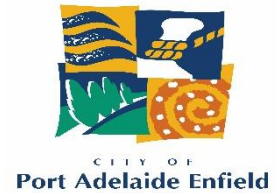


Largs Bay Sailing Club Inc.



2017 **Gill** Australian & Open Optimist Championship

Incorporating the Australian Optimist Teams Racing Championship

2nd – 9th January 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Largs Bay Sailing Club

1 The Foreshore Lady Gowrie Drive Largs Bay

in conjunction with

Australian International Optimist Dinghy Association

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The Largs Bay Sailing Club Inc. as organising authority, in conjunction with the Australian International Optimist Dinghy Association, invites entries for the 2017 Australian & Open Optimist Championship to be sailed at Largs Bay, South Australia from the 2nd to 9th January 2017.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Class Rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association.
- 1.2 The 2013-2016 Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2 valid until 30 June 2017 will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix D will apply for the Australian Optimist Team Racing Championship including D2.2 and D2.3 (a) single flag protest procedure.
- 1.4 The Green Fleet will be governed by the World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 English shall be the official language for the Championship.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.2, but as restricted by IODA Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Competitors may be required to display sponsors' advertising and/or bow numbers. If required, they will be provided by the Organising Authority and shall be affixed in accordance with the instructions provided.
- 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 South Australia and/or Australian Governments.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below. Allocation of any sailor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of the Organising Authority, and may only be varied during the event by the Race Committee.
- 3.2 The Open Championship is open to competitors who are:
 - (a) Financial members of a National Optimist Association affiliated with IODA; and
 - (b) A financial member of their Member National Authority (MNA eg: Australian Sailing).
- 3.3 The Australian Championship is open only to competitors who are:
 - (a) Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents;
 - (b) Financial members of an AIODA member State Association; and
 - (c) A financial member of a Sailing Club affiliated with a Member Yachting Association (MYA) of Australian Sailing.
- 3.4 Competitors shall have been born in 2002 or later.
- 3.5 The 'Green Fleet' is open to less experienced Optimist Class sailors who may not be up to the competitiveness and rigors of racing in the Intermediate or Open Fleets. Further information about Green Fleet is contained in Attachment 1 to this NOR.
- 3.6 Competitors competing in the championship shall sail only in boats correctly registered or in boats supplied by the official charter supplier for the championship. See NOR clause 15.

4. Entry

- 4.1 Entries shall be made online by completing the Entry details, Parent Declaration, Code of Conduct acceptance, and making the corresponding payments indicated in NOR 5 below. Please enter via the Championship website at <http://www.optimist.org.au/nationals>
- 4.2 Entries close at 1700 hours on Friday 24th November 2016. Late entries may be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee up to 1200 hours on Monday 2nd January 2017.
- 4.3 Competitors, team leaders, volunteers, and support boats shall complete registration online at the Championship website <http://www.optimist.org.au/nationals>
- 4.4 Competitors will be considered "entered" when the online entry including payment and the on-site registration including measurement has been completed.
- 4.5 Each participating state and country shall nominate a person to be the official contact for the Organising Authority. The contact should provide a mobile phone number and a monitored email address for contact whilst in Adelaide for the Championship. International entries will be provided with a contact to liaise with during the Championship.

5. Entry Fees

- 5.1 The Regatta entry fee is AUD\$300.00
- 5.2 The entry fee includes regatta shirt, opening ceremony and presentation function for each skipper (except a regatta shirt may not be available to late entries). Additional regatta shirts, opening ceremony and presentation tickets will be available online at the time of entry.
- 5.3 Late entries may be accepted after Friday 24th November 2016 upon payment of an additional late fee of AUD\$50.00 up to 1200 hours on Monday 2nd January 2017.

6. Format of the Championship

- 6.1 The 2017 Gill Australian & Open Championship comprises two 'championships':
 - a) The Australian and Open Optimist Championship that will consist of Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet and Green Fleet. If you are unsure which fleet you should be racing in, please refer to the "Which Fleet?" document on the event website under "Race Entry & Documents". <http://www.optimist.org.au/which-fleet>
 - b) The Australian Optimist Team Racing Championship.
- 6.2 The series for Open and Intermediate fleets will consist of up to 12 races. The target is two to three races per day. No more than three races will be sailed back to back.
- 6.3 The Australian Optimist Team Racing Championship is limited to a maximum of 24 teams nominated and formed by Nations (for countries other than Australia), States or Clubs.
 - a) No member may enter more than three teams in the AOTR Championship. The maximum number of teams may be modified at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
 - b) Each team shall comprise of four or five competitors of which four may sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the member.

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7. Program

		Open Fleet	Intermediate Fleet	Green Fleet
Sunday, January 1	Teams and South Australia Registration and Measurement at LBSC	1300 - 1600	1300 - 1600	1300 - 1600
Monday, January 2	Official Arrival Day			
	Registration and Measurement at LBSC	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700
	Teams Racing Championship	1200	N/A	N/A
Tuesday, January 3	Registration and Measurement at LBSC	0900 - 1200	0900 - 1200	0900 - 1200
	Teams Racing Championship if required <u>or</u>	1000	N/A	N/A
	Provision for Invitation Race	1400	1400	1400
	Official Regatta Briefing	1600	1600	1600
	Opening Ceremony & AOTR Presentation	1730	1730	1730
Wednesday, January 4	Coach, Competitors and Jury meeting	0930	0930	0930
	Championship Racing	1200	1200	1200
Thursday, January 5	Coach, Competitors and Jury meeting	0930	0930	0930
	Championship Racing	1200	1200	1200
Friday, January 6	Coach, Competitors and Jury meeting	0930	0930	0930
	Championship Racing	1200	1200	1200
Saturday, January 7	Lay Day, provision for resails if minimum qualifying races have not been sailed.	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sunday, January 8	Coach, Competitors and Jury meeting	0930	0930	0930
	Championship Racing	1200	1200	1200
Monday, January 9	Official Departure Day			
	Coach, Competitors and Jury meeting	0900	0900	0900
	Championship Racing	1100	1100	1100
	No warning signal will be made after	1500	1500	1500
	Closing & Presentation Ceremony	1800	1800	1800

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8. Measurement

- 8.1 All boats in Open and Intermediate Fleet shall produce a Sail Measurement Certificate and IODA Measurement Book with the relevant sailor's details duly entered in the AIODA Boat Register. Green Fleet boats shall comply with Attachment 1 of this NOR.
- 8.2 All boats shall be presented for measurement on serviceable beach trailers/dollies. 'Serviceable' specifically includes having an adequate handle, being fitted with sufficient operating wheels and having adequate padding. Any boat presented on an unsatisfactory or unserviceable beach trolley/dolly will be refused entry at measurement, or may be penalised if found to be unsatisfactory or unserviceable during the regatta.
- 8.3 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 scrutinized and may be measured by the Measurement Sub-Committee.
- 8.4 For team racing only, a second mainsail may be measured in and used.
- 8.5 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.
- 8.6 Prior to approving a request for substitution the Event Measurer may scrutinize both the damaged equipment and the replacement equipment.
- 8.7 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Event Measurer prior to the expiry of protest time at the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.
- 8.8 Charter boats 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. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.
- 8.9 Charter boats shall be supplied with a Registration & Measurement Book but for the purpose of CR 2.4.1 are exempt from complying with CR 2.4.3 (b) and (c).
- 8.10 The Event Measurer or sub-committee may spot check any boat throughout the regatta and may re-measure any equipment on or off the water at their discretion.
- 8.11 The Event Measurer will make the final ruling on measurement issues both during Measurement and during the Championship.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 The Championship Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website from the 16th December 2016.
- 9.2 Sailing instructions will also be available upon registration.

10. Venue

- 10.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Gulf St Vincent, adjacent to the Largs Bay Sailing Club as shown in Attachment 2.
- 10.2 If inclement weather causes one or more fleets to delay or abandon, in the interests of safety, racing course areas may be moved.

11. The Course

- 11.1 The course for Open and Intermediate fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 11.2 The course for the Green fleet will be triangular laps described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.3 For the AOTR the course will be a starboard hand digital 'N' course.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1 Appendix P will apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2 Permission from Australian Sailing for a National Jury has been applied for. If granted, decisions of the National Jury are final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 12.3 Races of the AOTR will be umpired according to the Appendix D of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 12.4 The Sailing Instructions may specify Standard Penalties (SP) and Discretionary Penalties (DP) for certain rule breaches.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 For the Australian and Open Championships, the series will consist of up to twelve races, four of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 Where a qualifying and finals series is used:
 - a) The qualifying series shall consist of a maximum of eight completed races. If used, the qualifying series will be conducted on the 4th, 5th and 6th January 2017, with provision for sailing on the 7th January 2017 if less than four races have been completed by the end of racing on 6th January 2017.
 - b) The finals series shall consist of a maximum of six completed races. If used, the final series will be conducted on the 8th and 9th January 2017.
- 13.3 In the qualifying series:
 - a) When less than four races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores;
 - b) When from four to eight races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score.
- 13.4 In the finals series:
 - a) When less than four races are completed, a boat's finals series score shall be the total of her finals race scores;
 - b) When from four to six races are completed, a boat's finals series score shall be the total of her finals race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.5 A boat's overall series score shall be the sum of her qualifying series score and her finals series score. The boats in the Gold finals fleet shall be ranked highest in overall standings then Silver, etc.
- 13.6 The racing for the Australian and Open Championships will be scored as one fleet. Intermediate and Green Fleets will be scored separately.

14. Safety

- 14.1 Discretionary penalties will apply to rule 41 'Outside Help'. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalized.
- 14.2 All boats must sign on before each racing session and promptly sign off when returning to shore. The Sailing Instructions may provide more detailed instructions and may provide for a standard penalty for breaches of this requirement.

15. Charter Boats

- 15.1. Charter boats are NOT mandatory.
- 15.2. Xtreme Sailing Products (XSP) are the official charter supplier for the event. For information on charter boats or to book a charter boat please refer to the Championship website under "Charter Boat Information" found in "Race Entry & Documents".
<http://www.optimist.org.au/charter-boat-information>
- 15.3. Competitors shall not modify boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
 - a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull;
 - 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 waterline;
 - e) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are complied with;
 - f) Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 15.4. Charter boats will be supplied complete with blocks, airbags, racing spars, racing foils, mainsheet, hiking straps, paddle and 2 x bailer, trolley and bowlines.
- 15.5. Sails, sail ties, and wind vanes will NOT be provided by the Charter supplier.
- 15.6. Charter boats may be available from December 27th 2016.

16. Support Boats

- 16.1 All Support/Coach boats must be registered online with the Organising Authority. All registered boats must be marked with a numbered flag available at registration upon completion of a Support/Coach Boat online registration form. A deposit of AUD\$50.00 is required for the numbered flag upon collection at LBSC. This flag must be clearly displayed by all boats at all times whilst afloat.
- 16.2 All Support/Coach boats must carry a working VHF radio and monitor it on the advised frequency.
- 16.3 All Support/Coach boats must sign on and off by radio to the LBSC Radio Room and declare the number of persons on board.
- 16.4 Support boats may be called upon to provide assistance if requested by the Race Committee.
- 16.5 Except when requested by the Race Committee to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for a race to start until all boats have Finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.
- 16.6 When the wind is less than 10 knots all team leaders, coaches, parents and other support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing.
- 16.7 When Code Flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a Committee vessel all support boats are requested to remain afloat and assist all sailors until Code Flag W is lowered. Assistance may include towing boats ashore. Further requirements while Code Flag W is displayed may be advised in the Sailing Instructions or at the Regatta Briefing.
- 16.8 The Race Committee or Jury may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of NOR clause 14. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this clause may result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.

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17. Boat Park and Beach Area

17.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places both in the LBSC boat park and Beach Area.

18. Communication & Recording

18.1. While racing a competing boat shall not carry a mobile phone or any other electronic device capable of making or receiving communications.

18.2. Cameras are not permitted to be affixed in such a way that they protrude from the boat.

19. Prizes

19.1 Prizes for the Open Championship 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.

19.2 Prizes for the AOTR will be awarded at least to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams whose members are all of the same Australian state or Club.

19.3 For the Australian Championship, age prizes will be based on a sailor's age as at 31 Dec 2017, 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.

Worlds qualifiers - 1st to 5th places.

Australian Optimist Sailing Team (AOST) qualifiers.

OziOpti Club Championship Cup (for the Club with the lowest net score of their best three Open Fleet results).

Peter Gilmour Trophy (for the sailor with the largest improvement in their Open Fleet placing since last year).

Bennett Family Club Participation Trophy (for the Club with the largest number of entrants across all fleets).

Participation and encouragement awards 1st Australian female.

1st Place sailor in their 1st Nationals (Australian Open Fleet) Notable Sportsmanship.

19.4 Intermediate Fleet Intermediate National Championship 1st to 10th places.

19.5 Green Fleet Green Fleet Championship 1st Place, Natalie O'Brart Trophy, 2nd to 10th places.

19.6 1st Place international sailor in open, intermediate and green fleets.

19.7 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

20. Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1 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:
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 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.
- 20.4 Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organizers 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 organizers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore and include the Organising Authority, the Race committee, the race officers, safety and support boats and beach masters.
- 20.5 The provision of safety boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- 20.6 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these conditions.
- 20.7 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.

21. Media and Electronic Equipment

- 21.1 In submitting the entry form, all competitors, parents, legal guardians/custodians provide their permission for all photographs, video and audio to be the property of the Organising Authority and used for any purpose including public viewing, promotion and posting on the event website or other social media.
- 21.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.

22. Insurance

- 22.1 All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000.00 (recommend AUD\$10,000,000.00 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.

23. Representative Team Selection

This event forms part of the selection for the 2017 AOST and AODS. For information regarding qualification and selection please refer to AOST section of the AIODA website www.optimist.org.au.

24. Further Information

24.1 For further information, can be found via the championship website:

<http://www.optimist.org.au/nationals>.

24.2 Useful links:

[Race Entry & Documents](#)

[Which Fleet?](#)

[Charter Boat Information](#)



Attachment 1:

GREEN FLEET

1. In Green Fleet emphasis is on fun and the objective of this regatta is to offer younger and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate at the National Championship without feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive and arduous Open or Intermediate Fleets.
2. Sailors entering the Green Fleet should be competent at racing and have completed at least half season of green fleet racing at club level.
3. Green Fleet racing is intended to align with Open and Intermediate Fleets starting at 1200 hours each race day. In addition, on/off water activities are planned from 1000 hours each day as described in part 6. If weather forecasts or prevailing winds make it unlikely that green fleet will race in the afternoon, then the schedule may be reversed.
4. In the Green Fleet equipment used is not required to hold current measurement certificates (alters International Optimist Class rule 2.4.1) however the following measurement criteria still apply as a minimum:
 - a. **Hull:** the hull to be used shall carry a valid ISAF/IYRU plaque;
 - b. **Sail:** the sail shall carry a properly allocated and registered sail number and an IODA sail button; and
 - c. **Equipment:** shall carry all safety equipment listed in the equipment checklist.
5. The Event Measurer may in their sole discretion refuse the entry of a boat which in their opinion does not satisfy the spirit or intent of a one-design international class regatta.
6. The Green Fleet will consist of a variety of activities, led by appropriately qualified activity leaders/rules advisors (in an approximate ratio of 1:15-20). These activities may include both shore and on-water based skills coaching, shore and on-water games and scored racing governed by the ISAF Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01, as amended by the sailing instructions.
7. Racing for Green Fleet will be conducted on a separate course on the waters adjacent to the LBSC clubhouse. There will be excellent viewing for parents from the Club balcony, main bar area and from the beach.

Attachment 2: Course Areas

