


2009 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship

Presented by



		
Royal Victoria Yacht Club August 24 - 28, 2009		

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Notice of Race

1. Dates and Venue

The 2009 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship will be held from Sunday, 23 August to Friday 28 August, 2009. The venue will be the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, 3475 Ripon Road, Victoria, B.C. V8R 6H1.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The organizing authority is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.
- 2.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012*.
- 2.3 The 2008 International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules will apply (refer to IODA and or CODA websites for full Rules document).
- 2.4 Appendix P will apply.
 - 2.4.1 Rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to second or subsequent penalties assessed under rule P1.
 - 2.4.2 Rule P2.3 shall not apply.
- 2.5 The following rule changes will be in effect:
 - 2.5.1 Racing rule 61 Protest Requirements will be changed as follows:
Rule 61.1(a)(2) will not apply.

3. Advertising

Advertising shall be Category C.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy class provided that skippers shall be 15 years of age or under as of December 31st, 2009.
- 4.2 Competitors must present proof of membership in CODA or another International Optimist Dinghy national class authority.
- 4.3 Competitors must present proof of age at registration.
- 4.4 Fleets will be divided as follows:
 - 4.4.1 Red Fleet: 13 to 15 years of age as of December 31st, 2009
 - 4.4.2 Blue Fleet: 11 to 12 years of age as of December 31st, 2009
 - 4.4.3 White Fleet: 10 years of age or under as of December 31st, 2009
 - 4.4.4 Green Fleet: Eligibility for the Optimist Class Green Fleet is subject to the following criteria:
 - 4.4.4.1 Skippers shall be 15 years of age or under as of December 31st, 2009
 - 4.4.4.2 Skippers shall not return to Green Fleet competition after having competed in other Optimist fleets (i.e. in White, Blue, Red or similar advanced Optimist fleets) except where no Green Fleet competition was offered at such events; and
 - 4.4.4.3 Upon placing three times in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place overall in a regatta, or any combination thereof, a skipper shall advance to his/her appropriate age group fleet (White, Blue or Red).

5. Registration and Fees

- 5.1. Boats will be registered upon receipt of a completed entry form and payment of the required entry fee; submission of a signed Waiver and Medical Form, and completion of measurement requirements prior to the close of registration (1600, Monday, August 24, 2009).
- 5.2. The registration fee for the regatta is CDN \$150.00 for competitor registrations received prior to July 31, 2009 and CDN \$150.00 for coach registrations.
- 5.3. Subsequent to this date, the late entry fee will be CDN \$175.00 for competitors and \$175 for coaches.
- 5.4. The fee is inclusive of a CODA levy and covers lunches, after race snacks and two dinners.
- 5.5. Lunch and dinner packages for non-competitors will be available at a cost to be determined and may be purchased at time of registration.
- 5.6. BC resident sailors may be eligible for financial support from BC Sailing to compete in this regatta. For further information, please visit www.opti2009.ca .

6. Sailing Program

All racing for the Championship Fleet will take place on Oak and/or Cadboro Bays. There will be a separate program for Green Fleet participants, consisting of daily coaching and racing to be held immediately to the north of the Yacht Club. Coaching by any persons other than designated Green Fleet coaches will not be permitted while boats are racing.

7. Preliminary Schedule

A detailed program including social events will be posted and updated on the regatta website, www.opti2009.ca

7.1. Registration:

Sunday, August 23 from 0930 to 2000

Monday, August 24 from 0930 to 1600

7.2. Measurement and inspection

Sunday, August 23 from 0930 to 2000

Monday, August 24 from 0930 to 1600

7.3. Dates of racing:

Monday, August 24 Practice race

Tuesday, August 25 Racing

Wednesday, August 26 Racing

Thursday, August 27 Racing

Friday, August 28 Racing

7.4. Number of races:

- Championship Fleet (White, Blue and Red):
The Race Committee will aim to sail three races per day, with the goal of sailing as many races as possible. At the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer, a greater number of races per day may be sailed.
- Green Fleet:
The designated Green Fleet Race Officer will set the schedule.

- 7.5. The scheduled times of warning signals are:
- Practice race on August 24, 1400hrs
 - First race on August 25, 26, 27, and 28 at 1200hrs, with subsequent races to follow as soon as practicable.
 - On August 28, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

8. Safety and Measurement Inspections

- 8.1 Each boat shall pass a safety inspection prior to the close of registration. Each boat entering the championship fleet is subject to measurement, which may include, but not be limited to sails, foils, hull weight and presentation of a measurement certificate. Safety and measurement checks may be made throughout the regatta on instructions of the Race Committee or Jury.
- 8.2 Each competitor must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by their national authority, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a PFD may be subject to protest and a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Jury.
- 8.3 A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to clothing or to the PFD. Competitors not complying with this instruction may be subject to protest and a penalty at the discretion of the Jury.
- 8.4 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta, as presented for measurement. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Jury's approval.

9. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at time of Competitor Check-In at RVYC.

10. Scoring

- 10.1 The Scoring for both the Championship Fleet and Green Fleet shall be based on the Low Point System.
- 10.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 Drop races:
- i. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - ii. When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - iii. When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. Support Boats

All support boats shall register with the organizing authority and at least one person in the boat shall wear the singlet supplied by the Race Committee, at all times while on the water.

12. Berthing

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places (Optimists) or berth (Support boats).

13. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

- CODA awards will be presented to the Overall Champion, the first Canadian male and the first Canadian female.
- Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers overall.
- Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers in each fleet.
- Prizes will be awarded to the top five females overall.
- Participation prizes will be given to all Green Fleet sailors

14. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. All competitors and their parent/guardian must sign a waiver. The organizing 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.

15. Insurance

The competitor is responsible for ensuring that adequate third party coverage is in place for their participation in the event. The organizing authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a competitor is insured.

16. Designated Adult

- 16.1 The parent or guardian of each competitor shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 16.2 The designated adult will be held responsible for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

17. Canadian Qualifying Regatta

The 2009 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship will be the CYA National Qualifying Regatta for the Canadian teams participating in the 2010 IODA North American, European, and World Championship Regattas. Canadian Competitors sailing in the Championship Fleet that are planning to pursue international team selection will be required to sign a Letter of Commitment provided at the time of registration.

18. Charter Boats

The Regatta Organizing Committee is very happy to have secured McLaughlin Optimists as the exclusive provider of charter boats for this regatta. Competitors who wish to charter a boat must contact the Company directly at: <http://www.optistuff.com/> and specify that the charter is for the 2009 Optimist Dinghy Canadian Championships.

The Regatta Organizing Committee, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and CODA assume no responsibility whatsoever regarding the charter boats.

19. Accommodations

For a list of available accommodations in the area please check the following websites:

<http://www.tourismvictoria.com/accommodation>

<http://tourismmall.victoria.bc.ca/victoria-accommodation.htm#directory>

**The Official Hotel Accommodation Provider
is the Howard Johnson Hotel and Suites, Victoria**



<http://www.hojovictoria.ca/home.html>

To get the best rate ask for the “Sailing Championship Discount”

Housing is **not** available at the University of Victoria.

20. Further Information

Regatta Chairman:	Mr. John Edwards	johnedwards@shaw.ca
Event website:	www.opti2009.ca	
Host Club:	Royal Victoria Yacht Club, 3475 Ripon Road, Victoria, BC V8R 6H1 Tel: 250-592-2441	
Host Club Web site:	www.rvyc.bc.ca	
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