOST MEMBERS

2.1 Applications by members in good standing who are interested in organising and conducting the championship shall be made to the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee not less than two months before the I.O.D.A. annual meeting held two years before the year of the championship. Such applications shall state the host member's acceptance of the obligations imposed by these Conditions and its commitment to conduct the championship in full conformity with them. It shall also include at least the following information:

- 1) The club or other organisation which will together with I.O.D.A., form the organising authority to conduct the championship.
- 2) The location and proposed dates of the championship.
- 3) Details of sailing conditions including nautical chart and predicted winds and currents.
- 4) Details of commitment to provide charter boats of a quality and in a number approved by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.
- 5) The entry fee including accommodation for competitors, team leaders and country representatives (which shall not exceed that approved by the I.O.D.A. General Meeting).
- 6) The type of accommodation for competitors, team leaders and country representatives.
- 7) The preliminary organisational arrangements and draft programme.
- 8) The endorsement of the application by the National Authority.
- 9) Any proposal under Condition 3.3 to fix a maximum number of

entries which can be accepted.

- 2.3 Host members shall be selected at an I.O.D.A. annual meeting, normally two years before the year of the championship, and be confirmed one year before the year of the championship.
- 2.4 The host member shall proceed with the organisation of the championship in full conformity with these Conditions, current IODA Regatta Manuals and to the satisfaction of the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.
- 2.5 The host member shall receive a representative of the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee who shall inspect the facilities, review the organisation preparations and circulate a full report to the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee not later than six months before the championship.
- 2.6 The host member shall indemnify I.O.D.A., its officers and agents against all claims arising from its part in organising the event. Where possible it shall insure this risk..

3. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Subject to Condition 3.3 below, each member of I.O.D.A. may enter up to five sailors, to be selected on the basis of sailing competitions in the Optimist dinghy. Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team.
- 3.2 Any boy or girl may enter until 31st December of the year in which he or she attains the age of 15 years. Sailors qualified by age to start the event are allowed to finish it. Sailors shall be either nationals or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive. A sailor 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. Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship.
- 3.3 If the members at any Annual General Meeting approve a ceiling on number of entries at any particular world championships, the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee may prescribe such rules as may be necessary to limit the number of entries to not more than the prescribed ceiling.

4. I.O.D.A. CRITERIA FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISATION

- 4.1 The championship shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (without modification by prescriptions of the National Authority) the I.O.D.A. Class Rules, and the Sailing Instructions. The organising authority shall include I.O.D.A..

- 4.2 The organising authority shall appoint the Race Committee which shall include at least one member nominated by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee. The organising authority shall also issue directions to the Race Committee, subject to the prior approval of the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.
- 4.3 The sailing instructions shall use the I.O.D.A. standard format as laid down in the I.O.D.A. Race Manual and shall be prepared by the organising authority and shall be approved by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.
- 4.4 The Preliminary Notice, as approved by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee, conforming to RRS Appendix M and including the proposed race programme, shall be circulated to all members not later than six months before the championships.
- 4.5 The Final Notice, as approved by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee, giving firm details of all aspects of the regatta shall be circulated to participating I.O.D.A. members three months before the championship.
- 4.6 Rescue facilities appropriate for the conditions shall be provided by the organising authority. Radio communication is to be provided for rescue service.
- 4.7 One or more vessels for the exclusive use of team-leaders shall be provided by the organising authority for a reasonable charge. Additional arrangements for individual team support boats may be made subject to the approval of the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee. Otherwise, individual team support boats shall not be allowed. One or more spectator vessels for the use of country representatives, officers of I.O.D.A., and competitors' families should be provided by the organising authority for a reasonable charge.
- 4.8 The host members will prepare a report and evaluation of the championship for presentation to the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee prior to 15 October of the same year.
- 4.9 All sailing instructions and information relating to sailing conditions shall be published in English language, and may be also published in the language of the host member.
- 4.10 The Race Committee shall utilise standard race management forms and procedures subject to variations as may be desirable for the particular local conditions.

5. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 5.1 The International Jury shall be appointed by the I.O.D.A. Executive

Committee in consultation with the organising authority.

- 5.2 The International Jury shall observe the relevant sections of Appendix Q of the RRS, and have the functions listed therein. It shall direct the Race Committee on those matters which, in the opinion of the Jury, seriously affect the fairness of the competition .
- 5.3 Decisions of the International Jury shall be final.

6. BOATS

- 6.1 The organising authority shall appoint a Measurement Sub Committee, which shall include at least one member nominated by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.
- 6.2 All boats entered must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate, and must comply with the I.O.D.A. Class Rules.
- 6.3 All boats shall be measured according to procedures proposed by the I.O.D.A. Technical Committee, under the control of a Measurement Sub-Committee appointed by the organising authority. The Host Member shall provide adequate space, facilities and personnel for measurement. Any issue as to the interpretation or application of the I.O.D.A. Class Rules under RRS 64.31b) shall be referred by the International Jury to the I.O.D.A. Technical Committee.
- 6.4 A sufficient number of first-class charter boats without sails shall be supplied (together with an adequate supply of replacement parts) by the Host Member for a fee agreed by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee. Prior to the first measurement day, all charter boats shall be checked to ensure that they will measure and are in proper condition for racing. The method of allocation of charter boats shall be approved by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.
- 6.5 If the Host Member is in a position to provide charter boats for all entries on terms satisfactory to the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee, the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee may declare that all competitors must use charter boats and prescribe rules governing the allocation of charter boats and related matters.
- 6.6: Only boats officially chartered for the regatta through the Organising Committee may carry national letter(s) or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letter(s) to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.

7. ACCOMMODATION

- 7.1 Accommodation, sustenance, recreational and regatta facilities shall be provided by the host member to all competitors and two adults for each participating member, for the chairman of the International Jury, for the officers of I.O.D.A., and for members of the I.O.D.A. Technical Committee. No further charge shall be made for these facilities and services over the approved entry fee in Condition 8.1 below.
- 7.2 Facilities shall be selected to encourage both informal contact between participants, and efficient administration of the championship.
- 7.3 Three meals per day shall be provided by the host member for all competitors and other officials, taking into consideration significant basic variations in eating customs.

8. ENTRY FEE

- 8.1 The host member will, at the time it makes application, propose an entry fee, as low as possible, to be paid by each participating skipper, team leader and country representative to assist in financing the championship. The entry fee shall be approved by the I.O.D.A. Annual General Meeting.
- 8.2 The host member must provide the additional financing from its own sources to cover the expenses of organisation and conduct of the championship including, but not limited to, notices, sailing instructions, stenographic, secretarial and translating services, vessels, buoys, ground tackle, radio communications, social programme, prizes, insurance, measurement of charter boats, and expenses of the International Judges. Sponsorship should be encouraged, but RRS Appendix G must be observed.

9. ADVERTISING

The I.O.D.A. Executive Committee may authorise categories of advertising as permitted by RRS Appendix G.

10. I.O.D.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The I.O.D.A. Executive Committee may authorise one or more representatives to act on its behalf in matters relating to the application of these Conditions.

11. AMENDMENTS

The terms of these Conditions may be amended by the Members at Annual General Meetings of I.O.D.A. in accordance with I.O.D.A. Article 17.

Conditions for the I.O.D.A. Continental Championships

1. GENERAL

1.1 The prime objective of the championship is to ensure the highest quality racing is provided for skilled young skippers and to promote youth sailing in the Optimist dinghy. The championship shall also provide the environment necessary to ensure that individual friendships may develop among competitors, and goodwill among all participating I.O.D.A. member country representatives. The organising committee may vary these conditions only with approval of the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee. The following events shall at least be included in the official programme for the championship:

- 1) Measurement checks of all boats
- 2) Team leaders meeting
- 3) Practice race and opening ceremony
- 4) A series of races for the championship, of which at least three races shall be complete to constitute a series.
- 5) Prize-giving and closing ceremony

Unless all participants are from the host continent, the host shall award at least four principal prizes: two prizes to the best-placed sailors, male and female, regardless of the sailor's continental residence; and two to the best-placed sailors, male and female, from the host continent. There shall be four prize ceremonies

2. APPLICATION AND SELECTION OF HOST MEMBERS

2.1 Applications by I.O.D.A. member countries who are interested in organising and conducting the championship shall be made not less than two years before the year of the championship.

2.2 Such application shall state the host member's acceptance of the obligations imposed by these conditions by these Conditions and any prescribed by the Conditions for a specific event, and its commitment to conduct the championship in full conformity with them. It shall also include at least the following information:

- 1) The organising authority to conduct the championship.
- 2) The endorsement of the application by the National Authority.
- 3) The location and proposed dates of the championship.
- 4) The draft programme
- 5) The entry fee.
- 6) The make of charter boats (if any) and the charter fee.

- 7) Any proposal under 3.1 of these Conditions to fix a ceiling to the number of competitors.
 - (8) Details of sailing conditions including a nautical chart and predicted winds and currents.
 - (9) The type of accommodation for competitors and team officials, together with the number of the latter for whom accommodation will be provided.
- 2.3 The venue shall be fixed/confirmed at the I.O.D.A. A.G.M. two years before the event.
 - 2.4 The host member shall proceed with the organisation of the championship in full conformity with these Conditions, current IODA Regatta Manuals and to the satisfaction of the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.
 - 2.5 The host member shall provide free of charge accommodation and meals for one person appointed by I.O.D.A..
 - 2.6 The Host member shall indemnify I.O.D.A., its officers and agents against all claims arising from its part in organising the event. Where possible it shall insure this risk.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1 Entries for a Continental Championship shall be open to all I.O.D.A. member countries on that continent/I.O.D.A. region. It will be at the discretion of the organising authority and I.O.D.A. to decide that the championship will be open for member countries of other continents as well. Teams from non-member countries of I.O.D.A. may enter subject to the approval of the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee. When applying for the championship the organising authority may propose to fix a ceiling to the number of entries. The I.O.D.A. Executive Committee may prescribe such rules as may be necessary to limit the number of competitors to start in one race. It will be at the discretion of each member country's National Optimist Dinghy Association to decide whether competitors shall be selected on basis of a sailing competition or not. Any boy or girl may enter until 31st December of the year in which he or she attains the age of 15 years. Sailors qualified by age to start the event are allowed to finish it. Each national team shall be accompanied by an adult representative or team leader, who shall be responsible for the competitor or team.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Competitors shall comply with ISAF eligibility requirements in accor-

dance with Racing Rule of Sailing K1 and with Condition 3 of these I.O.D.A. Conditions for Continental Championships.

Sailors shall be either nationals or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive. A sailor 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. Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship.

5. CRITERIA FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISATION

- 5.1 The championship shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (without modification by prescriptions of the National Authority), the I.O.D.A. Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions. which shall be based on the I.O.D.A. Standard Sailing Instructions and which shall not be varied without good reason relating to particular local conditions A copy of the Sailing Instructions, complete in all details, shall be submitted for approval to the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee not later than three months prior to the first race of the championship.
- 5.2 The Preliminary Notice, as approved by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee, conforming to RRS Appendix M and including the proposed race programme, shall be circulated to all members eligible to participate not later than six months before the championships. The Final Notice, as approved by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee, giving firm details of all aspects of the regatta shall be circulated to I.O.D.A. members three months before the championship.
- 5.3 The I.O.D.A. Executive Committee may authorise categories of advertising as permitted by RRS Appendix G. Rescue facilities appropriate for the conditions shall be provided by the organising authority. Radio communication is to be provided for rescue service.. The Race Committee shall utilise standard race management forms and procedures subject to variations as may be desirable for the particular local conditions.

6. INTERNATIONAL JURY

The International Jury shall be appointed by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee in consultation with the organising authority.

7. BOATS

- 7.1 All boats entered must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate, and shall be checked to comply with the Class Rules under the control of a measurement sub-committee appointed by the organising authority.
- 7.2 Any issue as to the interpretation or application of the I.O.D.A. Class Rules under RRS 64.3(b) shall be referred by the International Jury to the I.O.D.A. Technical Committee. If there is to be no member of the I.O.D.A. Technical Committee present at the championship, the chairman of the I.O.D.A. Technical Committee shall appoint a member of that committee who may be contacted by fax or e-mail during the event.
- 7.2 Only boats officially chartered for the regatta through the Organising Committee may carry national letter(s) or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letter(s) to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.

8. ENTRY FEE

- 8.1 The organising authority will, at the time it makes application, propose an entry fee, as low as possible.
- 8.2 The organising authority must provide the additional funding from its own sources to cover all expenses of organisation and conduct of the championship. This shall include, but not be limited to, the expenses for secretarial support and other services. Sponsorship should be encouraged, but RRS Appendix G and condition 5.3 of these Conditions must be observed.

9. REPORT

The organising authority will prepare a report and evaluation of the championship, including a report of the measurement sub-committee, for presentation to the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee not later than two months after the championship.

10. AMENDMENTS

These Conditions may be amended by the members at the Annual General Meeting of I.O.D.A. in accordance with I.O.D.A. Article 17.

Conditions for the I.O.D.A. European Championship

In addition to the Conditions for I.O.D.A. Continental Championships the following Conditions shall apply to the I.O.D.A. European Championship

1. CHAMPIONSHIP

The duration of the championship shall not exceed nine days. It shall be held in July or August and shall not be at the same time as the I.O.D.A. World Championship.

There shall be two equal events, one for boys and one for girls.

2. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY:

2.1 Each European member of I.O.D.A. may enter up to seven sailors with a maximum of four being of the same gender. Each non-European member of I.O.D.A. may enter up to four sailors with a maximum of three being of the same gender.

2.2 The sailors who have sailed or will sail in the same year's I.O.D.A. World Championship are not allowed to participate in the European Championship, except as provided in Condition 2.3.

2.3 The defending European (closed) champions may participate, if eligible, in addition to the seven.

2.4 The host member may enter twice the number of competitors permitted to other members.

3. ORGANISATION:

3.1 The organising authority shall appoint a Race Committee which shall include at least one member appointed by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.

3.2 The organising authority shall appoint a Measurement Committee which shall include at least one member appointed by the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee.

3.3 There shall be provided at least one teamleader boat.

3.4 Access to training facilities should be available at the host club at least one week before the beginning of the championship. An extra fee may be charged for this.

3.5 All sailing instructions and information relating to sailing conditions shall be published in English language, and may be also published in the language of the Host Member.

4. I.O.D.A.

- 4.1 The host member shall provide free of charge accommodation, meals and travel costs for the two committee members noted in 3.1 and 3.2 above. In addition it shall provide accommodation and meals for not more than two additional persons appointed by I.O.D.A. at a fee equal to that agreed for team officials.
- 4.2 The Host Member shall receive a representative of the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee who shall inspect the facilities, review the organisation preparations and circulate a full report to the I.O.D.A. Executive Committee not later than six months before the championship. The travel costs, accommodation and meals of this representative shall be paid by the organisers.
5. These Conditions may be amended by the European members at the Annual General Meeting of I.O.D.A.

Conditions for the IODA North American Championship

In addition to the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships the following Conditions shall apply to the IODA North American Championship

1. The duration of the championship shall not exceed nine days. It shall be held in July or August and shall not be at the same time as the IODA World Championship.
2. There shall be two events, an individual championship and a team racing championship.
3. **ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY:**
Each American (North or South) member of IODA may enter up to 15 sailors, and an additional three sailors of the opposite gender. The USA and the host member may enter 25 sailors and an additional five sailors of the opposite gender.
North American members are defined as those so listed in Appendix 1. Countries geographically partly in America but politically in Europe

shall be considered to be American in respect of sailors resident in America.

The number of entries from non-American members shall be determined by the IODA Executive not less than one year before the event.

North American members are defined as those so listed in Appendix 1.

4. ORGANISATION:

4.1 The organising authority shall appoint a Race Committee which shall include at least one member mutually agreed between the host member and the IODA Executive Committee.

4.2 The organising authority shall appoint a Measurement Committee which shall include at least one member mutually agreed between the host member and the IODA Executive Committee.

4.3 At least one teamleader boat shall be provided .

4.4 Access to training facilities should be available at the host club at least one week before the beginning of the championship. An extra fee may be charged for this.

4.5 All sailing instructions and information relating to sailing conditions shall be published in the English language, and may be also published in the language of the Host Member.

5. INPUT FROM IODA

The host member shall provide free of charge accommodation, meals and travel costs for the two mutually agreed persons noted in 4.1 and 4.2 above. In addition it shall provide accommodation and meals for not more than two additional persons mutually agreed between the host member and the IODA Executive Committee at a fee not more than that agreed for team officials.

6. These Conditions may be amended by the North American members at the Annual General Meeting of IODA.

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Optimist Builders

The Optimist Class does not have licensed builders and anyone may build them. However builders must provide a correct prototype before manufacture and undergo regular inspections thereafter. The following builders have complied with this requirement:

Europe:		Asia:	
Art Marine Ltd.	Russia	Erplast PRC	China
C..N. M. Faccenda	Italy	Dragon Marine	China
AS Globotron	Estonia.	Lenam PRC	China
Cantiere Nordest snc	Italy	Opti-X PRC	China
Carter Sales	Poland	Praga Marine Pvt. Ltd.	India
Dimas Yacht Shipyards	Greece	Qingdao Zou's S.C.	China
Finessa-Båtar	Sweden.	Shanghai Far East Frp	China
David Harte	Ireland	Xtreme Sailboats	Singapore
Indeurop S/A. (Naaix)	Spain	South America:	
Lajos Hodacs	Hungary	Barlavento Boats	Brasil
Lenam Vela Ligerá	Spain	Itaipu Náutica	Brasil
Morgan Boats d.o.o.	Slovenia	Rio Tecna	Argentina
Nautivela S.r.l.	Italy	North America:	
Optimist Brites	Portugal	McLaughlin Boatworks	U.S.A.
OS Boats	Sweden	Graves Little Boatyard	U.S.A.
Osis Båtar	Sweden	<i>The following former builders appear to be inactive:</i>	
Porter Bros.	England	<i>Erplast</i>	<i>France</i>
PPH Opticup	Poland	<i>Hanil News</i>	<i>Korea</i>
Sport Sails Center	Poland	<i>Land & Ocean</i>	<i>China</i>
Stanislaw Sierocin	Poland	<i>Opti-X</i>	<i>Denmark</i>
Srb Racing Boats	Czech Rep	<i>Ridas</i>	<i>Estonia</i>
VanWettum-jachtbouw	Holland.	<i>St. Petersburg S. S'yard</i>	<i>Russia</i>
Vene Björndahl	Finland.	<i>Sail One</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>
Winner Optimist Aps	Denmark	<i>Shipbuilding Yard Liman</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>
Ziba Sp. z.o.o.	Poland	<i>Technomarine</i>	<i>Argentina</i>
		<i>Vanguard Sailboats</i>	<i>U.S.A.</i>

For addresses & e-mails see: www.optiworld.org/foda-builders.html

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Lithuania
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Netherlands
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Neth. Antilles
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St. Vincent
Trinidad & T.
U.S.A.
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Australia
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New Zealand
Papua N.G.
Samoa
Solomon Is.
Tahiti
Vanuatu

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Kenya
Libya
Mauritius
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Seychelles
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Tunisia
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NOT MEMBERS

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Luxembourg
Macedonia FYR
Micronesia
Namibia*

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