



Seaboard Marine 2015 Optimist North American Championship

NELSON'S DOCKYARD, ENGLISH HARBOUR, ANTIGUA

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AMENDMENTS:

**March 19; Additional Information, a) B.1. Accommodation for all delegations
b) K. Information about Visa Requirements**

March 23; 6.3.2 Wire payments – new instructions

June 18; Opening Ceremony - changed to July 5th

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Optimist North American Championship 2015 is organised by the Antigua Yacht Club with the endorsement of Antigua Sailing Association under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix D will apply for the North American Team Racing Championship and for the Nations' Cup, including D2.2 and D2.3(a); single flag protest procedure.
- 1.3 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.4 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 Rule 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows:
- 1.5.1 Add to rule 61.1(a) "The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing."
- 1.6 Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 1.6.1 The first sentence of rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - 1.6.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing:', except rule 40 as amended by instruction 1.6.1"
- 1.7 Rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 As per ISAF Regulation 20.5.3 (a), no Advertising may be displayed pursuant Regulation 20.3.2.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

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 rule 63.6.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below.
- 4.2 Competitors shall enter through the national association member of IODA (hereinafter 'member') they represent.
- 4.3 Each American (North or South) member of IODA may enter a team of 4 competitors with no gender restrictions. North and South American members are defined in the current [IODA Administrative Handbook](http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/IODA%20Handbook%202015.pdf) under "IODA Member Countries", p.48.

http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/IODA%20Handbook%202015.pdf 1994_en.pdf

Sailors whose IODA member is European but who are residents of an overseas territory that is geographically in America may be entered by the IODA member at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee. These sailors shall be considered to be American for the purpose of NOR 17 (PRIZES). See also condition 10.1 of the [IODA Administrative Handbook](#), Conditions for the Optimist Continental Championship, p.24.



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- 4.4 The following members may enter more competitors, as stated below (see 4.8 for gender restrictions):
- *Bermuda and Canada: 10;*
 - *USA: 24;*
 - *Mexico: 16;*
 - *Argentina and Brazil: 15;*
 - *Ecuador, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay: 10*
- 4.5 American members still seeking additional places shall request them by email to optinam2015@yachtclub.ag before 15 April 2015 with a booking deposit of US\$100 per additional competitor. This amount will not be refunded if the additional places are allocated but not accepted by the member.
- 4.6 Non-American members will be able to enter a team following the criteria described in Attachment 2, PART A.
- 4.7 If by 15 April 2015 the number of registered and paid competitors is less than the maximum stated in 4.9, the available places will be allocated by the IODA Executive Committee following the criteria described in Attachment 2, PART B (also see paragraph A3 of the Attachment 2, PART A).
- 4.8 The IODA Executive Committee has issued a written dispensation to modify 9.3 of the Conditions for Optimist Continental Championship in the IODA Administrative Handbook, in accordance with paragraph 1. GENERAL. Members entering teams with 8 or more competitors shall register a minimum number of competitors of the opposite gender, as stated in Attachment 2, PART C.
- 4.9 Entries are limited to 180 competitors.
- 4.10 Each team shall be accompanied by one Team Leader and may be accompanied by either two or three more adults, depending on the number of sailors. A maximum of four adults including the Team Leader shall be allowed only for teams with 10 or more sailors. (Condition 15.1 of the Conditions for Continental Championships)
- 4.11 Competitors shall be nationals or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulation 19 Nationality Criteria.

5. ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries shall be made online at www.optinam2015.org by submitting the online registration forms and by paying the **required fees** according to the schedule below:
- 5.1.1 **The Preliminary Entry Form** and a first payment of 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than 15 April 2015;
- 5.1.2 **The Second Entry Form** and the second payment of 50% of the total required fees shall be received not later than 15 May 2015.
- 5.1.3 **The Final Entry Form** shall be submitted as soon as the members of the delegation are defined but not later than 1 June 2015. The Final Entry Form can be accessed by emailing optinam2015@yachtclub.ag
- NOTE:** The Preliminary and Second Entry Forms are available at: www.optinam2015.org
- 5.2 **Required fees** are described in paragraphs 6 (ENTRY FEES), 15 (SUPPORT BOATS) and 16 (CHARTER BOATS). See the payment instructions in 6.3 and 16.6 below.
- 5.3 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to all late payments. **NOTE:** *Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline; and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item.*



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- 5.4 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than June 1, 2015 will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank cost incurred due to the refund). Competitors withdrawing their entry later than 1 June 2015 will not be refunded. The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16.
- 5.5 Competitors, team leaders and other adults (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete an on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor will not be completed until the measurement form issued by the Measurement Sub-Committee (see paragraph 9) has been returned to the Race Office.

6. ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be **US\$700 per competitor and US\$800 per adult** (maximum four adults according to 4.10).
- 6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship (from the Official Arrival day to the Official Departure day inclusive).

6.3 Payment instructions:

6.3.1 **Payment by Credit Card Preferred.** For credit card payments go to <http://www.antiguayachtclub.com/nam-optimists.php> or telephone 1 268 460 1799 between times listed:

EST Tuesday to Friday 0830 and 1530; Monday 1130 and 1530; Saturday 0930 and 1330;
EDT (from Sunday March 2) Tuesday to Friday 0930 and 1630; Monday 1230 and 1630;
Saturday 1030 and 1430.

6.3.2 **WIRE TRANSFERS:** Please contact Antigua Yacht Club by e-mail on events@yachtclub.ag or by telephone on 1 268 460 1799 between times listed: EST Tuesday to Friday 0830 and 1530; Monday 1130 and 1530; Saturday 0930 and 1330; EDT (from Sunday March 2) Tuesday to Friday 0930 and 1630; Monday 1230 and 1630; Saturday 1030 and 1430. Please give your name, the club/organisation you represent, the country and whether you are a competitor or coach and the amount you are sending by wire transfer. You will be given a reference number to include with your wire transfer to identify the payment and the wire transfer details. Please make payments to the following bank account.

Intermediary Bank:	Beneficiary Bank:
Bank of America, N.A	Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank
100 33 rd Street West	1000 Airport Blvd, Coolidge, Antigua
New York, NY, 10001	Swift: ECABAGAG
Swift: BOFAUS3N	For credit to:
ABA: 026-009-593	Beneficiary Name: Antigua Yacht Club
	Account # 122000098

When making transfers please mark as "ALL CHARGES TO BE PAID BY SENDER"

NB: Please ensure that your account number is included at all times when transactions are processed online.

6.3.3 Fees shall be paid in US\$.

6.3.4 Charges for payment by wire transfer will be charged to the payee and will show on your bank statement. Any underpayment will be collected from the competitor/coach on arrival

6.3.5 For payment by credit card 5% will be added for the bank handling charge.



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FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 The IODA North American Championship comprises three 'championships':
- 7.1.1 The OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (INAM);
 - 7.1.2 The OPTIMIST TEAM RACING NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRNAM);
 - 7.1.3 The OPTIMIST NATIONS CUP (NC).
- 7.2 For the **INAM**
- 7.2.1 Entries may be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
 - 7.2.2 If 5 races of a qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day, that qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fifth qualifying race is completed.
 - 7.2.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all fleets have completed that race.
- 7.3 For the team racing events:
- 7.3.1 Each event is organised for a maximum of 16 teams from members represented by at least 4 competitors. Each team shall comprise of 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the member.
 - 7.3.2 For the selection of the teams as well as for the seeding, the Race Committee will calculate 'Total scores' per group of 4 competitors per member, as explained below: After the first 5 races sailed in the INAM (or the number of races sailed until 8 July 2015 inclusive, if fewer than 5) the total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for the first team of each member. For members with more than 4 competitors: the total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for the second team of each member; and, for members with more competitors, the total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for the third team of each member.
 - 7.3.3 No member may enter more than three teams in the team racing competitions
 - 7.3.4 No member will be allowed to enter more than one team in the team racing championships (to participate in the same championship or in both) unless it makes available to the organisers a suitable umpire for the TRNAM or the NC. This individuals name must be stated at registration.
 - 7.3.5 The seeding for the TRNAM and NC will be based on the total scores mentioned in 7.3.2. Formats of both championships will be described in the relevant Sailing Instructions.
 - 7.3.6 When a member enters more than one team in the same team race event, the position of each team in the grid will be based on each team total points, which will be the result of adding the points (on the first 5 races or the number of races until 8 July inclusive, if fewer than 5) of the actual best 4 members of the team. Teams with lower total points will be seeded in higher positions.
 - 7.3.7 The total points of the competitors, as mentioned in 7.3.2, will be based on the ranking available at 2100 on 8 July **regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.**
 - 7.3.8 The required red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or PFD and shall be capable of being concealed and being displayed at arm's length. To indicate a protest, the flag shall be deployed from a concealed position to a position where it is easily visible to the protested boat and Umpires.
- 7.4 **TRNAM**
- 7.4.1 The first 16 teams from North American members (those with the best total score according to 7.3.2) will qualify, but;
 - 7.4.2 Had any North American member/s not qualified any team, it/they shall enter a team replacing the team/s (of members that had qualified more than one team) with worst total score/s.



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7.5 NC

7.5.1 If there are 16 or more members from outside North America represented by at least four competitors, the 16 members with the best first teams according to 7.3.2 may enter one team.

7.5.2 If there are fewer than 16 members from outside North America represented by at least 4 competitors, every one of them may enter their first team. Remaining places will be allocated to teams with best total scores according to 7.3.2 selected indiscriminately from (but following the order of the scores in accord to 7.3.2):

7.5.2.1 Second and third teams of North American members that had not qualified to the TRNAM;

7.5.2.2 Second and third teams of members from outside North America

7.5.2.3 Combined teams from members which are not represented by at least four competitors.

8. PROGRAM

8.1

4 July	Early Arrival and Measurement
5 July	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement. Official accommodation available from 1400. Opening Ceremony
6 July	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders' meeting. Practise Race. .
7 July	INAM, Races.
8 July	INAM, Races.
9 July	TRNAM. NC.
10 July	Spare Day.
11 July	INAM, Races.
12 July	INAM, Races. Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.
13 July	Official Departure Day.

8.2 10 races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per day.

9. MEASUREMENT

9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4).

9.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Measurement Sub-Committee according to the Measurement Regulations, and approved by this Sub-Committee to be complying with the Class Rules.

9.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.



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- 9.4 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment have been checked by the Measurement Sub-Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutineered by the Measurement Sub-Committee.
- 9.5 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Measurement Sub-Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.
- 9.6 Only boats chartered through the Organising Committee may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried by these boats shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat, and the number shall consist of the number of digits equal to the most recently issued sail number in that country. Boats not chartered through the Organising Committee shall comply with the Class Rules.
- 9.7 Hulls chartered through the Organising Committee are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1. All other hulls shall comply with the Class Rules.
- 9.8 Competitors are only allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Committee.
- 9.9 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again on the spare day.
- 9.10 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate), it will be measured at the Championship and a certificate will be issued at a cost of US\$50, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.
- 9.11 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available upon registration at the venue.

11. VENUE

The Championship will be held at Nelson's Dockyard, English Harbour, Antigua. The shore venue will be the Antigua Yacht Club and the racing areas will be in the waters off English and Falmouth Harbours
Antigua Yacht Club Address: English Harbour, Antigua. Tel: +1 268 460 1799.

E-mail: optinam2015@yachtclub.ag . Website: www.optinam2015.org

12. THE COURSE

- 12.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 12.2 For the team racing championships the course will be a starboard "S" course.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply for the INAM.
- 13.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 13.3 Races of the team racing championships will be umpired.



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14. SCORING

- 14.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Team support boats shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:
 - 15.1.1 Each boat shall be a minimum of 4.5m in length and shall display white flags bearing the three letter national code of the countries it supports, which will be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support boats.
 - 15.1.2 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from 5 July, each boat shall meet the requirements in 15.2 and 15.3.
 - 15.1.3 During the Team Racing days, the support boats will be at the disposal of the Organising Committee.
 - 15.1.4 Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by the teams using the boat.
 - 15.1.5 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided and coaches should bring their own.
- 15.2 The maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in support boats (hereinafter 'coaches') at any one time shall be
 - Teams comprising 10 or fewer competitors: 1 coach.
 - Teams comprising 11 to 20 competitors: 2 coaches.
 - Teams comprising 21 or more competitors: 3 coaches.
- 15.3 Each support boat shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times (except during the team racing, when one coach per boat might be allowed, if the organisers so decide). The Organising Committee will allocate places in support boats to coaches, subject to the above limits, who have reserved them (see 15.4) at its absolute discretion. If a team is entitled to and enters more than one coach, two of these coaches may be allocated to the same boat.
- 15.4 Teams wishing to have places on chartered support boats shall pay for each such place a fee of 50% of the charter fee for the boat. If the situation demands that more than two coaches share a boat, the cost of renting the boat for the regatta days will be divided by the number of coaches, in which case the difference (between the 50% required and the actual percentage) will be refunded at the end of the championship at the latest.
- 15.5 Team support boats to be used during the Championship days (5 to 12 July inclusive) are available from McLaughlin at the **Support boat charter fee of US\$1400 per boat / \$700 per Coach**. Payment instructions can be found in the **Support Boat Reservation Form** at www.optinam2015.org
- 15.6 For each place on a support boat, reservations shall be made by submitting the **Support Boat Reservation Form** accompanied by a payment of 50% of the total amount to be paid (depending on the number of places to be booked, see paragraphs 15.3 and 15.4) which shall be received on or before 15 April 2015. Availability of places on support boats is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after 15 April 2015. The remaining 50% shall be received on or before 15 May 2015.



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- 15.7 A damage deposit of US\$400 per boat will be charged at registration at the venue and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good condition. Should the Organising Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may be required that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the boat again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat.
- 15.8 Late reservations and/or payments of support boats charter fees will incur a surcharge of 20%.

16. CHARTER BOATS

- 16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.
- 16.2 The charter boats will be provided by McLaughlin. They will be allocated on a random basis to individual competitors by the Organising Committee under the supervision of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - Hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 Charter boats will be complete with blocks, airbags, padded toe straps, racing spars, racing foils and trolley. Paddles, sails, bailers and mainsheets (including the boom block) will not be provided.
- 16.6 The **charter fee** for 8 Championship days (5 to 12 July inclusive) will be **US\$500 per boat**.
- 16.7 Reservation of charter boats shall be made by submitting the **Charter Boat Reservation Form** and by transferring 50% of the charter fee on or before 15 April. The balance of fees shall be transferred on or before 15 May. Payment instructions are contained in the **Charter Boat Reservations Form** found at www.optinam2015.org
- 16.8 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.
- 16.9 Late reservations and payments will incur a surcharge of 20% of the charter fee. Charter boat availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than 15 April 2015.
- 16.10 In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of US\$100 will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 For the INAM, the following prizes will be awarded:
- 17.1.1 The 15 best placed competitors, without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence
- 17.1.2 The 3 best placed competitors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is from North America; the first of whom will become the North American Champion 2015;
- 17.1.3 Three permanent trophies (to be kept for one year and returned to the organisers of the following year's event) will be awarded:
- To the best placed competitor whose IODA member is from North America;
 - To the best placed female competitor regardless of her continent of residence;
 - To the best placed competitor, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is from outside North America



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- 17.1.4 The 5 best placed female competitors regardless of their continent of residence;
- 17.1.5 The best placed male competitor, regardless of his continent of residence;
- 17.1.6 The best placed female competitor whose IODA member is from North America;
- 17.1.7 The best placed male competitor whose IODA member is from North America.
- 17.2 For the team racing championships, a medal shall be awarded to each member of at least the following teams:
 - 17.2.1 The three best placed in the TRNAM. The first of these teams will be the North American Team Champion 2015;
 - 17.2.2 The three best placed in the NC.
- 17.3 More prizes might be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 18.2 The Organising Authority and any other party involved in the organisation of the Championship will accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to competitors before, during or after the Championship.
- 18.3 All competitors and support staff will be required to execute a liability waiver.

19. INSURANCE

The purchase of third-party liability event insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of EURO 10 per competitor and per coach, payable to the organisers upon arrival, before registration is completed. A rate conversion to US\$ will occur on the Official Arrival Day. Details of this insurance can be found at:

http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/thirdParty.pdf_1948_en.pdf

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For further information and queries, please contact:

Name	Amneris Calle
Tel:	+ 54 9 11 66196503
E-mail	optinam2015@yachtclub.ag
Website	www.optinam2015.org
Skype	calle.amneris

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



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information is not part of the rules of the event

A. BEHAVIOUR

Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat, with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.

B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

B.1. Delegations will be housed at the Antigua Yacht Club Marina Resort, English Harbour and the Catamaran Hotel, Falmouth. Official accommodation will be available from 1400 on 5 July 2015 until 1100 on 13 July 2015.

B.2. Breakfast and Dinner served at the Antigua Yacht Club. Packed lunches will be delivered at the nautical venue. The first official meal will be dinner on 5 July 2015 and the last official meal will be breakfast on 13 July 2015.

B.3. Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please send any special request filling in the relevant field in the Second Entry Form.

C. EARLY ARRIVALS

C.1. Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should contact the organisers in order to book accommodation. For early arrivals and late departures the daily room fee will be US\$75 plus 22.5% Government Tax on both single and multiple occupancy. Official accommodation will be available from 5 July 2015.

*C.2. Please make reservations by completing the relevant section in the **Second Entry Form** before 15 May 2015 to guarantee availability.*

C.3. Club facilities will be open from 30 June 2015.

D. EARLY ARRIVAL SUPPORT BOATS

D.1. It is possible from June 30th to rent a support boat to be used before the Official Arrival day at US\$100 per boat per day excluding fuel. Reservation of such boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Support Boat Reservation Form and by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount, which shall be received on or before 1 June 2015 to guarantee the rate. Allocation of early arrival support boats will be made in order of arrival.

D.2. Late reservations and payments of pre-Championship support boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.

E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS

E.1. Charter boats will also be available from June 30th before the Official Arrival Day at US\$75 per boat per day. Reservations of pre-Championship charter boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Charter Boat Reservation Form and transferring 100% of the fees, which shall be received on or before June 1, 2015. These fees are to be transferred to McLaughlin as indicated in NOR 16.7

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F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

Transportation will be provided from Antigua International Airport (VC Bird Airport). The trip should take 20 minutes one way. There is no cost for organized arrivals. Taxis (if used) cost US\$26 to English Harbour. Please make reservations by completing the relevant section in the **Second Entry Form**.

G. SUPPORTERS

Supporters shall make reservations themselves.

H. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Antigua more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

Each team is kindly requested to bring their National Flag (100cm x 150cm).

J. SAILING CONDITIONS

Daytime air temperature	90 F max
Water Temperature	70 F
Prevailing Wind Direction	Easterly
Wind Speed	5 to 25 knots
Hours of Good Wind	8
Tide	None
Current	1 - 2 knots NW

K. VISA REQUIREMENTS

There are no visa requirements for the majority of countries. A list of countries that do not require visas is posted on the website, in the section titled "ANTIGUA". www.optinam2015.org For those countries who do require a visa the Organising Committee will ask for a visa waiver from Immigration. It is the responsibility of the delegations to check the requirements for their country, and to contact the OC if they require a visa to enter Antigua.

L. SPECTATOR BOATS

There will be spectator boats available. Fees will be announced later.

M. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue.



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N. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

ITEM	COST - US\$		NOR
REQUIRED PAYMENTS			NOR
Entry Fee - Competitors	700	Deadline: 15 April 2015– 50% 15 May 2015 – 50%	5 & 6
Entry Fee - Adults	800	Deadline: : 15 April 2015– 50% 15 May 2015 – 50%	5 & 6
Support Boat Fee	1400 per boat 700 per coach	Deadline: : 15 April 2015 50% – 15 May 2015 50% - Fuel not included.	15.4, 15.5, 15.6
Damage Deposit - Support Boat	400	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable.	15.7
Charter Boat Fee	500 per boat	Deadline: : 15 April 2015– 50% 15 May 2015 – 50%	16.6
Damage Deposit - Charter Boat	100	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable.	16.10
Sail Measurement	50	Sails without certificate, payable to IODA.	9.10
Insurance	EURO 10	Competitors and coaches	19
Surcharge	20%	Late payments. Depends on item.	Various but see NOTE in 5.3
OPTIONAL PAYMENTS			Extra info sheet
Accommodation	75 per day per room +22.5% tax		C.1
Support Boat Early Arrivals	100 per boat per day	Fuel not included.	D.1
Charter Boat Early Arrivals	75 per boat per day		E.1
Transportation	Free		F
Surcharge	20%	Late payment	Various but see NOTE in 5.3

ATTACHMENT 2: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

PART A: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NON-AMERICAN MEMBERS

A.1 Unless the IODA Executive Committee determines differently one year before the event, 6 Non American members of IODA may enter teams of 4 sailors each. Entries will be accepted in chronological order, except that a place is reserved for one team from each continent represented in the first half of the Teams aggregated score (MHT) of the previous World Championship.

[This results in GER, SIN, and NZL qualifying by right and the other 3 slots going to ITA, SUI, and CRO.](#)

No member from Africa has qualified.

The IODA Executive committee may decide to allow the entry of sailors from a member that have not qualified in the first half of the MHT, depending on the history of results of the relevant member.



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- A.2 Of all the applications received:
- (a) For each continent, only the member with the best scores in the ranking of the MHT will enter.
 - (b) If there are four continents represented, the relevant best four teams may enter.
 - (c) If there are three or fewer continents represented, only three members from outside of America may enter, with the priority given to the best team in each continent. However, if by 15 April 2015. any of the said members have entered fewer than three sailors, another member (only one) of the same continent may enter a team of four sailors provided that the max number of 16 sailors for members from outside of America is not exceeded. If that happens - another member enter four sailors -, the member that have entered fewer than 3 will not be allowed to enter more sailors than the number they have entered by 15 April 2015..
 - (d) If there are fewer than three continents represented, the remaining places (up to 12 in total for non-Americans) will be allocated to other non-American members that have applied to enter, according to the priority given by the order of their places in the ranking of the MHT.
 - (e) If no member from outside of America apply, the 16 spots will be allocated to the members of America that have requested extra spots, as stated in NOR 4.5.
- A.3 In the case when the total number of registered sailors after the first deadline is significantly lower than the maximum stated in NOR 4.9 the IODA Executive Committee may allow for entries from other non-American members, in which case priority will be given to the members with better positions in the MHT ranking.

PART B: ALLOCATIONS AFTER THE FIRST DEADLINE FOR PAYMENTS

B.1 In the event that by 15 April 2015. the number of registered and paid American sailors is less than 168, the available places will be allocated by the IODA Executive Committee to the American members that have requested them, according primarily to their average participation in 2013 and 2014 World and North American Championships. Places allocated in this way must be confirmed by registration and payment by 30 April 2015.

B.2 The places allocated to non-American members shall be paid on or before 15 April 2015. If no payment is made the remaining places will go to the other non-American countries that have requested places but if by 30 April 2015, no payment has been received, the remaining spots originally reserved for non-American countries will be allocated to American countries.



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PART C: GENDER REQUIREMENTS

The following table lists the minimum number of sailors of each gender for teams of 8 or more sailors. Please note this amends the current IODA Administrative Handbook, Conditions for the Optimist Continental Championship, Section 9.3 p. 24.

http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/IODA%20Handbook%202015.pdf 1994_en.pdf

Total Number of Sailors in the Team	Minimum Number of Sailors of Each Gender
8 to 9	1
10	2
11 to 12	3
13 to 16	4
17 to 20	5
21 to 24	6
25 to 28	7
29 to 32	8
33 to 36	9
37 to 40	10