

EASTER REGATTA —2014—

OPTIMIST SAILING EVENT

▷ BRAASSEMERMEER ◁



29th Magic Marine International Easter Optimist Regatta 2014

1. Venue

- 1.1. The 29th Magic Marine International Easter Optimist Regatta will be held from April 18 through April 21, 2014 and will be sailed on the Braassemmermeer in Roelofarendsveen, The Netherlands.
- 1.2. Organizing authority The Regatta is organized by the "Watersportvereniging Braassemmermeer" (Yacht Club Braassemmermeer) in conjunction with the Optimist Club Nederland.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). During the Regatta Appendix P will apply.
- 2.2. The "National Anti Doping Regulations for Dutch Sport" will apply.
- 2.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 2.4. Sails of competing boats must have affixed the full sail number and National Letters in accordance with the Class Rules, the RRS and comply with appendix G.
- 2.5. All competing sailors, residing within the Netherlands, are required to be a member of a sailing club or other organization affiliated with The Royal Netherlands Yachting Union and have a Dutch race license. The licenses can be checked at registration.

3. Advertising

- 3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing committee.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. Competitors must bring a proof of their birth date (i.e. passport) upon registration.
- 4.2. Entries will be limited to 270 boats.
- 4.3. Entries will only be accepted through National Optimist Class Associations. Each country is allowed a specific number of entries, based on their number of competitors over the past Easter Regatta's.
- 4.4. National Optimist Class Offices will forward their list of participants, including national ranking and results achieved in European and World Optimist Championships to the Optimist Club Nederland by April 1, 2014 at the latest. Places not taken up may be allocated to other countries.

5. Entry fee

- 5.1. The entry fee is EUR 110.-- per boat to be paid by bank transfer to the bank account of the Optimist Club Nederland Leiderdorp at the ABN-AMRO Bank, account nr. 46 96 78 739, BIC code ABNANL2A, IBAN number NL75ABNA0469678739. Bank fees for international payments are for account of the payer, so please make sure that in case of extra costs those are added to the entry fee of EUR 110.--.
- 5.2. Entry fees must be received no later than March 18, 2014 with reference to Easter 2014 and nationality. A consolidated payment must be made by the National Optimist Class Offices for the group of sailors entered for that country. Please send an e-mail with details of the payment, including all the names of sailors paid for and their sail numbers, to Veronique Ribbink at easterregatta@optimist.nl. Please address any queries regarding payments to the same address.

6. Measurement certificates

- 6.1. Each boat entered must have a valid measurement certificate as required by her National Authority. The mainsail must show the sail number as indicated on the certificate and entry form.

7. Registration and sailing instructions

- 7.1. Each competitor or his/her attendant must register and sign the registration form at the Regatta Office prior to the start of the first race. The Regatta Office will be open for registration on Thursday evening April 17, 2014 from 18:00 to 20:00 and on Friday April 18 from 08.00 to 11:30.
- 7.2. Sailing instructions will be available at registration and will be published on the website of the Yacht Club Braassemmermeer.

8. Schedule of races

- 8.1. Registration and race Schedule
Thursday, April 17
Registration 18:00 – 20:00 hrs

Friday, April 18

Registration 08:00 – 11:30 hrs

Race 1 warning signal 12:55 hrs Race 2 as soon as possible after finish of Race 1

Race 3 as soon as possible after finish of Race 2

Saturday, April 19

Race 4 warning signal 09:55 hrs Race 5 as soon as possible after finish of Race 4 Race 6 as soon as possible after finish of Race 5

Race 7 as soon as possible after finish of Race 6

Sunday, April 20

Race 8 warning signal 09:55 hrs Race 9 as soon as possible after finish of Race 8 Race 10 as soon as possible after finish of Race 9

Race 11 as soon as possible after finish of Race 10

Monday, April 21

Race 12 warning signal 09:55 hrs Race 13 as soon as possible after finish of Race 12

Race 14 as soon as possible after finish of Race 13

- 8.2. No warning signal for any race will be given after 15.00 hrs on Monday April 21.
- 8.3. Depending on the circumstances and at the discretion of the Race Officer, a lunch break ashore may take place between the races on Saturday and Sunday.

9. Courses

- 9.1. A course with a variable length will be set on the Braassemmermeer.

10. Qualifying series and final series

- 10.1. The fleet will be divided into 3 or 4 groups, depending on the number of competitors. All fleets are scheduled to sail 7 qualifying races.
- 10.2. The starting groups will be (re-)assigned for each day of racing until the groups will be split up in the final fleets (gold, silver, bronze).
- 10.3. When the last qualifying race of a series is not valid for all starting groups, the race will be abandoned for all concerned starting groups (addition to RRS 32.1).
- 10.4. On Saturday evening, after the last protest hearing, the starting fleets for the final races of Sunday and Monday will be published on the Notice Board at the Regatta Office and on the website.
- 10.5. If on Saturday evening a total of 5 races hasn't been completed, the fleet will not be split for the final races. The schedule for Sunday will be a maximum of 4 fleet races. The fleet will be split up in Gold, Silver and Bronze on Sunday evening after the last protest hearing according NOR 10.6.
- 10.6. For these final races the fleet will be split as follows:
Gold fleet: boats in the first 1/3 of the interim ranking (rounded up to the next integer)
Silver fleet: boats in the second 1/3 of the interim ranking (rounded up to the next integer)
Bronze fleet: remaining boats of the interim ranking
- 10.7. Only boats that completed at least one (1) race will be considered a competitor at the time of splitting.

11. Scoring System

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. 14 races are Scheduled. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's overall series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. All points are carried forward into the final races.

12. International Jury

- 12.1. Protests will be handled by an International Jury as per RRS 91(b).

13. Prizes

- 13.1. Prizes are awarded for the overall results of the Regatta in each of the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets:
Gold fleet: prizes are awarded to the 15 highest ranked competitors in the final results of the Gold fleet;
Silver fleet: prizes are awarded to the 10 highest ranked competitors in the final results of the Silver fleet;
Bronze fleet: prizes are awarded to the 5 highest ranked competitors in the final results of the Bronze fleet.
- 13.2. The boat placed first in the final results of the Gold fleet is the winner of the 2014 Magic Marine International Easter Optimist Regatta.
- 13.3. In addition to the above, a number of special prizes will be awarded for the overall results of the Regatta. For each racing day, a number of day prizes will be awarded.

14. Liability and insurance

- 14.1. Participants compete at their own risk and responsibility. The Royal Netherlands Yachting Union, the Yacht Club Braassemmermeer and their members, the Race Committee, the International Jury, the Optimist Club Nederland or any other party involved in the organization of the Regatta cannot be held responsible for any personal or material damage (including but not limited to death, injury, consequential losses) sustained prior to, during or after the races.
- 14.2. Each boat entered is required to have a third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1,500,000.-- per event or the equivalent in the currency of the country of registration of the boat.

15. Photography / Video Consent

- 15.1. By entering the Event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Yacht Club Braassemmermeer facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.
- 15.2. Video cameras can also be put on boats during the qualifying or final races. Full text will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

16. Track & Trace

- 16.1. Track & trace equipment can be supplied to competing boats. Full text will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

17. Regatta Office

- 17.1. The Regatta Office will be situated in the clubhouse of the "Watersportvereniging Braassemmermeer"
Address: Noorderhem 2
2371 EC Roelofarendsveen
The Netherlands
Telephone of the Regatta Office during the event: + 31 - 71 - 331 2326

18. Information

- 18.1. For further information prior to the Regatta please contact:

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