

XXIII TROFEO MARCO RIZZOTTI

International Optimist Class Team Race Venice Optimist International Cup – 2° Coppa Italia Venice, may 14th – 17th 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is the Board of Directors of the Compagnia della Vela and of the Diporto Velico Veneziano.

1. Rules.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix D will apply including D2.2 and D2.3(a), *single flag protest procedure*, all matches will be umpired.
- 1.3 The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 1.4 An International Jury will be appointed to the event and its decisions will be final as per RRS 70.4(a).

2. Advertising.

As per Class Rules no advertising other than the standard one permitted by ISAF Regulation 20 is allowed.

3. Admission, Eligibility and Entry Fees.

- 3.1 Admission by invitation only. The Organising Committee will invite teams from different nations or national regions, consisting of 5 boats (4 racing, 1 reserve). The local team and the team winning in 2008 shall have the right to participate.
- 3.2 Competitors are required to comply with the regulations of the respective Federations and to be current members of the IODA or the Optimist organizing authority for the country of their residence and have been born in the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. Besides, only one competitor for team born in year 1998 is admitted.
- 3.3 Registration is by team, not by competitor. Teams shall complete a registration form for each team. Each team shall consist of at least four boats, with a maximum of five, but only four boats shall sail in each race. Each competitor and his or her parents must complete the waiver registration and the health care forms. Teams must have completed and submitted all parts of the registration form together with all fees and the names of the competitors for their team.
- 3.4 Entries shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Event not later than April 12th 2009, accompanied by the registration fee of Euros 500,00 per team. Each participating team will be reimbursed the sum of Euro 400,00 upon completion of registration on May the 14th 2009. Teams entering but not completing the registration will forfeit the entire entry fee.
- 3.5 Substitution for a registered team: A team may substitute one competitor by written request to the Regatta Chairperson after the entry deadline so long as all appropriate forms described in 3.3 are completed and submitted before check-in.

4. Schedule.	Thursday	14 th May	09,00 – 17,00	Registration	17,00	Teams Briefing
	Friday-Sunday	15 th -17 th May	11,00	First attention signal	-	Races
	Sunday	17 th May	16,30	Last attention signal	18,00	Awards ceremony

5. Venue.

The races will be sailed in Venice, on the sea in front Jesolo (Venice), where the boat park will be located. The shore base will be located in MARINA DEL CAVALLINO - Via Capo Horn, 4 - 30013 Cavallino Treporti (VE). Participants shall be at disposal of the Race Committee latest by 5 p.m. on May the 14nd 2009, for the skippers briefing at the Camping Marina di Venezia, in Punta Sabbioni (Venice).

6. Regatta format.

- 6.1 The event will be a four boat against four boat team race. For teams having five competitors, any four may compete in a race, so long as the fifth competitor remains in the area designated for coaches from the warning signal of that race until that race has been completed.
- 6.2 The regatta format and number of races will be determined by the Regatta Chairperson, Principal Race Officer, and Chief Umpire, and will consist of a Preliminary Round Robin, a Qualifier Round Robin, Semi-finals and Finals.
- 6.3 The starting order of teams competing and the format to be attempted will be posted on the Official Notice Board each day. If time, wind, weather or other contingencies make the completion of a current or an additional scheduled round robin or series impractical, the regatta may be terminated and the results based on the standings at the completion of the immediate prior round robin(s) or series. If no round or series has been completed and the Regatta Chairperson, Principal Race Officer, and Chief Umpire determine that no round or series may be completed in the time remaining, the round or series in progress may be terminated or the format altered in order to conclude the championship and determine a winner.

7. Sailing Instructions.

Sailing instructions will be available at registration.

8. Scoring.

- 8.1 RRS Appendix D3 shall apply.
- 8.2 A boat that is OCS and does not return to start properly will be deemed to have gained an advantage and the race committee may score her accordingly without a hearing.

9. Personal buoyancy, whistle and bow line.

- 9.1 Each competitor must wear a personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Jury.
- 9.2 Each competitor must have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 9.3 Each boat must have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

10. Safety and Adult Responsibilities.

- 10.1 An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 10.2 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 10.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

11. Coach boats.

Each team is allowed up to one designated coach boat, and each coach is required to carry a working VHF radio. Coach and spectator boats shall remain anchored in the designated waiting areas, unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee and/or Umpires.

12. Measurement.

- 12.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the protest committee's approval.
- 12.2 There may be measurement inspection on the water at any time.
- 12.3 All equipment may be subject to a safety check at any time.

13. Liability.

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

14. Trophies and Prizes.

The challenge Trophy "Marco Rizzotti" shall be awarded to the team which is best classified; the challenge Trophy shall be returned to the Organising Clubs not later than April 15th 2010, for it to be sailed again. The Venice Optimist International Cup will be awarded to the team which is best classified among the foreign teams. The 2° Italia Cup will be awarded to the best ranked team among the Italian Regional teams. Permanent prizes will be awarded to the first 3 teams classified. All participants shall receive a small participation gift.

15. Additional information.

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USEFUL INFORMATION:

The bungalows of the Camping Marina di Venezia, where the Organising Committee will host the participating teams, are equipped with 6 beds, hot and cold shower and toilet, a small kitchen with a stove and a refrigerator and all appliances necessary for the pleasant stay. They also have a small living room and a little terrace. Inside the Camping Marina di Venezia there are shops, restaurants and pizza-houses. The Camping Marina di Venezia are approximately 40 minutes distance from central Venice: a public water-bus service runs from Punta Sabbioni to S.Mark's square in Venice about every 30 minutes.