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2009 Bermuda Optimist Open & National Championship

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NOTICE OF RACE

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Invitation	The Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (R.H.A.D.C.) is pleased to be the Organising Authority for the 2009 Bermuda Optimist Open & National Championship.
Eligibility & Entries	<p>Competitors must be Members of BODA or their National Optimist Association. Competitors must have been born on or after January 1, 1994.</p> <p>The entry fee is \$50 per sailor for the Regatta. Entries received after 9th November and up to close of registration on the 27th November, are subject to an additional Late Entry Fee of \$25 per sailor and will be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.</p> <p>Entry forms shall be submitted with payment to RHADC Sailing Office.</p> <p>There may be a limit set on the number of overseas visiting competitors due to the availability of charter boats - this may be managed in the order that entries are received.</p>
Rules	The regatta shall be governed by "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS); and the Code of Conduct of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association.
Sailing Instructions	The sailing instructions will be available at R.H.A.D.C. at least one week prior to the regatta.
General	The racing area will be the waters of Hamilton Harbour, Granaway Deep and The Great Sound. Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions using racing marks.
Scoring & Prizes	<p>The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply except as modified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. • When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. • When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores. <p>The overall results will be split into Gold and Silver Fleets, the top half of the Fleet (50% of the entrants rounded up) will be the Gold Fleet, the lower half will be the Silver Fleet.</p> <p>Prizes shall be awarded to the first three sailors in the Gold Fleet; the first three sailors the Silver Fleet; and in addition there may be separate prizes for girls overall; and the top Bermuda resident shall be designated "Bermuda Optimist National Champion."</p> <p>Prize-giving is scheduled to follow racing on November 29th at 6:00pm, at R.H.A.D.C..</p>
Measurement & Identification	<p>Sails may be inspected by the Organisers and stamped.</p> <p>Spot checks will be performed on equipment on a random basis prior to, and during the regatta.</p> <p>No substitution of sails or equipment is allowed from 4pm on Friday throughout the Regatta without the written permission of the Race Committee.</p>

<p>Schedule</p>	<p>The scheduled time of the warning signal is 10:30am.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="480 170 1539 617"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Date</th> <th>Time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Registration Close</td> <td>Nov 9</td> <td>6:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Late Registration Close</td> <td>Nov 27</td> <td>6:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boats & sails to be at RHADC</td> <td>Nov 27</td> <td>4:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Race Briefing for sailors, coaches and support boats – Flip Flops</td> <td>Nov 27</td> <td>6:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morning sailors briefing – Flip Flops</td> <td>Nov 28</td> <td>8:30am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boat launch</td> <td>Nov 28</td> <td>9:00am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warning signal – 5 races</td> <td>Nov 28</td> <td>10:30am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morning sailors briefing – Flip Flops</td> <td>Nov 29</td> <td>8:30am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boat launch</td> <td>Nov 29</td> <td>9:00am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warning signal – 5 races</td> <td>Nov 29</td> <td>10:30am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prize-giving – RHADC Club House</td> <td>Nov 29</td> <td>6:00pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Regatta consists of 10 races, with 5 races scheduled each day. The Race Officer may, at his discretion, get one race ahead of schedule but shall not sail more than 6 races on any one day.</p> <p>4 races shall constitute a series.</p> <p>No race shall be started after 4.00pm.</p>		Date	Time	Registration Close	Nov 9	6:00pm	Late Registration Close	Nov 27	6:00pm	Boats & sails to be at RHADC	Nov 27	4:00pm	Race Briefing for sailors, coaches and support boats – Flip Flops	Nov 27	6:00pm	Morning sailors briefing – Flip Flops	Nov 28	8:30am	Boat launch	Nov 28	9:00am	Warning signal – 5 races	Nov 28	10:30am	Morning sailors briefing – Flip Flops	Nov 29	8:30am	Boat launch	Nov 29	9:00am	Warning signal – 5 races	Nov 29	10:30am	Prize-giving – RHADC Club House	Nov 29	6:00pm
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<p>Penalty System</p>	<p>Appendix P shall apply.</p> <p>Protest Arbitration shall be used as per the Sailing Instructions.</p>																																				
<p>Safety</p>	<p>Safety checks will be carried out on all boats at RHADC before launching, and random spot checks on the water. Any boat not displaying the appropriate safety check pass symbol for that day will not be permitted to launch.</p> <p>All sailors must be competent and capable of sailing a triangular course (with approximately 250m legs) in moderate conditions.</p> <p>For both fleets it is expected that if a child does not wish to sail their parents are available to look after them ashore.</p>																																				
<p>Support Boats</p>	<p>Support (including coaches) boats must register with the organising committee, and nominate each competitor they are supporting.</p> <p>Support boats may be called upon by the Race Committee to assist with rescue operations. Support boats must have a working VHF, and must monitor the Race Committee channel.</p> <p>There will be a briefing for support boat skippers as per the schedule.</p> <p>Coaches and other support personnel including spectators shall not be in the racing area from the time of the competitors warning signal until the competitor has finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all competitors associated with the infringing coach or support personnel.</p>																																				
<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, including racing coverage, with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent, valid for all skippers.</p> <p>In the event competitors are not able to provide their own third-party liability coverage, the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association intends to provide this liability coverage for competitors. For details about the Policy contact BODA.</p>																																				
<p>Charter Boats; Social; Lodging</p>	<p>Information with regard to charter boats; social schedule; and lodging for overseas competitors will be posted to the BODA website – www.boda.bm</p>																																				

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ENTRY FORM

BOAT Sail #		CHARTER REQUIRED?	
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PAYMENT	\$	ENCLOSED	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR RHADC ACCOUNT #	
OR C.Card #		NAME			

SKIPPER NAME		BOY/GIRL
DATE OF BIRTH	/ /	

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Parent or Guardian: Name			
SIGN		DATE	
TELEPHONE		E-MAIL	

Deliver Forms & Payment to RHADC Sailing Office

sailing@rhadc.bm _1 441 236 3077

Do NOT e-mail credit card details

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS); and the Code of Conduct of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located at R.H.A.D.C..
- 2.2 As a courtesy to competitors, an advisory message shall be posted on telephone number 236-1755 on the day of racing. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall be posted before 08:30 hours on the day it shall take effect. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Official Flagstaff at R.H.A.D.C..
- 4.2 When Code flag "AP" is displayed ashore this means "Racing is postponed, do not leave the dock". The first scheduled warning signal shall be made not less than 60 minutes after Code flag "AP" is lowered.
- 4.3 Class flags shall be Code Flag "R".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Regatta consists of 10 races, with 5 races scheduled each day. The Race Officer may, at his discretion, get one race ahead of schedule but shall not sail more than 6 races on any one day. 4 races shall constitute a series.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race shall be 10:30 hours.
- 5.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.4 Races Abandoned or Postponed shall be started as soon as practicable.
- 5.5 No race shall be started after 4.00pm.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area will be the waters of The Great Sound, Granaway Deep or Hamilton Harbour. The racing area will be advised at the sailors briefing.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 Courses are shown on the Course Card which ranks as part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat shall display the course number.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 Windward, offset and leeward racing marks shall be yellow inflatable tetrahedral buoys (ITB), or inflatable cylinder buoys (ICB) as indicated on the course card. New marks, as provided in instruction 11 shall be a red ITB. The starting and finishing marks shall be orange ITB or ICB as indicated on the course card.

9. CHECKING IN

- 9.1 Before the warning signal of her first race of the day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races shall be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying a pink flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end starting mark.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.

11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

11.1 To change the position of the next mark(s), the race committee shall lay a new mark(s), or move the finish line, and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable. The change shall be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

12. RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls shall be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Two Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for each class shall be 60 minutes from their start time.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident that occurred while racing shall notify the race committee signal boat as soon as possible after retiring or finishing. This amends RRS 61.

16.2 Protest forms are available at R.H.A.D.C.. Protests shall be delivered to a representative of the protest committee located at the lower level of the R.H.A.D.C. clubhouse within the protest time limit.

16.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking of the race committee signal boat. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. The protest committee may extend the protest time at their discretion. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

16.4 Hearing notices will be posted on the official notice board within 5 minutes after the protest time limit to inform parties to a hearing of the time and place of the hearing. Hearings may commence at any time if parties are present and prepared; otherwise hearings may be scheduled as early as 10 minutes after the protest time limit. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notice as required by RRS 61 and 63.2.

16.5 A boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of Sailing Instructions 16, 18, 20. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This amends RRS 64.1(a).

16.6 Protest Arbitration. RRS 44.2 is modified to allow a boat to take a 20% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator. After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the jury. No witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following three conclusions:

- No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest it will be submitted to the jury for hearing.
- A rule was broken by one of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of accepting a 20% penalty or submitting the matter to the jury for a protest hearing. Application of the 20% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). If the penalty is accepted the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.
- The protest should be submitted to the jury for hearing. When the protest is submitted to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury, be called as a witness or be present in the jury room. The arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with jury members until after the jury's decision has been made.

17. SCORING

17.1 Scoring shall be as defined in the Notice of Race.

17.2 Boats identified "Time Limit Expired" shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Each competitor shall wear, properly secured, an approved PFD from the time the boat leaves the dock until it returns to the dock. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification from all races for that day. This changes RRS 40.

18.2 Competitors shall check in with the Race Committee boat before the start of the first race of the day.

18.3 A boat 'withdrawing' from a race or intending to 'not start' a race shall inform the nearest safety boat (flying a white flag) as soon as possible.

19. OFFICIAL & OTHER BOATS

- 19.1 Official boats shall display R.H.A.D.C. burgee.
- 19.2 Safety boats shall display a red flag.
- 19.3 Jury boats shall display a yellow flag.

20. COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 Support boats shall display a white flag as provided by the Organising Authority.
- 20.2 Coaches and other support personnel including spectators shall not be in the racing area from the time of the competitors warning signal until the race has finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless specifically authorised by the Race Committee as a matter of safety. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all competitors associated with the infringing coach or support personnel.
- 20.3 All coach and support boats shall respond immediately to the instructions of the race officials and safety boats.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes shall be awarded as described in the Notice Of Race.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

COURSE CARD

Course

T - Start-1-2-3-Finish

Marks 1,2,3 are *Rounding Marks*
 Mark 1 – Yellow ICB
 Mark 2 & 3 – Yellow ITB

