

2012 AIODA

INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST AUSTRALIAN & OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brisbane, AUSTRALIA

January 14-21

ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

The 2012 AIODA International Optimist Australian & Open Championships are organised by Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Inc.

The shore venue will be Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron; 578 Royal Esplanade, MANLY in the state of Queensland and racing will be in the waters of Waterloo Bay.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009–2012* (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix D will apply for the AIODA Team Racing Championship, including D2.2 and D2.3(a); single flag protest procedure.
- 1.3 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is amended as follows:
 - (a) The first paragraph of 61.1(a) ("A boat intending ... However, ") is deleted and replaced by:

"A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing and shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line of the boat/s being protested immediately after finishing. However, "
 - (b) Sub clause 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
- 1.5 The Green Fleet will be governed by the [Introductory Rules for Racing](#).
- 1.6 English shall be the Official Language for the Championship.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20
- 2.2 All competitors may be required to display sponsors' advertising and/or bow numbers. If required they will be provided by the Organising Authority/AIODA and fixed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of the Queensland and or Australian Governments.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfil the eligibility requirements stated below.
- 3.2 The Australian Championship is open to competitors who are:
- (a) Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents,
 - (b) financial members of an AIODA state member association ,
 - (c) a financial member of a yacht club affiliated with Yachting Australia or a member of a Club affiliated to an MYA and a Yachting Australia Card holder, and
 - (d) eligible for an AIODA representative team.
- 3.3 Competitors shall have been born in 1997 or later.
- 3.4 Competitors shall be either national 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. If a sailor does not comply with these guidelines but wishes to be considered for National representation then application may be made to AIODA for dispensation. These applications must be received in writing by the Secretary of AIODA by November 10, 2011. The final decision/ruling on a sailor's eligibility to represent Australia at the World Championships or other international Optimist regattas will be the responsibility of the AIODA committee in conjunction with the IODA executive.
- 3.5 Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship (change of nationality).
- 3.6 The 2012 AIODA Team Racing (ATR) Championship is compulsory for all sailors seeking AOST selection. Any exceptions are at the discretion of AIODA. Entry will depend on the accumulated points of the competitors in the fleet races, according to 6.2 in this document. The 2012 ATR Championship will be sailed on Saturday 21 January 2012. 2012 ATR Championship sailing instructions will be available prior to the event.
- 3.7 Green Fleet Regatta
- The 'Green Fleet' is open to less experienced Optimist Class sailors. The emphasis is on fun and the objective of this regatta is to offer younger siblings and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate without their feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive Open fleet. In the Green Fleet equipment used is not required to hold current measurement certificates (alters International Optimist Class Rule 2.4.1) but all hulls shall carry valid ISAF/IYRU plaques. These boats shall at the discretion of the Organising authority and the Race Committee be allowed to participate in a 'Green Fleet' competition. The 'Green Fleet' competition will be conducted on a separate course and subject to the programme herein, and ISAF simplified rules. Green/Open fleet qualification is subject to the approval of AIODA, and may be varied during the event by the Race Committee.
- 3.8 Australian Representative Team Selection:
- The Australian Championship is the selection regatta for: Worlds Team, AOST, Bermuda Cup and Oceania Team and other continental championships. Team selection is only open to Australian Nationals or Residents of Australia who satisfy the eligibility criteria specified in paragraph 3.2.
- 3.9 Qualification and selection for participation in any international representative teams and future events are based on results in the Open Fleet of The Australian Championship. All selections are subject to parent and sailor commitment to the events, execution of the relevant deeds of release and indemnity and code of behaviour form (if not already signed), and confirmation of the AIODA Committee, who have ultimate discretion on selection. Note that all funding is parent/guardian funded unless otherwise advised in writing. The current details of events and eligibility are as follows:

- (1) Worlds Team: The top 5 places qualify for selection for the World Championships, currently scheduled to be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic during 10-21 July 2012. If not all places are accepted by qualifiers, the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled. Worlds Team members must also be members of and participate in the AOST team.
- (2) Australian Optimist Sailing Team ("AOST"): The top 25 sailors will qualify for selection for AOST, and will be eligible to compete as part of the Australian Team at the AOST Training camp, NZ Nationals, IODA Asian Continental Championship, Singapore Nationals and other events subject to event entry criteria. The AOST Camp is mandatory. If not all places are accepted then the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled. Note: AOST EVENTS ARE NOT 'LIVE IN'. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES BEFORE AND AFTER ON WATER TRAINING/RACING ACTIVITIES.
- (3) Bermuda Cup: The highest placed sailor at The Australian Championship continuing in the class the following year is eligible for selection for the Bermuda Cup.
- (4) Oceania Team: Places for Oceania Regattas will be advised at a later date. If not all places are accepted, then the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries shall be made online by completing the Entry forms, Parent Declaration form and making the corresponding payments indicated in NOR 5 below. The web URL is <http://sailing.rqys.com.au>
- 4.2 Entries close at midnight on Friday 16 December 2011. Late entries will be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee up to 1200 on 14 January 2012.
- 4.3 Competitors, team leaders and other adults shall complete an on-site registration at the Race Office. Competitors will be considered "entered" when the on-site registration has been completed after returning to the Race Office the measurement form issued by the Measurement Sub-Committee (see NOR 8)

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The Regatta entry fee for the AIODA Australian and Open Championships is AUD \$240 incl. GST. The Regatta entry fee for Green Fleet is AUD \$150 incl. GST. The entry fee includes regatta shirt, and presentation function for the helm. Additional regatta shirts and presentation tickets will be available online at time of entry
- 5.2 Late entries will be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee of \$55 up to the close of registration 1200hrs 14 January 2012
- 5.3 Charter boat fees are additional to the entry fee.
- 5.4 Note: other events prior to the championships have separate entry fees, which can all be paid at the same time.

6. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6.1 For the AIODA International Optimist Australian & Open Championships:
 - (a) If there are 90 or fewer competitors all of them will race as one fleet. If there are 91 or more competitors the fleet will be divided into 4 divisions, each of which will sail at least once but no more than 4 times with each of the other divisions.
 - (b) When divisions are used, the allocation to divisions shall be done by the Race Committee prior to 1700 on January 14 with the list of competitors already registered by that time. Competitors registering later will be added at the bottom of the sorted list in the order of registration.
 - (c) The series will consist of up to 15 races for each division or fleet.

- (d) No more than five races will be sailed on any day.
- 6.2 The AIODA Team Racing Championship (ATR) is limited to a maximum of 16 teams nominated and formed by Nations, States or Clubs.

7. PROGRAM

Saturday January 14	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement at RQYS.	1000 – 1700
Sunday, January 15	Registration and Measurement at RQYS. Practice race. Opening Ceremony & Information Session.	0900 – 1200 1400 1700
Monday, January 16	Racing.	1130
Tuesday, January 17	Racing.	1130
Wednesday January 18	Lay Day, provision for re-sails if required.	
Thursday, January 19	Racing.	1130
Friday, January 20	Racing.	1130
Saturday, January 21	AIODA Team Racing Championships. Closing and prize giving Ceremony	0900 1800

- 7.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1130.
- 7.2 No warning signal shall be made after 1600 on 20 January or 21 January 2012

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a Sail Measurement Certificate.
- 8.1 Competitors are allowed to 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.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office, the damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Sub-Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutineered by the Measurement Sub-Committee.
- 8.4 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.
- 8.6 Charter boats (see NOR 15) may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried 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. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.

- 8.7 Charter boats (see NOR 15) shall be supplied with a Registration Book but are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1.
- 8.8 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again at any time.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration at the venue.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The Championships course for fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 10.2 For the ATR the course will be a starboard hand "S" course.
- 10.3 The course for the Green fleet will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Appendix P will apply.
- 11.2 A National Jury or higher will be constituted in accordance with Yachting Australia Addendum "A" Part 2 and RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the National Jury or higher are final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 11.3 Protests arising from participation in this regatta may be subject to mediation.
- 11.4 Races of the ATR will be umpired.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 For the Australian and Open Championships, the series will consist of up to 15 races (for the whole fleet or for each division depending on the number of competitors), five of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 If the fleet is divided, each flight of a race (each race between two divisions e.g. race 1A or race 1B) will be scored as one race in which all competitors of those two divisions have entered. Allocation of points according to rule A4.2 will consider that "the number of competitors entered in the series" is the maximum number of competitors after grouping the two largest divisions. Only races that have been completed for all 4 divisions will count.
- 12.3 Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races except that when 15 races have been completed, her worst three scores shall be excluded, or 12 or more races have been completed, her two worst scores shall be excluded or, if only 6 or more but less than 11 races have been completed, her single worst score shall be excluded.
- 12.4 The racing for the Australian Championship and the Open Championship will be scored as one fleet.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1 Each competitor must 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. This changes RRS 40.
- 13.2 Discretionary penalties will apply to RRS 41 'Outside Help'. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalized.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Coaches supporting sailors shall advise the Organising Authority of their participation before 19th December 2011 by completing the form available on the event website <http://sailing.rqys.com.au> and operate according to the following conditions:
- (a) Support boats are to be identified by an Organising Authority supplied pennant. The Organising Authority reserves the right to receive
 - (b) All support boats shall comply with the rules established by the Organising Authority.
 - (c) Each coach is required to carry a working VHF radio.
- 14.2 Unless directed by the race committee, coach boats, support boats, non-registered coach boats and spectator boats shall not enter the course area, starting area, finishing area or go closer than 100 metres to any boat racing. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.
- 14.3 Team Support boats must be sourced independently. Payments and contracts shall be made directly with the boat provider.

15. CHARTER BOATS

- 15.1 Charter boats are NOT mandatory.
- 15.2 Charter boats will be provided by OziOpti.
- 15.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- (a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - (b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - (c) Hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - (d) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - (e) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 15.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 15.5 Charter boats will be complete with blocks, airbag, racing spars, racing foils, mainsheet, padded toe straps, paddle and 1 x bailer, trolley and bowlines. Sails, sail ties, sprit halyards and wind vanes will NOT be provided.
- 15.6 Competitors shall compete in the championship in boats correctly registered or in OziOpti charter boats officially chartered for the championship as approved by AIODA.
- 15.7 The **charter fee** for the Championship days (January 14-21) will be \$485, charter boats will be available from January 9th at the additional pre-event rate of \$50 per day. Reservation of charter boats shall be made by submitting the Charter Boat Booking Form available on the OziOpti website <http://www.oziopti.com/charter> or by contacting Steven Bond on (+614) 2422 5774. Payments shall be made directly to the boat provider.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes for the Open Championships will be awarded at least to:
- (a) 1st, 2nd and 3rd sailors regardless of gender and continent of residence.
 - (b) 1st, 2nd and 3rd female sailors regardless of continent of residence.
- 16.2 Prizes for the ATC will be awarded at least to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams whose members are all of the same Australian state or nationality for overseas competitors.
- 16.3 For the Australian Championship, the following prizes will be awarded:
Australian National Championship – 1st place + perpetual trophy
Australian National Championship 2nd to 10th places

- Australian 12 yo – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 - Australian 11 yo – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 - Australian 10 yo and Under – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 - World's qualifiers – 1st to 5th places
 - Australian Optimist Sailing Team ("AOST") qualifiers. Top 20.
 - OziOpti Winner's Club's Championship Cup
 - Peter Gilmour Trophy – encouragement award
 - Bennett Family Club Participation Trophy
 - Participation and encouragement awards
 - 1st female,
 - 1st sailor in their 1st nationals (Australian Open Fleet)
 - Notable sportsmanship
 - Green fleet
 - Green fleet championship – 1st place, Natalie O'Brart trophy
 - Green fleet 2nd to 10th places
- 16.4 More prizes may be awarded at the criteria of the organisers.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 17.2 By way of entry to the Championship competitors shall indemnify Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Championship. Competitors shall acknowledge that sole responsibility for the suitability of the boat and equipment lies with the competitor and that Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Championship or howsoever arising in connection with this event.
- 17.3 All competitors and support staff will be required to execute liability waiver.

19. MEDIA

- 19.1 In submitting the entry form, all competitors, parents, legal guardians/custodians provide their permission for all photographs to be the property of the organisers and used for any purpose including public viewing and posting on the event website.

18. INSURANCE

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$AUD 5,000,000. (recommend \$AUD 10,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The skipper of each boat must be able to display proof of cover if requested to do so.

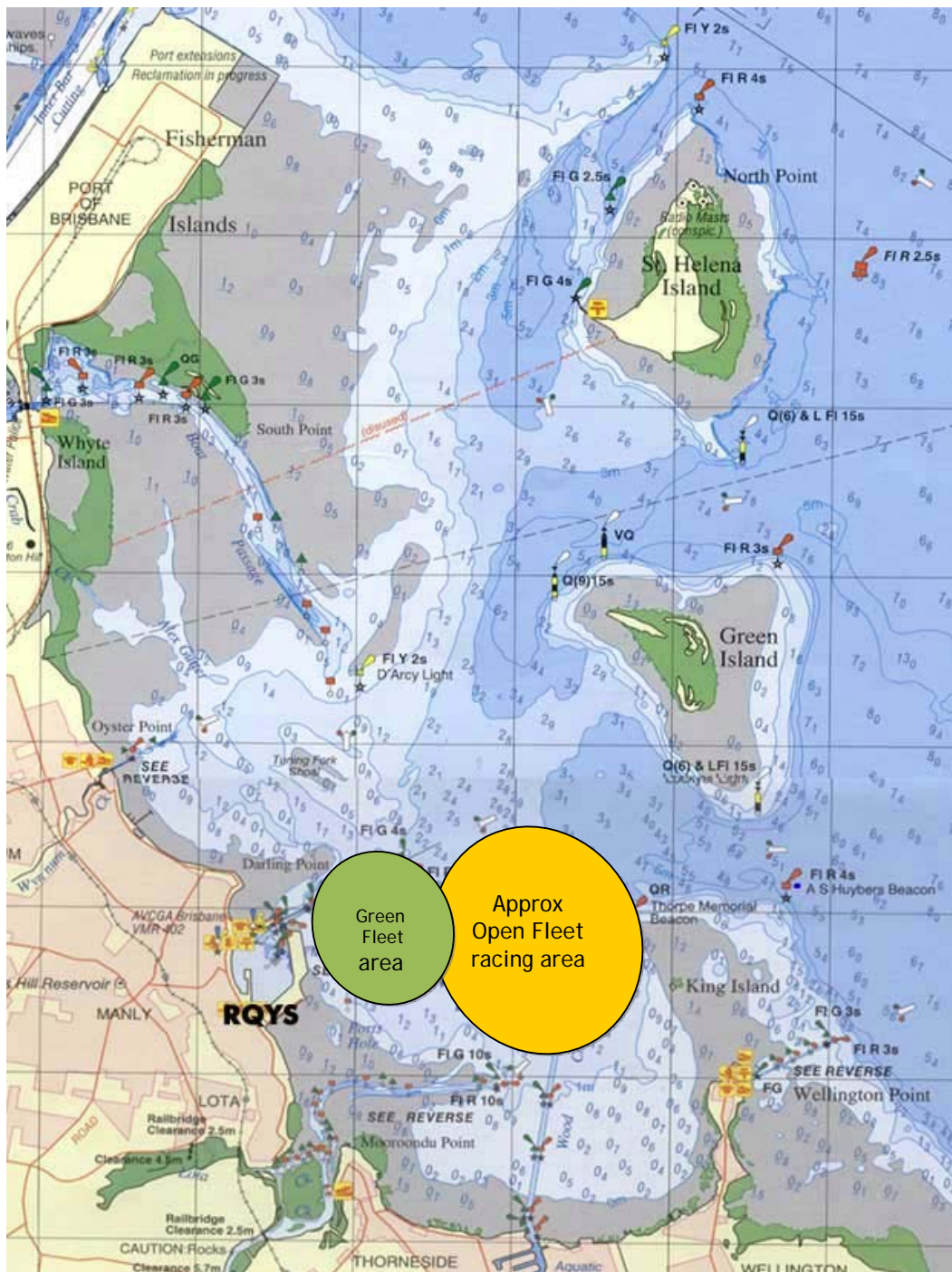
20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For further information and queries, please contact:
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron: (+617) 3396 8666 or e-mail sailing@rqys.com.au
Phillip Evans QLD Optimist Association regatta@aioda.com
Mark Stowell, President, AIODA merchant1@inet.net.au
Jeremy Cooper, Secretary, AIODA able2sail@gmail.com
Steven Bond, PR & Marketing, AIODA stevenbond@theboatyard.com.au
- 20.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide a mobile phone number for contact in Brisbane and an e-mail address.

21. AMENDMENTS

- 21.1 Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the Regatta Web Site and www.aioda.com no later than 9th December 2011

ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA (WITHIN THE CIRCLE INDICATED ON THE MAP)



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PRELIMINARY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

A. ACCOMMODATION

For the purpose of this Preliminary NOR, we refer you to the RQYS website; [Nearby Accommodation](#)

RQYS has camping sites (unpowered) available and applications can be made on the following; [Camping Rego](#)

B. TRANSPORTS TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

Distance from Brisbane Airport to Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron at Manly is 20km, public transport is not recommended with luggage. It can take up to 1 hour in a car to travel from Manly to Brisbane Domestic and International airports in peak hour.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

Sailors from overseas are asked to bring their own countries flag 1000mm x 1500mm

D. SAILING CONDITIONS

Max – Min air temperature	30 – 20 C
Water temp	26 C
Prevailing wind direction	SE - NE 5 – 20Kts
Tides	Minor in the course area

E. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please contact the Australian Embassy

F. SPECTATOR BOAT

Spectator boats may be available for the days of fleet racing and the teams racing day. If they are available they can be booked at the same time as registering to sail.

G. LUNCHES

Lunch can be ordered for the race days and the teams racing day. These lunches will be delivered on the water to open fleet sailors and at the club for green fleet sailors. Lunches can be booked at the time of entering.
The club bistro and bar will be open on all days of the regatta.

H. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Optiparts from Charter Boat supplier OziOpti will be available at the venue and prior on-line orders can be placed at www.oziopti.com.au/shop