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Amendment:

- 6th May 2014; 16.2 – Charter Provider
- 9th May 2014; Charter boat Form 2 – pre-regatta charter cost
- 12th May 2014; E1, N, Charter boat form 2 - pre-regatta charter cost
- 14th June 2014; E-mail contact
- 18th July 2014; 16.2- Charter provider

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The African Optimist Championship is organised by Federation Royale Marocaine de Voile under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix D will apply for the African Team Racing Championship, including D2 and D2.5 (single flag protest procedure); but deleting D1.1(d).
- 1.3 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.4 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 Rule 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 Add to rule 61.1(a) "The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing."
- 1.6 Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 1.6.1 The first sentence of rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall 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."
 - 1.6.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing!': ", except rule 40 as amended by instruction 1.6.1"
- 1.7 Rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

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3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfil the eligibility requirements stated below.
- 4.2 Competitors shall enter through the national association member of IODA (hereinafter 'member') they represent.
- 4.3 Entries are limited to 90 competitors born in 1999 or later. Subject to this limit each African member of IODA may enter 10 competitors, of which there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender, as indicated in 4.7 below. For the team racing event, each member entering 8 to 10 competitors may enter 2 teams.
- 4.4 The IODA member from Morocco, as the host member, may enter up to 20 competitors, of which there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender, as indicated in 4.7 below. For the team racing event, if the host member register 16 to 20 competitors, they can enter a maximum of three teams.
- 4.5 Competitors whose IODA member is European but who are residents of an overseas territory that is geographically in Africa may be entered by the IODA member at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee. These competitors shall be considered to be African for the purpose of NOR 17 (PRIZES).
- 4.6 Non African members of IODA may enter at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee and only if by May 15th 2014 the number of competitors entered with deposits is less than the maximum indicated in 4.3. Non African members interested in attending the event shall fill in the Preliminary Entry form and return it with deposit payment by May 25th 2014 indicating the number of places requested (maximum 7 per member, of which there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender, as indicated in 4.7 below.)
- 4.7 Gender quota: Members entering teams of 6 or more competitors shall register a minimum number of competitors of the opposite gender, as follows:

Total number of competitors	Minimum of the opposite gender
5 or fewer	No restrictions
6	1
7 to 9	2
10	3
HOST MEMBER ONLY	The ratio above is repeated As follows
10 - 15	3
16	4
17 to 19	5
20	6

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- 4.8 The defending African (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of competitors allocated to his/her member. This competitor will not count for the gender quota requirements.
- 4.9 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader and may be accompanied by either two or four adults, depending on the number of competitors. A maximum of four adults including the Team Leader will be allowed for teams entering 10 or more competitors. (Condition 15.1 of the Conditions for Continental Championships)
- 4.10 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.
- 4.11 Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations 19: Nationality Criteria.

5. ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries shall be made by submitting the relevant registration forms, available on the event website at the end of this document and by paying the ***required fees*** according to the following schedule:
 - 5.1.1 The ***Preliminary Entry Form*** and a payment for 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than May 15 2014;
 - 5.1.2 The ***Second Entry Form*** and a payment for the balance of the fees shall be returned to the Organising Committee not later than June 15 2014.
 - 5.1.3 The ***Final Entry Form*** shall be returned to the Organising Committee as soon as the members of the delegation are defined but not later than September 10 2014.

NOTES:

Please find all entry forms at the end of this document.

Required fees are described in paragraphs 6 (ENTRY FEES), 15 (SUPPORT BOATS) and 16 (CHARTER BOATS). See the payment instructions in 6.3 and 16.6 below.

- 5.2 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to all late payments to the organising committee.
NOTE: *Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline; and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item.*
- 5.3 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than June 15 2014 will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank cost incurred due to the refund). Competitors withdrawing their entry after that date will not be refunded. The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16.
- 5.4 Competitors, team leaders and other adults (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete an on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor will not be completed until the measurement form issued by the Measurement Sub-Committee (see paragraph 9) has been returned to the Race Office.

6. ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be ***USD 650 per competitor and per adult*** (maximum four adults according to 4.10).

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6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship (from the Official Arrival day to the Official Departure day inclusive).

6.3 Please make payments to the following bank account.

Beneficiary:	Federation Royale Marocaine de voile
Bank:	BMCE BANK
Branch Code	011
Bank address:	BD.General Kttani ville Nouvelle -010 08
International Bank Account Number (IBAN):	011010000008200000935159
Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) Code:	BMCE MAMC

6.3.1 Fees shall be paid in USD.

6.3.2 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.

7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

7.1 The Optimist African Championship comprises two 'championships':

7.1.1 The OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (OAC);

7.1.2 The OPTIMIST TEAM RACING AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRAC);

7.2 For the **OAC**

7.2.1 Entries may be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.

7.2.2 If 5 races of a qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day, that qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fifth qualifying race is completed.

7.2.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

7.3 For the **TRAC**

7.3.1 The event is organised for a maximum of 16 teams from members represented by at least 4 competitors. Each team shall comprise of 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the member. If there are more than 16 eligible teams and the host member does not qualify a team, it will replace the last qualified team.

7.3.2 For the selection of the teams as well as for the seeding, the Race Committee will calculate 'Total scores' per group of 4 competitors per member, as explained below: After the first 5 races sailed in the OAC (or the number of races sailed until October 13 inclusive, if fewer than 5) the total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for each member. The total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results will be added to give a total score for the second team of the member and so on.

7.3.3 No member is allowed to enter more than two teams, except Morocco, which as host member are allowed a maximum of three teams.

7.3.4 The seeding will be based on the total scores mentioned in 7.3.2. The format of the championship will be described in the relevant Sailing Instructions.

7.3.5 The position in the grid of each team will be based on each team total points, which will be the result of adding the points (on the first 5 races or the number of races until October 13

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- if fewer than 5) of the actual best 4 members of the team. Teams with lower total points will be seeded in higher positions.
- 7.3.6 The total points of the competitors, as mentioned in 7.3.2, will be based on the ranking available at 21.00 on October 13 **regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.**
- 7.3.7 The required red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or PFD and shall be capable of being concealed and being displayed at arm's length. To indicate a protest, the flag shall be deployed from a concealed position to a position where it is easily visible to the protested boat and Umpires.
- 7.3.8 For matches between the two teams of the host member, competitors of one or both teams will be required to wear a bib to identify the different teams. Bibs will not be provided by the organisers.

8. PROGRAM

8.1

Thursday, October 9	Early Arrival and Measurement.
Friday, October 10	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement. Official accommodation available from 1400.
Saturday, October 11	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders' meeting. Practice Race. Opening Ceremony.
Sunday, October 12	OAC, Races.
Monday, October 13	OAC, Races.
Tuesday, October 14	TRAC, Races.
Wednesday, October 15	Spare day
Thursday, October 16	OAC, Races.
Friday, October 17	OAC, Races. Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony.
Saturday, October 18	Official Departure Day.

8.2 10 races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per day.

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4).
- 9.2 Competitors shall 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.

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- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been checked by the Measurement Sub-Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutineered by the Measurement Sub-Committee.
- 9.5 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.
- 9.6 Only boats chartered through the Organising Committee may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried by these boats 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. Boats not chartered through the Organising Committee shall comply with the Class Rules.
- 9.7 Hulls chartered through the Organising Committee are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1. All other hulls shall comply with the Class Rules.
- 9.8 Competitors are only allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Committee.
- 9.9 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again on the spare day.
- 9.10 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate), it will be measured at the Championship and a certificate will be issued at a cost of USD 50, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.
- 9.11 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.
- 9.12 Once a boat has completed measurement, the hull may not be removed from the boat park without the permission of the race committee. At the venue, no item of equipment may be cleaned using detergent unless permitted by the race committee.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available upon registration at the venue.

11. VENUE

The Championship will be held in Agadir Sailing Club. The racing area will be Agadir Beach.

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12. THE COURSE

- 12.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 12.2 For the team racing championships the course will be a starboard "S" course.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply for the OAC.
- 13.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 13.3 Races of the team racing championship will be umpired.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Team support boats shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:
 - 15.1.1 Each boat shall display white flags bearing the three letter national code of the countries it supports, which will be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support boats.
 - 15.1.2 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from October 11 each boat shall be shared by coaches of at least two different countries as decided by the Organising Committee. No more than one person from each member shall be on the water in the boat at the same time (except during the team races, when one coach per boat might be allowed, if the organisers so decide).
 - 15.1.3 During the Team Racing day/s, the support boats will be at the disposal of the Organizing Committee.
 - 15.1.4 All support boats shall comply with the rules established by the Organising Committee.
 - 15.1.5 Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by the teams using the boat.
 - 15.1.6 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided and every coach should bring their own.
- 15.2 Team support boats to be used during the Regatta days (October 11 to 17 inclusive) are available from the Organising Committee at the ***Support boat charter fee of USD 500 per boat***. The fee includes insurance coverage but does not include fuel and oils.
- 15.3 Reservations shall be made by submitting the Support Boat Reservation Form and transferring a first payment covering 50% of the total amount to be paid, which shall be received on or before May 15 2014. The balance of fees shall be received on or before June 15 2014. Please see 6.3 for payment instructions. Availability of places on support boats is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after June 15 2014.

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- 15.4 A damage deposit of USD 500 will be charged at registration and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good conditions. Should the Organising Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the boat again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat.
- 15.5 A surcharge of 25% will be charged to late reservations and/or payments of support boats.

16. CHARTER BOATS

- 16.1 Charter boats are mandatory.
- 16.2 The charter boats will be provided by [Lenam Vela Ligera S.L.](#) They will be allocated on a random basis to individual competitors by the Organising Committee under the supervision of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - Hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 Charter boats will be complete with blocks, airbag, racing spars, racing foils, mainsheet, padded toe straps, trolley, bowlines, bailers and paddles. Sails will not be provided.
- 16.6 The **charter fee** for 8 Championship days (October 11 to 17 inclusive) will be **USD 500 per boat**.
- 16.7 Reservation of charter boats shall be made by submitting the **Charter Boat Reservation Form** and by transferring a first payment covering 50% of the charter fees, which shall be received on or before May 15 2014. The remaining 50% shall be received on or before June 30 2014.
- 16.8 Late reservations and payments will incur a surcharge of 25%. Charter boats availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than June 15 2014.
- 16.9 In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of USD 500 will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 For the OAC, prizes will be awarded at least to:
- 17.1.1 The five best-placed sailors regardless of gender and continent of residence;
- 17.1.2 The three best-placed female sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
- 17.1.3 The three best-placed sailors without gender distinction whose IODA member is African, the first of whom will become the African Champion 2014 and who will also be awarded the permanent trophy (to be kept for one year and returned to the organisers of the following year's event);

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- 17.1.4 The three best-placed female sailors whose IODA member is African.
- 17.2 For the team racing championships, prizes will be awarded to each member of at least the following teams:
 - 17.2.1 The three best placed teams;
 - 17.2.2 The best-placed team whose IODA member is from Africa, who will become the African Team Racing Champions 2014.
- 17.3 The Organizing Committee may decide to award extra prizes.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 18.2 The Organising Authority and any other party involved in the organisation of the Championship will accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to competitors before, during or after the Championship.

19. INSURANCE

The purchase of third-party liability event insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of USD 14 per competitor and per coach, payable to the organisers upon arrival, before registration is completed. Details of this insurance can be found at: <http://optiworld.org/documents/thirdParty.pdf>

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For further information and queries, please contact:

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- 20.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an e-mail address.

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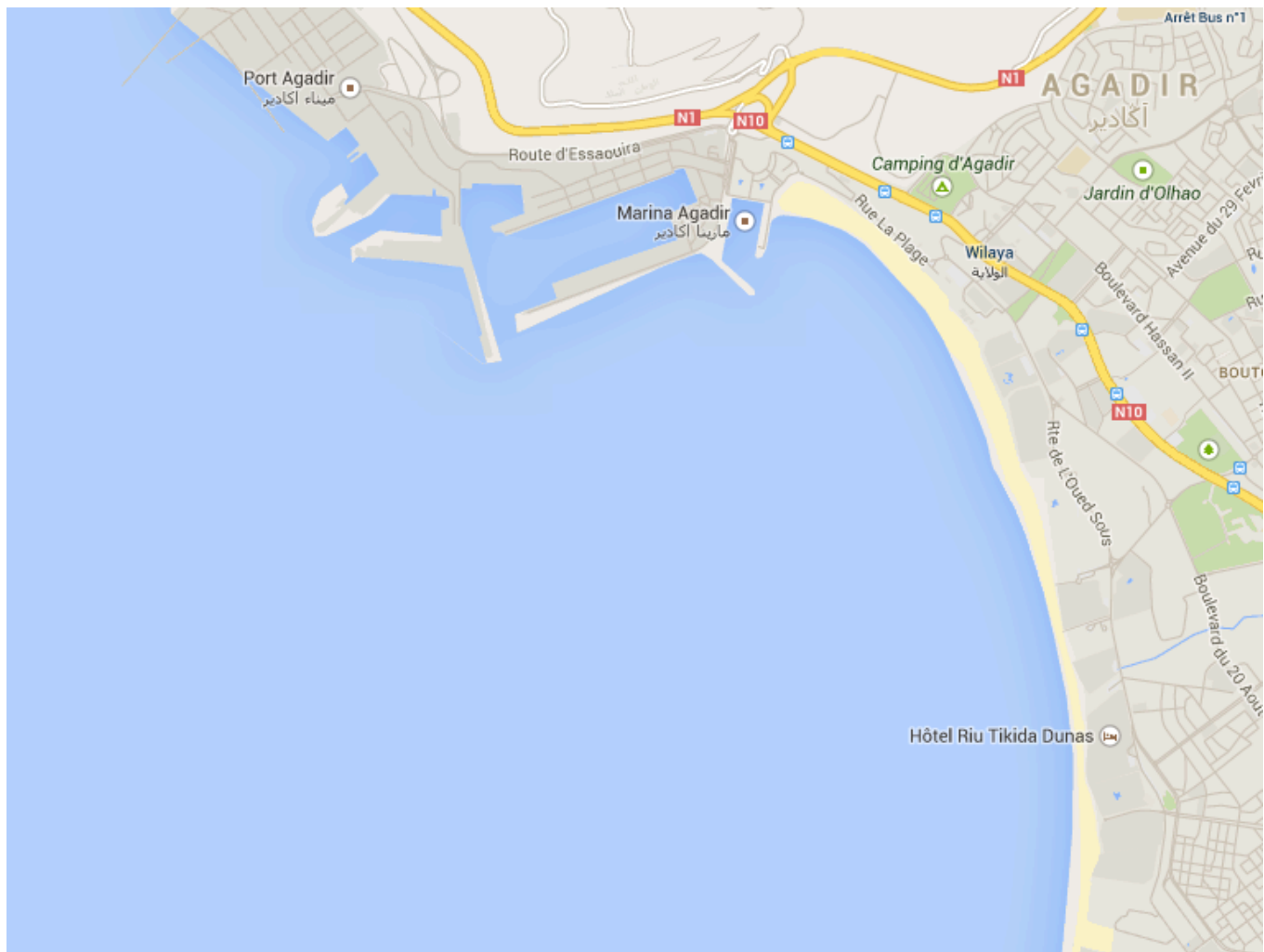
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ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA



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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RULES OF THE EVENT

A. BEHAVIOUR

Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat, with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.

B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

- B.1. Competitors and team officials will be housed Al Moggar Hotel, Agadir. Official accommodation will be available from 1400 on October 10 until 1100 on October 18.*
- B.2. All three meals will be provided. The breakfast and dinner will be served at the shore venue. Packed lunches will be provided. The first official meal will be dinner on October 10 and the last official meal will be breakfast on October 18.*
- B.3. A damage deposit of USD 500 per room may be charged by the hotel and will be refunded if no damage has occurred. The damage deposit and other extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid cash or by credit card.*
- B.4. Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please send any special request filling in the relevant field in the Second Entry Form.*

C. EARLY ARRIVALS

- C.1. Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should contact Agadir Sailing Club in order to book accommodation. The daily fee per person per day will be approximately USD 80 per person (bed and breakfast).*
- C.2. Regatta facilities will be open from 08 October 2014.*

D. EARLY ARRIVAL SUPPORT BOATS

- D.1. It is possible to rent a support boat to be used before the Official Arrival day, from 07 October 2014 AT USD 500 per boat per day excluding fuel. Reservation of such boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Support Boat Reservation Form and by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount, which shall be received on or before June 30 2014 to guarantee rate. Allocation of early arrival support boats will be made in order of arrival*
- D.2. In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of USD 500 will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.*
- D.3. Late reservations and payments of pre-Regatta charter boats will incur a surcharge of 25%*

E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS

- E.1. Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day (From 05 October 2014) at USD 50 per boat per day. Reservations of pre-Championship charter boats shall be made by*

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filling in the relevant fields in the Charter Boat Reservation Form and transferring 100% of the fees, which shall be received on or before June 30 2014.

- E.2. Late reservations and payments of pre-Championship charter boats will incur a surcharge of 25%.*

F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

- F.1. Transportation to and from Al Massira International Airport (20 km), will be provided free of charge on official arrival and departure dates and is included in the Entrance Fee.*
- F.2. Arrivals/departures outside these official dates and any additional trips to and from the airport can be arranged for an additional charge*

G. SUPPORTERS

Supporters shall make reservations by themselves.

H. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Morocco more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire will suffice.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

- I.1. Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm x 150cm) and the National Anthem recorded on CD.*
- I.2. The organisers are not aware of any health precautions requested to enter Morocco. However, we advise delegations to consult their travel agents or health authorities for any existing regulation for travellers visiting Morocco.*

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J. SAILING CONDITIONS

<i>Daytime temperature</i>	<i>24°C – 30°C</i>
<i>Water temperature</i>	<i>26°C</i>
<i>Prevailing wind direction</i>	<i>S - SW</i>
<i>Wind speed</i>	<i>11 - 14 knots</i>
<i>Hours of good wind</i>	<i>1100 - 1600</i>
<i>Tides</i>	<i>20 – 150 cm</i>
<i>Current</i>	<i>S/ SW 1 – 2 knots</i>

K. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Delegations shall contact a Moroccan Embassy or Consulate in their country to get the latest visa requirements.

L. SPECTATOR BOATS

Spectator boats will be available at a nominal fee, subject to confirmation, per person per day. Official members of delegations will be charged a nominal fee, subject to confirmation, per day.

M. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue.

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N. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

ITEM	COST	OBS.	
Required payments			NoR
Entry fee competitors	USD 650	Deadline: May 15 – 50% June 15 – 50%	5 & 6
Entry fee adults	USD 650	Deadline: May 15 – 50% June 15 – 50%	5 & 6
Support boat fee	USD 500 per boat USD 250 per coach	Deadline: May 15 – 50% June 15 – 50% Fuel not included.	15.2, 15.3
Support boat Damage deposit	USD 500 per coach	To be paid upon reception of boat. Refundable.	15.4
Charter boat fee	USD 500 per boat	Deadline: May 15 – 50% June 15 – 50%	16.6
Charter boat Damage deposit	USD 500	To be paid upon reception of boat. Refundable.	16.8
Sail Measurement	USD 50	Sails without certificate, payable to IODA.	9.10
Insurance	USD 14	Competitors and coaches	19
Surcharge	20% except charter boats which are 25%	Late payments. Depends on item.	Various, but see NOTE in 5.3
Optional Payments			extra info sheet
Accommodation Early arrivals	USD 80 per person per day		C.1
Support boat Early arrivals	USD 500 per boat per day	Fuel not included.	D.1
Charter boat Early arrivals	USD 50 per boat per day		E.1
Transportation	Free of charge on official arrival and departure days		F
Surcharge	20% except charter boats which are 25%	Late payment	Various, but see NOTE in 5.3