

## Some Regattas

No Grand Prix!

The aim in the Optimist is to give as many young people as possible the chance to sail internationally.

So, unlike later sailing and indeed many other sports at this age, there is no ranklist, Grand Prix or circuit in the Optimist Class.

Many parents (and even more schoolteachers!) would not accept that you *have* to go to certain events on a certain dates.

Most regattas take place in school vacations. Around 1,000 sailors participate in international events in December, 1,300 in the four great Easter regattas and unknown thousands in July/August.

Many events are primarily holidays with club friends or parents. But selection for a national team is a major incentive so many national associations pick lower-ranked teams to give as many sailors as possible the unforgettable chance to “represent their country”.



GBR 3rd team at the French Nationals

## Christmas

**Trofeo Ciutat de Palma, Spain**

**3-7 December**

**284 Sailors from 12 countries**

1. Elia Borrego (ESP) ♦
2. Diego Botin (ESP)
3. Baltazar Montaner (ESP)

**St. Nicholas Race, Croatia**

**8-11 December**

**258 Sailors from 11 countries**

1. Matea Senkik (CRO) ♦
2. Lovre Perhat (CRO)
3. Kasia Kurtin (CRO) ♦

**Malta Euromed, Malta**

**17-20 December**

**67 Sailors from 12 countries**

1. Okan Arin (TUR)
2. Gil Cohen, (ISR) ♦
3. Gabriel Pace (MLT)

**XL Capital Bermuda**

**18-21 December**

**53 Sailors from 12 countries**

1. Magnus Kaeldsø (DEN)
2. Joshua Greenslade (BER)
3. Mathias Svendsen (DEN)

**Al Kharafi Regatta, Kuwait**

**19-23 December**

**20 Sailors from 7 countries**

1. Mohamed Shaiful (MAS)
2. Mohamed Azrul (MAS)
3. Ahmed Ragab (EGY)

**Rioplátense, Argentina**

**26-31 December**

**70 Sailors from 4 countries**

1. Gastón Bisio (ARG)
2. Armando Zulian (ARG)
3. Pablo Volker (ARG)

**GHG S. Caribbean, Trinidad**

**26-31 December**

**27 Sailors from 6 countries**

1. Matthew Scott (TRI)
2. Anthony Alkins (TRI)
3. Wesley Scott (TRI)

**Orange Bowl, U.S.A.**

**27-30 December**

**215 Sailors from 11 countries**

1. Will Haeger (USA)
2. Edgar Diminich (ECU)
3. Matthew Wefer (USA)

**Trofeo M. Campobasso, Italy**

**4-6 January**

**177 Sailors from 14 countries**

1. Fanis Kavas (GRE)
2. Leonardo Dubbini (ITA)
3. Matteo Ramian (ITA)

**Dubai Junior Regatta, U.A.E.**

**22-29 January**

**91 Sailors from 16 countries**

1. Leonardo Dubbini (ITA)
2. Mathias Svendsen (DEN)
3. Jes Lyhne Bonde (DEN)

**KABB International, Spain**

**17-19 February**

**188 Sailors from 20 countries**

1. Jolbert van Dijk (NED)
2. Carl Strombeck (SWE)
3. Giles Cleeren (BEL)

## Easter

**Optispring, Belgium**

**8-9 April**

**158 Sailors from 10 countries**

1. Jolbert van Dijk (NED)
2. Carl Strombeck (SWE)
3. Giles Cleeren (BEL)

**Lake Garda Meeting, Italy**

**13-16 April**

**661 Sailors from 21 countries**

1. Leonardo Dubbini (ITA)
2. Augusto Poropat (ITA)
3. Mathias Svendsen (DEN)

**Portoroz Regatta, Slovenia**

**13-16 April**

**236 Sailors from 9 countries**

1. Jakob Bozic (SLO)
2. Titto Rodda (ITA)
3. Rasi Bajons (AUT)

**Magic Marine Regatta, Holland**



**15-18 April**

**267 Sailors from 14 countries**

1. Herman Tomasgaard (SWE)
2. Phil Sparks (GBR)
3. Hampus Appelgren (SWE)

**Dutch Youth Regatta**  
**25-28 May** **Holland**  
**359 Sailors from 16 countries**  
 1. Julian Autenrieth (GER)  
 2. José Manuel Ruiz (ESP)  
 3. Mathias Svendsen (DEN)

**British Open**  
**5-11 August** **Great Britain**  
**114 Sailors from 7 countries**  
 1. Phil Sparks (GBR)  
 2. Aaron Smith (GBR)  
 3. James Grant (GBR)

**Sailextreme** **Denmark**  
**3-6 June**  
**142 Sailors from 6 countries**  
 1. Jes Lyhne Bonde (DEN)  
 2. Anne-Marie Rindom (DEN) ♦  
 3. Hermann Tomasgaard (SWE)

**Istanbul International Optimist**  
**13-18 August** **Turkey**  
**102 Sailors from 6 countries**  
 1. Alican Mer Keles (TUR)  
 2. Okan Arin (TUR)  
 3. Levent Ahiskali (TUR)

**Scotiabank Caribbean Regatta**



**23-25 June** **U.S. Virgin I.**  
**215 Sailors from 11 countries**  
 1. Iván Aponte (PUR)  
 2. Raúl Ríos (PUR)  
 3. Ian Barrows (ISV)

**Irish Open**  
**17-20 August** **Ireland**  
**143 Sailors from 5 countries**  
 1. Jordan Factor (USA)  
 2. Declan Whitmyer (USA)  
 3. James Grant (GBR)

**Singapore Open**  
**21-25 June** **Singapore**  
**217 Sailors from 7 countries**  
 1. Sean Lee (SIN)  
 2. Russell Kan (SIN)  
 3. Navee Thamsoontorn (THA)

**Swiss Open**  
**24-27 August** **Switzerland**  
**215 Sailors from 11 countries**  
 1. Julian Autenrieth (GER)  
 2. Vincent Trachsel (SUI)  
 3. Stefano Zilioli (ITA)

**Flanders Youth Week**  
**1-5 July** **Belgium**  
**67 Sailors from 9 countries**  
 1. Phil Sparks (GBR)  
 2. Ian Storck (USA)  
 3. Matthieu Van Schoote (BEL)

**Balkan Championship**  
**1-7 September** **Turkey**  
**62 Sailors from 6 countries**  
*Boys:*  
 1. Fanis Kavas (GRE)  
 2. George Kavas (GRE)  
 3. Keles Alican (TUR)

**Danish Open**  
**6-9 July** **Denmark**  
**177 Sailors from 8 countries**  
 1. Mathias Svendsen (DEN)  
 2. Herman Tomasgaard (SWE)  
 3. Stig Steinfurth (DEN)

*Girls:*  
 1. Nefeli Papagianagu (GRE)  
 2. Aimli Xaldau (GRE)  
 3. Mairi Bulgaraki (GRE)

**Belgian Open**  
**7-9 July** **Belgium**  
**236 Sailors from 9 countries**  
 1. Maite Colombie (BEL)  
 2. Sam Van Dormael (BEL)  
 3. Stijn Van Hoyer (BEL)

**Polish Open**  
**15-17 September** **Poland**  
**146 Sailors from 10 countries**  
 1. Julian Autenrieth (GER)  
 2. Carl Strombeck (SWE)  
 3. Kacper Staniul (POL)

**Team Racing Events**

**Team Racing is hugely popular in the Optimist and is included in all continental championships except the European.**

**Instead in Europe three European events have developed, each with different entry criteria.**

**Trofeo Marco Rizzotti**  
**Venice** **11-14 May**  
**20 teams from 13 countries**  
 1. Italy  
 2. Slovenia  
 3. New York (USA)

**GrandOptical Champions' Cup**  
 (inter-club championship)  
**Ledro, Italy** **22-26 August**  
**14 teams from 14 countries**  
 1. C.V. Bracciano (ITA)  
 2. Mos Ilawa (POL)  
 3. Kullavik KKK (SWE)



**Opti Team Cup**  
**Berlin** **28-29 October**  
**16 teams from 12 countries**  
 (2005 results)  
 1. Italy  
 2. Poland 1  
 3. Denmark

**IODA Calendar 2007**

[www.optiworld.org/ioda-07calendar.html](http://www.optiworld.org/ioda-07calendar.html)

**Each member country is allowed one entry plus any regatta with at least five countries participating.**