



# INTERNATIONAL OPTISPRING REGATTA OPTISPRING CHALLENGE CUP

## NOTICE OF RACE

(January 20, 2009)

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**April 18-19, 2009, STELLENDAM, THE NETHERLANDS**

### 1. Venue :

The International Optispring Regatta for Optimist will be held on april 18-19, 2009 and will be sailed on the Haringvliet, Stellendam. The event is organised by the Dinghy Optimist Class Belgium (DOCB) in co-operation with the Royal Yacht Club of Belgium vzw.

### 2. General :

The sailing instructions will be available at the race office and at the latest one week before the event on the website [www.optispring.be](http://www.optispring.be). Competitors are requested to confirm their online preregistration and payment at the Race Office, collect the sailing instructions.

All support boats shall register at the Race Office and collect a numbered flag.

### 3. Class :

International Optimist Dinghy.

The International Optispring Regatta counts as a qualifying regatta for the European and World Championship for Belgian and Dutch optimist sailors.

### 4. Rules :

The International Optispring Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

### 5. Protests :

Optimists are not exempted from displaying a red flag according to the second sentence of RRS 61.1.(a)(2).

### 6. Advertising :

Advertising in accordance to ISAF regulation 20: category C. Each competitor is required to display on both sides of its hull the sticker of the sponsor of the event, if any.

### 7. Conditions of Entry :

Competitors shall be a full member of their national class association.

All boats must have valid measurement certificates. These have to be shown at the registration.

### 8. Insurance :

Competitors must carry a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 500.000,-

### 9. Liability :

Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. The DOCB, R.Y.C.B., the race committee or any person directly or indirectly involved in the organization shall not be liable for personal or material damage or injury, ashore or afloat, which might result from participation or intention to participate in this event.

Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the sole responsibility of the parents/guardians of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.

Parents/guardians not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.

### 10. Schedule :

Friday april 17:	Registration .....	18h00 – 21h00
Saturday april 18:	Registration .....	07h30 – 09h30
	1st. warning signal of the day .....	10h25
	Following races .....	as soon as possible
Sunday april 19:	1st. warning signal of the day .....	09h55
	Following races .....	as soon as possible
	No starts will be given after .....	15h00.
	Prize giving : .....	as soon as possible after the last race.



## 11. Prizes :

Prizes will be awarded to :

- The first 15 individual competitors
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Benjamin (born in 1998 or later)
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Girl
- **The Optispring Challenge Cup :**

The Optispring Challenge Cup is the challenge trophy that will be awarded to the team of the country with the best total team score, the 1st Country Team. The total team score is calculated from the cumulated end results of the first three individual sailors from each country.

## 12. Social Events on Saturday :

- After the races (near the Boat Park) the sailors receive their Optispring Mug with hot chocolate milk. For their parents, there will be a "warm-up".
- Coaches' Drink in the evening.
- Other events to be announced on [www.optispring.be](http://www.optispring.be).

## 13. Scoring System :

The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A of the RRS) will apply. A minimum of 3 races have to be completed to constitute a series. The total number of races shall not exceed 7.

## 14. Pre-registration & Entry Fee :

All entries have to be made by means of this website [www.optispring.be](http://www.optispring.be).

Entry Fee : € 40,- if online entry **and** payment by bank transfer up to april 10, 2009.  
€ 50,- if online entry **or** payment after april 10, 2009.

Belgian Sailors : Fortis Bank 001-5423743-64

International payment : IBAN BE29 0015 4237 4364 - SWIFT : GEBABEBB

Please refer: **complete sailnumber + name & forename**

## 15. Eligibility :

Optimist entries will be limited to 160 boats, pre-registered and payment confirmed.

## 16. Race Office :

The race office will be established in the main building of Delta Sailing Center, Marina Stellendam.

## 17. Support Boats :

**All support boats shall fly the designated flag supplied by the race office at all times while on the water.**

## 18. Accommodation :

- For hotel and camping accommodation, contact VVV Ouddorp: phone +31 187 68 17 89, <http://www.vvzeeland.nl/accommodaties> or [www.zuid-hollandse-eilanden.nl/vvhellevoetsluis.html](http://www.zuid-hollandse-eilanden.nl/vvhellevoetsluis.html) or consult [www.optispring.be](http://www.optispring.be).
- Due to limited space on the marina site, camping facilities will be allocated based upon date of reservation. Camping facilities will only be granted when reserved and paid before 10-04-2009. Reservation to be made via website [www.optispring.be](http://www.optispring.be).

Payments for camping facilities mentioning the exact dates of reservation are to be transferred to the bank account of DOCB: 001-5423743-64 or IBAN: BE29 0015 4237 4364, SWIFT or BIC: GEBABEBB

Camping facilities on the shore side of the marina at following rates:

- Camper, caravan or family tent: ..... € 50,- for the event (april 17-19 evening), € 25,- per extra night.
- Small tent: ..... € 20,- for the event (april 17-19 evening), € 10,- per extra night.
- Car Parking : ..... **Free** parking area **outside** marina available;  
€ 10,- Parking fee for the event for cars inside the marina area.
- Use of slipway for RIBS: ..... € 5,- in the harbour of Stellendam.
- Mooring place in marina for RIB: ..... € 10,- for the event to be paid at registration in the race office.

**Note: local authorities do not authorize camping on public roads or carparks.** We advise participants to make reservation for camping on the marina site via DOCB as mentioned above or find accommodation on commercial camping.

## 19. Midweek Training :

Sailors who wish to use Marina Stellendam as a training venue from april 14 to april 17 will only be allowed on the premises of Marina Stellendam if they have made a reservation by e-mail to [info@marinastellendam.nl](mailto:info@marinastellendam.nl) stating their arrival date, number of Optimists, number of RIB's, type of vehicle and license plate and if a tent, caravan or mobilhome (camper) will be used. The same rates for the use of the facilities will apply as during the event.

**20. Results :**

Results will be available as soon as possible after the event on [www.optispring.be](http://www.optispring.be) .

