



International Optimist Class Association (UK)



2019 VOLVO GILL BRITISH NATIONAL AND OPEN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS

27th July – 2nd August 2019

The Organising Authority is the International Optimist Class Association (UK), in conjunction with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

Event website:

www.kbsuk.com/optimist/iocaevents/fiona.asp?SessionID=279066149&EventID=94

NOTICE OF RACE: JUNIOR, SENIOR AND REGATTA FLEETS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.3. The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.4. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5. RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. [DP]
- 1.6. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority on the front 40% of the boat. [DP].

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The championships is open to all boats of the International Optimist Class.
- 3.2. Participants shall be ordinary members of IOCA (UK) or an equivalent National Optimist organisation.

- 3.3. Entry shall be made via the IOCA (UK) Event Website, and the official Entry Form shall be submitted with the declaration of the Parent/Guardian.
- 3.4. There will be a confirmed total entry limit of 450 boats. Once confirmed entry limits are reached any subsequent entries will be placed on a waiting list. As more resources become available the entry limit may be raised (please find more details on the website).
- 3.5. In line with the standard IOCA (UK) conditions of entry, entries will only be confirmed once the entry fee has been paid. While the entry fee remains unpaid that entry will remain on the waiting list.
- 3.6. All promotions from waiting list to confirmed entries will depend on payment of entry fees and available space at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.7. Late entries will only be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority
- 3.8. Entry will be accepted only from competitors (Optimist) aged 8¹ or older. Younger competitors may apply to compete, however the Organising Authority has absolute discretion to accept or refuse such an entry.
- 3.9. Registration requirements are:
 - a) measurement certificate with a current sail button number and buoyancy endorsement
 - b) adequate third party insurance of at least £3,000,000

Regatta Fleets

- 3.10. The objective of the regatta fleets is to provide 6 days of Optimist based activities, both on and off the water, including training and racing. Sailors and parents should note that the aim is for a balance between these activities.
- 3.11. Sailors whose primary focus is on racing and who are capable of staying on the water all day are therefore encouraged to join the Main Championship Fleets (Junior or Senior).
- 3.12. The regatta fleet will be divided into 2 fleets:
 - Regatta Racing,
 - Regatta Coaching
- 3.13. The Regatta Racing fleet is intended to be for sailors with experience of regatta racing who want to race all day but who are not yet confident to join the Championship fleets. The emphasis will be on racing and developing racing skills. There may be some training races and the sailors may return to the shore for lunch on some days.
- 3.14. The Regatta Coaching fleet is intended for those sailors who have started to race in their clubs and/or at regional level and who want to improve their racing skills prior to entry to the Championship fleets. Generally, the fleet will be coached in the morning in groups and will race in the afternoon.
- 3.15. To ensure as far as possible that sailors are enrolled in the most suitable fleet the organisers may (after consultation) (a) move sailors between fleets and amend the stated entry conditions in order to achieve this, (b) allow sailors who do not satisfy the stated entry conditions in section 3.16 to enrol in a Regatta Fleet, provided that a request (with reason) is made to the Organisers no later than the 24th June 2019 and there is a good reason for doing so. Any such decision by the Organisers is at their sole discretion.

¹ Optimist age is the age you are on 31st December of the year in question

- 3.16. The following are criteria for the regatta racing and coaching fleets:
- 3.16.1. Capable of completing a triangular course in a moderate breeze and of capsizing recovery without assistance
 - 3.16.2. Entries will not normally be accepted from sailors who are or have been a member of one of the RYA Zone Squads, Home Country Squads or IOCA (UK) Squads, nor any sailors who has competed in the Main Fleet of a previous IOCA (UK) Championships
 - 3.16.3. IOCA strongly recommend that sailors who are (Optimist) age 12 compete in the Main Championship Junior Fleet.

Regatta Racing

- 3.16.4. Evidence of racing in a regatta fleet, ideally at a national level.

Regatta Coaching

- 3.16.5. Evidence of racing at a club or regional level

4. Regatta Fleet – Parental Responsibility and Coaching

- 4.1. Every sailor must have a parent or other designated adult on shore at the venue at all times, who must have provided a mobile phone number, and have their phone switched on. Sailors remain the responsibility of that adult at all times while the sailor is not on the water, up until their boat is launched, and as soon as it returns to land. This does not include during official onshore activities arranged due to adverse weather conditions.
- 4.2. Sailors will be required to provide a contact at registration. If the contact is not available on shore at all times on a particular day, an alternative adult may be designated by providing contact details to the Race Office.
- 4.3. Sailing is a weather dependent sport, and sessions may not finish at the pre-designated time. Individual sailors may return to shore at any time. Sailors who are not collected promptly will be taken to the Race Office to await collection. Parents collecting from the Race Office will be expected to make a £5 donation to Chesil Sailability. Any sailor who is not collected promptly on more than one occasion without good reason may not be allowed to participate in the following day's activities. Any decision by the Organisers not to allow a sailor to take part under this section is final.
- 4.4. Sailors should note that coaching during racing will be permitted only by authorised Regatta Fleet coaches. Parents are asked not to attempt to coach their sailors while they are racing or being coached and to avoid the race course and coaching areas while activity is taking place (with the exception of parents who have volunteered to assist with safety or race management).

5. Fees

- 5.1. Key Dates
 - Late Entry Date: Midnight on 16th June 2019
 - Closing Date: Midnight on 14th July 2019
- 5.2. The fees and refund policy is as follows:

	Before late entry date	Before closing date	After closing date
Main fleet	£195	£235	£255 (if accepted)

Regatta Racing	£220	£270	£290 (if accepted)
Regatta Coached	£250	£300	£320 (if accepted)
Refund for cancellation	Full less £5	50%	None

- 5.3. A sibling discount, in the form of a refund, is available for families with three or more sailors across the Main and Regatta fleet events. Entries should be completed as normal and the Sibling discounts must be claimed at the event from the race office after registration has closed. For a third sailor, the discount is £60 for that entry only. For a fourth or subsequent sailor the discount is £120 for that entry only.

6. Format of racing

Main

- 6.1. All Championship competitors Optimist aged 13, 14 and 15 will race in the Senior Fleet. All younger Championship competitors will race in the Junior Fleet.
- 6.2. The championships for both Senior and Junior fleets will consist of a qualifying series and final series.
- 6.3. The Senior and Junior fleets may be divided into flights for the qualifying series and re-flighted at the end of each day of the qualifying series. Following the qualifying series the Senior and Junior fleets may then be divided into divisions (for example Gold, Silver and Bronze). The number of divisions will depend on the size of entry and the size of divisions within each fleet will be similar. If an equal division is not possible the gold fleet will have more sailors.
- 6.4. There will be a boys and girls championship in both Senior and Junior fleets.

Regatta

- 6.5. The Regatta fleets will race and be scored separately but may be on the same course for some of the sessions.

7. Schedule

- 7.1. Registration will take place at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy from 1400 until 1700 on Saturday 27th July 2019
- 7.2. Registration will be available from 0830 until 0930 on Sunday 28th July 2019, only in exceptional circumstances, and by prior arrangement, which must be requested no later than 27th July. Requests for late registration made after 27th July will be at the discretion of the Organiser.
- 7.3. Prior to Registration regatta fleet competitors will be required to complete the Equipment Inspection process. Equipment inspection stations will be open as 7.1 and 7.2 above
- 7.4. The Opening Ceremony will be held during the afternoon of Saturday 27th July
- 7.5. Dates of racing: Sunday 28th July to Friday 2nd August 2019
- 7.6. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Friday 2nd August 2019.

Main fleet

- 7.7. The Championship will consist of up to 15 races.

7.8. It is the intention that the morning of Wednesday 31st July 2019 will be a lay-morning (no racing). A notice to confirm (or cancel) the lay-morning will be posted on the official notice board no later than 1800, Tuesday 30th July 2019.

7.9. The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is:

7.9.1.	Sunday 28th July	First race	1355 (warning signal)
7.9.2.	Subsequent days	First race	1125 (warning signal)
7.9.3.	Wednesday 31 st July	First race	1355 (warning signal)

7.10. The scheduled number of races each day is:

7.10.1.	Sun 28 th , Wed 31 st July and Fri 2 nd August – 2 races
7.10.2.	Mon 29 th , Tue 30 th July and Thu 1 st August – 3 races

7.11. The intention is to run all races scheduled for a given day consecutively. There will not be time to go ashore between races. Competitors should be prepared to toilet afloat.

7.12. The intention is that there will be no more than three races a day, however, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. Additional races do not constitute a change in the schedule.

7.13. Qualifying will continue until the end of racing on Tuesday 30th July unless 5 qualifying races have not been completed for all boats at that time, in which case the lay-morning will be cancelled and 3 qualifying races will be scheduled for Wednesday 31st July. The qualifying series will then continue until the end of the day on which 5 qualifying races have been completed for all boats.

Regatta

7.14. The event may consist of any number of races for either Regatta fleet.

7.15. The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is:

7.15.1.	Sunday 28th July	First race	1355 (warning signal)
7.15.2.	Subsequent days	First race	1125 (warning signal)
7.15.3.	Wednesday 31 st July	No racing	

7.16. The Regatta Coached fleet will generally come ashore for lunch, the Regatta Racing fleet will generally have lunch afloat, subject to the conditions.

7.17. A Lay Day is planned for Wednesday 31st July where there will be no formal racing but other informal activities may be arranged. The Main fleet event also has a lay morning on the same day. If the Lay morning has to be cancelled for the Main fleet due to lack of races, it will also be cancelled for both Regatta Fleets.

7.18. An "Away Day" is planned as an optional activity for the Regatta Coached fleet on the Lay Day. Sailors from the Regatta Racing fleet may attend subject to having the necessary safety boats available. This will be a passage sail to a nearby location for a picnic lunch.

8. Measurement

Main

8.1. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.

8.2. Pre-registration equipment inspection procedures / and or measurement requirements at Registration will be published on the event website prior to the event.

- 8.3. Equipment inspection checks may be carried out ashore and on the water at the discretion of the race committee.

Regatta

- 8.4. Prior to registration, boats will be checked and measured. Competitors will not be able to register until they have successfully completed the measurement check. The measurement check for Regatta Fleet relates to items of safety and seaworthiness and should not be confused with the Main Championship Fleet measurement process.
- 8.5. Each sailor shall produce at registration evidence of a successful buoyancy test on the boat within the previous 12 months.
- 8.6. Specific attention is drawn to the following International Optimist Class Rules: (a) Each Unit (Buoyancy Bag) shall be 45 +/-5 litres", i.e. a minimum capacity of 40 litres. Boats with smaller buoyancy bags will not pass the check measurement process. (b) All Optimists must have a painter that is at least 8 metres long. (c) All Optimists that have a removable device to attach the boom strop to the mainsheet shall use a device that has a positive means of locking.
- 8.7. Boats will be monitored for continuing sea-worthiness during the event and may be prevented from going afloat if basic safety (including the condition of buoyancy bags and having adequate equipment such as bailers, paddles, etc.) is compromised.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the event website at least three days prior to the event.
- 9.2. Sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board. Individual printed copies will not be distributed on the day, please print your own if required.

10. Venue

- 10.1. The venue is Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland DT5 1SA, United Kingdom.
- 10.2. The racing area(s) will be in Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay (see Appendix 1).

11. The Courses

Main

- 11.1. There will be one course for the junior and senior fleets.
- 11.2. The courses will be published in the Sailing Instructions, and are expected to be trapezoid, worlds or similar

Regatta

- 11.3. The courses will vary as appropriate to the conditions and sailors ability.

12. Penalties

Main

- 12.1. Appendix P will apply, except as changed by this Notice of Race
- 12.2. RRS P2.3 is deleted and in RRS P2.2 "second" is changed to read "second or subsequent".

Regatta

- 12.3. All rules disputes will be dealt with using RYA arbitration unless serious damage or injury has resulted.

13. Scoring

Main Fleet

- 13.1. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- 13.2.1. Qualifying series
- 4 or more completed races - All scores except her worst race score
 - Fewer than 4 completed races - All race scores
- 13.2.2. Final series
- 4 or more completed races - All scores except her worst race score
 - Fewer than 4 completed races - All race scores.
- 13.3. Except for race scores excluded in accordance with 13.2 above, a boat's series score for the championships will be the total of her race scores from those qualifying races completed by all flights in the relevant fleet and her final races. Different final-series divisions need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats in the Gold division will be ranked highest, followed by those in the Silver, Bronze (and subsequent divisions, if used), except for a boat disqualified from a final-series race under rule 5 or 69.
- 13.4. Points for the Senior and Junior fleets shall be calculated separately. Points for the National Championships shall be calculated including all competitors, whether eligible for the championship or not. Points for the Boys and Girls Championship shall also be calculated including all competitors, whether eligible for the championship or not.

Regatta Fleet

- 13.5. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 13.6. The total score for each boat shall be the sum of her scores as follow:

Races Completed	Scores excluded
1-3	0
4-7	1
8-11	2
12 or more	3

14. Support boats [DP]

- 14.1. Support boats may be required to carry markings and shall comply with the directions from Safety Control (please refer to the Sailing Instructions for further details).
- 14.2. Support boats who are not an official vessel will need to pay a £5 per boat per day fee at WPNSA reception.
- 14.3. All support boat crews, safety crews and coaches will attend briefings by the race committee and organising authority as published in the event schedule.

15. Berthing

- 15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

16. Not Used

17. Not Used

18. Radio Communication [DP]

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio or mobile telephone transmissions whilst racing

19. Prizes

- 19.1. Prizes will be listed in a separate document.

20. Risk Statement

- 20.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk.
- 20.2. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held at the venue.

21. Insurance

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

22. Rights and Copyright

- 22.1. By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National Class Association and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed

television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

23. Data Protection

- 23.1. In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as in Rights and Copyright) will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations. More details will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

24. Further Information

- 24.1. For further information please contact <mailto:admin@optimist.org.uk>

25. Appendix 1

