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Articles of Association of the International Optimist Dinghy Association

1. NAME

The name of the Association is the “International Optimist Dinghy Association” (“IODA”). IODA is a non-profit making association.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of IODA are:

- a) To administer the International Optimist Dinghy Class in accordance with World Sailing requirements, and to see that the Class Rules are observed.
- b) To promote the International Optimist Dinghy and the Class.
- c) To establish Conditions for the Optimist World and Continental Championships and determine where they are to be held.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Full Members (herein after called Members)

The IODA accepts as Members one organisation using the International Optimist Dinghy per country as follows:

- i) National Optimist Associations (NCAs) controlled by Optimist owners or their legal guardians. Such NCAs shall, where possible, be affiliated to the relevant World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA)
- ii) World Sailing Member National Authorities (MNA) where there is no National Optimist Association
- iii) A sailing club in a country where there is only one club where Optimists are sailed, until such time as other clubs in that country sail Optimists.

Acceptance of an organisation as a Member and renewal of that membership are at the discretion of the Executive. Such decisions may be appealed to the next AGM.

- b) Fully paid up Members are Members that have paid their membership subscription for the current year, including any arrears due.

Only fully paid up Members can:

- i) Submit a bid to hold a Continental and/or World Championship
- ii) Make proposals to the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- iii) Vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- iv) Submit or hold a proxy vote from another fully paid up Member

- v) Participate in an Optimist Continental or World Championship.

For Items 3b.i and ii above, the member must be fully paid up when the bid or proposal is submitted.

To exercise its rights at the Annual General Meeting (items 3b.iii, iv and v above) a Member shall be fully paid up at least four (4) days before the first day of the AGM.

A Member who has not paid the annual subscription for two consecutive years by the first day of the Annual General Meeting of those years will automatically cease to be a Member until arrears are paid. They will thereafter be referred to as lapsed. A Member may voluntarily discontinue its membership provided it is not in arrears and may reapply for membership at any time.

- c) Associate Members

Associate Membership is available to individuals, organisations and companies who wish to support the objectives of IODA. Associate Members shall have no vote. The terms and conditions of Associate Membership shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time.

- d) It shall be the obligation of all IODA Members to promote the objectives of the International Class Association regardless of colour, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

4. INCOME

- a) For sources of income, IODA shall rely upon annual subscriptions from its members, building fees for the sale of International Optimist Dinghy plaques, sales of sail, spar and foil labels, proceeds from the sale of goods and services, sponsorship, donations,, and championship fees. The annual subscription is payable on or before the 1st of April of that membership year.

5. ORGANISATION

The organisation of the IODA shall consist of the Members, the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat. No partner, employee or agent of a professional manufacturer of Optimist hulls, sails or spars shall be a member of an IODA committee.

6. LANGUAGE

The official language of IODA is English.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Technical Committee, and the Chairman of the Regatta Committee. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13) in alternate years, as follows:

The President and one Vice-President shall be elected in odd-numbered years and two Vice-Presidents shall be elected in even-numbered years. One Vice-President shall be principally resident in each of the following areas: A - Europe; B - North or South America; C - Africa or Asia or Oceania; and no two Vice-Presidents shall be principally resident in the same area.

Each Committee Member shall be elected for a period of two years except that one who is elected in a year other than that specified as the due year above, shall initially serve for one year only.

Committee members shall not serve in the same office for more than five two-year terms (plus the additional year if elected in a year other than the due year). The Treasurer shall be elected by the Executive Committee. If the Treasurer is also a Vice-President, they shall serve as both Vice-President and Treasurer. Alternatively the Executive Committee may appoint a Treasurer from outside the Executive Committee who will serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer may be appointed in this way for a maximum of five two-year terms.

The Chairman of the Technical Committee shall be elected by the members of the Technical Committee in accordance with Article 8.

The Chairman of the Regatta Committee shall be elected by the members of the Regatta Committee in accordance with Article 9.

8. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

There shall be a Technical Committee with up to four members to:

- a) Be responsible for, maintain, understand and know the International Optimist Dinghy Class Rules, plans, and measurement forms.
- b) Examine any proposal from a Member for amendments or interpretation.
- c) Maintain close liaison with World Sailing and request interpretations from World Sailing as considered advisable. The Chairman shall ensure that rulings and interpretations made by World Sailing are promptly forwarded to the Secretariat.
- d) Make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting.
- e) Prescribe procedures for measurement during Optimist World and Continental Championships, and act as the authority on any issue as to the interpretation or application of the Class Rules.

- f) Ensure the appropriate standards are met on an ongoing basis by sailors and builders/suppliers of equipment.

Members of the Technical Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13). Two members shall be elected in even years, two in odd years. Each member shall be elected for a period of two years except that a member who is elected in a year other than that specified as the due year above shall initially serve for one year only. Members shall not serve for more than six two-year terms (plus an additional year if elected in a year other than the due year) but may serve an additional six two-year term following an absence from the committee of two or more years. The Technical Committee shall elect a Chairman by a written nomination to the President within two weeks of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a tie in the voting the President has the casting vote.

9. REGATTA COMMITTEE

- 9.1 There shall be a Regatta Committee with up to four members to:
- a) Implement the Conditions for Optimist World, Continental and specific Continental Championships in co-operation with the host members each year.
 - b) Be responsible for, maintain, understand and know the Conditions and recommend amendments necessary or desirable to promote the goals of IODA.
 - c) Examine proposals from Members for amendments or interpretations of the Conditions and make recommendations.

Members of the Regatta Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13). Two members shall be elected in even years, two in odd years. Each member shall be elected for a period of two years except that a member who is elected in a year other than that specified as the due year above shall initially serve for one year only. Members shall not serve for more than six two-year terms (plus an additional year if elected in a year other than the due year) but may serve an additional six two-year terms following an absence from the committee of two or more years. The Regatta Committee shall elect a Chairman by a written nomination to the President within two weeks of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a tie in the voting the President has the casting vote.

- 9.2 There shall be a permanent Regatta Secretary to provide support to the requirements of the IODA Regatta Committee. The Regatta Secretary shall report to the Chairman of the Regatta Committee, and be responsible to the Executive Committee for communication and tasks related to the IODA events, Conditions and policy, including the event microsites, and to act as liaison between IODA and the host Member regarding the technical aspects for each IODA Championship. The

Regatta Secretary shall also work with and assist the Secretary General with general administrative tasks, including the AGM and other meetings, and keep accurate minutes of all proceedings of the Regatta Committee.

10. SUBCOMMITTEES

The Executive Committee may appoint subcommittees to undertake particular tasks. The Executive Committee can also dissolve such subcommittees. The Executive Committee is to be represented on such subcommittees.

11. OFFICERS OF HONOUR

On a proposal made by the President, the Annual General Meeting may in appreciation of significant past services to the IODA, elect an individual to an Office of Honour such as President of Honour, or Member of Honour or any similar title as the Annual General Meeting may determine. Normally the title will be held for life and the Officer of Honour shall be entitled to attend and speak at all meetings of the Annual General Meeting (at their own expense) but shall not be entitled to vote.

12. SECRETARIAT

There shall be a permanent Secretariat, adequate to deal with the affairs of IODA. The Executive Committee shall employ a secretary or secretaries who shall be responsible, under the supervision of the Executive Committee, for the maintenance of the Secretariat. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee, the Technical Committee, and the Regatta Committee. The location of the Secretariat is at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Annual General Meeting is the highest authority of IODA.
- b) The Annual General Meeting is formed by the official representatives of Members present or their appointed substitutes. Executive Committee Members cannot be an official representative of a Member or hold a proxy for another Member.
- c) The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year in conjunction with the Optimist World Championship.
- d) If the Optimist World Championship does not take place the Annual General Meeting can take place in a country chosen by the Executive Committee.
- e) **The Annual General Meeting may be convened and held in the form of an electronic meeting by a decision of the Executive Committee, when a physical meeting is not possible because of exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or in case of urgent matters. In such case the voting process shall be organized by the Executive Committee in a way to**

ensure the fairness of the procedure and the secrecy of voting.

- f) On or before 60 days prior to the AGM, an Agenda containing the following items is to be sent out:
- 1) Election of Chairman of the Meeting.
 - 2) Approval of previous years' AGM Minutes.
 - 3) Consider any matters arising from previous years' AGM Minutes not covered in the Agenda.
 - 4) Report from the President.
 - 5) Reports from the Vice Presidents, Technical Committee and the Regatta Committee.
 - 6) The Annual Audited Accounts.
 - 7) Fixing of the annual year's subscription, championship Organising Authority fee to IODA and the price of sail, spar and foil labels.
 - 8) Proposals from the Executive Committee.
 - 9) Proposals from Members.
 - 10) To determine the venue for the Optimist World Championship two years ahead and confirm the venue for the Optimist World Championship one year ahead.
 - 11) To determine/confirm the venues for the Optimist Continental Championships. Only member countries from the continent concerned shall vote on venues proposed for each Continental Championship.
 - 12) Information from World Sailing Meetings.
 - 13) Election of a President and/or Vice-Presidents.
See Article 7. In a year in which only one Vice-President is to be elected, no candidate from an area from which there is already a Vice-President shall be eligible. In a year in which two or more Vice-Presidents are to be elected, there shall be a ballot between all candidates properly nominated and seconded by Members' representatives, with no candidate from an area from which there is already a Vice-President being eligible.
Nominations to be received by the Secretariat, at least four (4) days before the first day of the AGM.
 - 14) Election of members of the Technical Committee.
There shall be a ballot between all candidates properly nominated and seconded by Members' representatives. Nominations to be

received by the Secretariat, at least four (4), days before the first day of the AGM.

- 15) Election of members of the Regatta Committee.

There shall be a ballot between all candidates properly nominated and seconded by Members' representatives. Nominations to be received by the Secretariat, at least four (4) days before the first day of the AGM.

- 16) When there is more than one candidate for any of the positions above there shall be a secret ballot. A candidate will be elected when they receive a simple majority of the votes cast. If there are more than two candidates and none of them achieve a simple majority the candidate with least votes will be eliminated and further ballots held until a winner is declared. In the event of a tie between the last two candidates there shall be a short recess for further discussion and another vote will then take place. If the last two candidates remain tied, a decision shall be reached by the toss of a coin.

- 17) Election of Auditor.

- 18) Any other business.

g) Voting

- 1) Except as noted in Article 13 (e) (9) voting related to items on the Agenda, except business concerning Articles 16 and 17 is to be decided by simple majority of votes cast by Member's official representatives or their proxies present and voting in person. When voting, each representative or proxy has one (1) vote.
- 2) A motion with relation to Article 16 or Article 17 is carried when at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by Members representatives or their proxies, present at time of voting and voting in person, are in favour of the motion. For the purpose of calculating whether a motion is carried an abstention is counted as a vote cast.
- 3) An official representative present at the Annual General Meeting may only have one (1) proxy vote.
- 4) If one of the official representatives asks for a secret vote this shall be carried out.
- 5) No member of the Executive shall cast a vote. The President shall only have a casting vote when the voting is equal.
- 6) Voting shall take place by either the show of hands and/or written ballot. Voting may also take place electronically, at the discretion of the Executive

- h) At the Annual General Meeting all questions referring to IODA of which due notice has been given (see Articles 16 and 17) are to be discussed. Such matters may include formal proposals to World Sailing for amendments to the Class Rules, Plans, and Measurement form.
- i) The name of the official representative and his proxy, if any, shall be received by the Secretariat or delivered to the Executive Committee in writing four (4) days prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.
- j) A Member can appoint, if special circumstances arise, a substitute for the entered representative. The name of the substitute shall be given in writing to the President or another member of the Executive Committee present, prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.
- k) Team Leaders present at the Optimist World Championship coinciding with the Annual General Meeting may attend the Meeting as observers. In addition each Member may nominate a separate observer to attend the Meeting.
- l) When the Optimist World Championship is held other than in July or August, or in a year when the Championship does not take place, the dates referred to in Articles 13, 16, and 17 may be amended at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

14. ACCOUNTING

- a) The Association's financial year shall be the 12 months ended 31 December. The first financial year covers the period 1 January to 31 December.
- b) The Association's accounts shall be audited by a state-authorized public accountant.
- c) The annual accounts shall consist of profit and loss, account balance sheet and report and shall be prepared in accordance with sound accounting principles.
- d) At least 10 per cent of the surplus not applied to cover losses (if any) from previous years shall be allocated to a reserve fund. The reserve fund shall be used only in accordance with decisions reached at the AGM on the formal proposal of the Executive Committee.
- e) The residue of net surplus shall be carried forward and applied in accordance with decisions reached by the Executive Committee.

15. LIABILITY AND BINDING BY SIGNATURE

- a) The Executive Committee of the Association shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Association.

- b) Neither the members of the Association nor Associate Members shall be personally liable for the Association's obligations.
- c) The President and one other member of the Executive Committee are authorised to sign on behalf of the Association but the Executive Committee may appoint such other persons as it sees fit to sign cheques and similar document.

16. ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CLASS RULES

Any proposal by a fully paid up Member or the Executive Committee for an alteration to the Class Rules is to be received by the Secretariat on or before 90 days prior to the date of the AGM. The Secretariat will on or before 60 days prior to the date of the AGM, send a copy of the propositions with the Technical Committee's comments, to each Member.

17. ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO IODA ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND CONDITIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any proposal by a fully paid up Member or the Executive Committee for an alteration to these Articles, and Conditions for Optimist World, Continental, specific Continental Championships, or Regional Championships recognised by IODA is to be sent to the Secretariat on or before 90 days prior to the date of the AGM. The Secretariat will on or before 60 days prior to the date of the AGM, send a copy of the propositions with the Executive Committee's comments, to each Member.

18. DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the International Optimist Dinghy Association can take place only when two thirds (2/3) of the Members are in favour. When voting the procedure to be as follows:

- a) Each Member has to send the voting letter made out by the Executive Committee to the President, by the stated date.
- b) The result to be sent to all Members.
- c) In the event of dissolution any residual surplus of funds is to be distributed to the World Sailing Youth Events Sub-Committee.

Conditions for Optimist World Championship

1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The aim of the Championship is to promote youth sailing worldwide.
- 1.2 The prime objective of the Championship is to ensure the highest quality racing for young sailors in the Optimist dinghy.
- 1.3 The Championship shall also provide the environment necessary to ensure that individual friendships may develop among competitors, and goodwill amongst all participating nations.

2. NAME

The name of the Championship shall be the "Optimist World Championship". If there is a title sponsor, the sponsor name may be inserted elsewhere in the Championship's name, as approved by the IODA Executive Committee.

3. DATES

The Championship will be held every year, and rotate amongst Members, is normally to be sailed during July or August, when the event takes place in the Northern Hemisphere and during late December/early January when the event takes place in the Southern Hemisphere. It shall comprise of an 11-day programme, including the Official Departure Day.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the Championship:

- 1) Two Measurement Days
- 2) Team Leaders' Meeting
- 3) Opening Ceremony
- 4) Championship Races
 - a) Optimist Individual World Championship (Beacon Challenge Cup).
 - b) Optimist Team Racing World Championship (IODA Challenge Cup)
- 5) Prize-Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

5.1 OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The format of the Championship will be published in the Notice of Race.

- a) A minimum of three races shall be sailed to constitute a valid championship.

5.2 OPTIMIST TEAM RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

This championship is organised for up to 48 teams ranked from lowest

to highest according to a format described in the Notice of Race. If the number of teams eligible to sail the team racing event is less than 48, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams according to a format provided by the IODA PRO..

6. PRIZES

6.1 Individual: Prizes shall be the Beacon Challenge Cup, awarded to the top overall competitor, plus Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, and prizes for the first twenty sailors. In addition, prizes shall be awarded to the top three girl sailors. The top girl shall be awarded the Helen Mary Wilkes Trophy and the top boy shall be awarded the Peter Barclay Trophy. When the fleet has been divided into divisions, medals or small tokens should be awarded to the top three sailors in Silver and Bronze fleets where applicable.

6.2 IODA CHALLENGE CUP

The IODA Challenge Cup is awarded to the winner of the Team Racing Championship. Gold, silver, and bronze medals shall be awarded to each member of the top three teams.

6.3 JACOBSEN TROPHY

The Jacobsen Trophy is awarded to the top national team. Each member of the teams placing first, second and third shall receive gold, silver, and bronze medals.

7. APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION OF THE HOST MEMBERS

- 7.1 Bid Forms by fully paid up IODA Members to organize and conduct the Championship shall be made to the IODA Executive Committee not less than two months before the IODA AGM held two years before the year of the Championship. The Bid Form is available from the Secretariat. Bid Forms shall state the acceptance by the IODA Member, the Organisers and their MNA, of the obligations imposed by these Conditions, and their commitment to conduct the Championship in accordance with them.
- 7.2 Host Members shall be selected at the IODA AGM normally two years before the year of the Championship, and normally be confirmed one year before the year of the Championship.
- 7.3 The Organisers shall proceed with the organisation of the Championship in full conformity with these Conditions, the terms and details of the confirmed Bid Form, current IODA Regatta and Measurement Manuals and to the satisfaction of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 7.4 If the IODA AGM does not confirm the selection as required in 7.2 or where, after such confirmation, the host withdraws or substantially modifies the terms stated in the application, the IODA Executive Committee shall take such action to appoint an alternative host as it finds necessary.

- 7.5 The Organising Authority shall normally receive two visits from at least one representative of the IODA Executive Committee to review the organisation preparations and report back to the IODA Executive Committee. The Organising Authority shall reimburse IODA all reasonable costs of travel, accommodation, meals and local transport.

8. ENTRY

Subject to Condition 9 below, each NCA as defined in Article 3 (a) may enter up to five sailors. Entries for a World Championship shall only be open to IODA Member countries who have paid their subscription on or before the arrival day.

9. ELIGIBILITY

- 9.1 All sailors shall be selected on the basis of sailing competitions in the Optimist Dinghy. Evidence that this condition has been met shall be supplied in all cases where a Member seeks to enter a sailor who will not have attained the age of 12 years in the year of the Championship. In countries where the Member of IODA is a National Optimist Association this pre-qualification shall be through a system approved by that Association.
- 9.2 Any boy or girl may enter until 31st December of the year in which he or she attains the age of 15 years. Sailors qualified by age to start the event are allowed to finish it. Sailors shall be either nationals or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A sailor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive. As per World Sailing Regulations Appendix 3, Item 19.6 (d), IODA Events require competitors to have 'World Sailing Eligibility' as defined in Item 19.4 and 19.5.
- 9.3 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team.
- 9.4 If the members at any Annual General Meeting approve a limit on the number of entries at any particular World Championship, the IODA Executive Committee may prescribe such rules as may be necessary to restrict the number of entries to not more than the prescribed limit.
- 9.5 When bona fide resident sailors are members of a team, they shall not be more than 50% of the sailors of their team, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee.

10. CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZATION

- 10.1 The Championship shall be governed by the World Sailing RRS (without modification by prescriptions of the MNA), the IODA Class Rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 The Championship shall be sailed according to a format specified by the IODA Executive Committee and described in the IODA Regatta, Race

Management and Measurement Manuals. The format shall be clearly stated in the Notice of Race.

- 10.3 The Organising Authority shall include IODA and the IODA Member.
- 10.4 The Organisers shall appoint the Race Committee. **The Principal Race Officer (PRO) and the IODA Course Representative shall be members of the IODA Regatta Committee, or representative(s) appointed by the IODA RC, and shall have the duties as defined in the IODA Regatta Manual.**
- 10.5 The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall be prepared by the IODA Secretariat in consultation with the organisers and shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee.
- 10.6 The Notice of Race, including the proposed race programme, shall normally be circulated to all members not later than six months before the championships.
- 10.7 No changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI & TRSI) shall be made without the approval of the IODA Principle Race Officer or, if none is appointed, the IODA representative as defined in paragraph 19 below.
- 10.8 Safety facilities including radio communication appropriate for the conditions shall be provided by the Organising Authority.
- 10.9 Unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive, sufficient support boats for those teams not bringing their own boats to allow each team to have one coach afloat in a shared boat shall be provided by the Organising Authority for a reasonable charge. The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the Organising Authority may prescribe specific rules for the use of such support boats.
- 10.10 One or more spectator vessels for the use of country representatives, team leaders, officers of IODA, and competitors' families can be provided by the Organising Authority for a reasonable charge.
- 10.11 English shall be the official language for the Championships. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and information relating to sailing conditions shall be published in the official language, and may also be published in the language of the host member. The website shall also be written in the official language.
- 10.12 The Race Committee should use standard race management forms and follow the standard procedures described in the IODA Race Management Manual, subject to such variations as may be desirable for the particular local conditions and approved by the IODA Principal Race Officer or IODA representative.
- 10.13 Access to training facilities shall be available at the venue as stated in the Bid Form.
- 10.14 The Organizers shall use the designated IODA Event Microsite, **smart phone APP and are responsible for the licensing fees.** The official name of the championships shall solely be used on the IODA Event Microsite

and is not permitted to be used on any other website. The Organisers shall use the Online Entry System for the Registration of teams to the Championship and shall use the Official Notice Board during the event. Exceptions will be at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee.

- 10.15 The Organising Authority shall pay a fee to IODA for every participating sailor and fee paying adult.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 11.1 The International Jury properly constituted according to World Sailing RRS Appendix N shall be appointed by the IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the Organising Authority.
- 11.2 The International Jury shall observe the relevant sections of Appendix N of the World Sailing RRS, and have the functions listed therein.
- 11.3 Decisions of the International Jury shall be final.
- 11.4 The Organising Authority shall provide travel expenses, accommodation, meals and local transport for all the members of the International Jury. Normally protests are scheduled in the evening at the end of the racing day, therefore flexibility regarding time and location of the evening meal shall be provided.

12. MEASUREMENT

- 12.1 The Organising Authority shall provide adequate space, facilities and personnel for measurement and shall appoint a Measurement Sub Committee, which shall undertake the measurement according to procedures specified by the IODA Technical Committee and the IODA Measurement Manual. The use of IODA measurement templates is mandatory.
- 12.2 The IODA Executive Committee shall nominate a **Chief Measurer and Deputy Measurer(s) for each event** who shall implement such procedures and be responsible for all aspects of measurement. **The Chief Measurer shall be a member of the Technical Committee and shall be the Chairperson of the Measurement Committee.**
- 12.3 Any issue as to the application of the IODA Class Rules under RRS 64.3 (b) shall be referred by an International Jury to the IODA Measurer or, if none is nominated, by email to the IODA Technical Committee.

13. BOATS

- 13.1 All equipment entered shall have a current, valid Measurement Certificate, and shall comply with the IODA Class Rules except that charter hulls supplied by or through the organisers are exempt from complying with CR 2.4.3 (b) and (c) (and hence from CR 2.4.1) but shall be supplied with Registration Books. See also Condition 13.5.
- 13.2 All boats will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Sub-Committee specified in 12 above.

- 13.3 The organisers shall negotiate the supply of a sufficient number of high quality charter boats (complete without sails). Where the charter boat provision will exceed 80 boats, these shall be supplied by two (2) builders (approximately half each), unless an alternative arrangement is agreed with the IODA Executive Committee. The charter boat fee and the choice of builder(s) shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. The method of allocation of charter boats shall be defined by the IODA Executive Committee. The builder shall provide an adequate supply of replacement parts.
- 13.4 Subject to the conditions of 13.3 above, if the Organising Authority is in a position to provide charter boats for all entries on terms satisfactory to the IODA Executive Committee, they (IODA) may declare all competitors shall use charter boats and prescribe rules governing the allocation of charter boats and related matters
- 13.5 Only boats officially chartered for the regatta through the Organising Authority may carry national letters and sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.
- 13.6 When charter boats are not mandatory, sailors shall compete in boats correctly registered in their country or in charter boats officially chartered for the Championship through the Organising Authority.
- 13.7 In the event of mandatory charters, the boats shall be no more than 12 months old as evidenced by the builders' plaques, which must be from the year of the championship or the year prior to the championship.

14. ACCOMMODATION

- 14.1 Accommodation, meals, recreational and regatta facilities shall be provided by the Organising Authority to all competitors and up to three adults for each participating Member.
- 14.2 Facilities shall be selected to encourage both informal contact between participants, and efficient administration of the Championship.
- 14.3 In cases where accommodation is remote from the shore venue, an efficient transport service should be provided.
- 14.4 Members of the same team shall be accommodated together and shall be provided with separate rooms for members of different genders. They shall not be required to share a room with a member of another team except that a single team member of a gender different from the other members may be required to share with a member or members of another team of the same gender.
- 14.5 Three meals per day shall be provided by the Organising Authority for all competitors and other officials, taking into consideration significant basic variations in eating customs.

- 14.6 Accommodation for IODA officials and members of the Jury may be of the same quality as that provided for the members of delegations except that they shall be in single rooms (unless otherwise requested).

15. ENTRY FEE

- 15.1 The host Member will, at the time it makes application, propose an entry fee, as low as possible, to be paid by each participating sailor and adult (see 14.1) to assist in financing the Championship. The entry fee shall be approved by the IODA Annual General Meeting as stated in 7.2.
- 15.2 The Organising Authority must provide the additional financing from its own sources to cover the expenses of organisation and conduct of the Championship.

16. ADVERTISING

Sponsorship should be encouraged and advertising is permitted as described in the World Sailing Advertising Code Regulation 20 as limited by class rule 2.8.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The Organising Authority shall indemnify IODA, its officers and agents against all claims arising from its part in organising the event and shall sign a form of indemnity before the venue is confirmed. Where possible it shall insure this risk.

18. IODA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The IODA Executive Committee may authorise one or more representatives to act on its behalf in matters relating to the application of these Conditions.

19. IODA OFFICIALS

- 19.1 The Organising Authority shall provide travel expenses, accommodation, meals and local transport for:
- the President of IODA or his nominee
 - two members of the IODA Technical Committee or IMs nominated by the Executive, including for up to three nights before the official arrival day.
 - two members of the IODA Regatta Committee or IROs nominated by the Executive.

The Organising Authority shall provide accommodation, meals and local transport in exchange for an adult entry fee for:

- other members of IODA committees and IODA secretaries
- partners of any of the above
- other persons, such as representatives of future hosts, if so requested by the IODA Executive.

20. REPORT

The Organising Authority will prepare a report and evaluation of the Championship for the IODA Executive Committee two months after the end of the Championship.

21. AMENDMENTS

These Conditions may be amended by the Members at Annual General Meetings of IODA in accordance with IODA Article 17.

Conditions for Optimist Continental Championship

1. GENERAL

These Conditions apply for all IODA Continental Championships unless modified by the relevant Continental Conditions or suspended for a specific event by written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee which shall be published in the Notice of Race and shall refer to the Condition concerned.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The aim of the Championships is to promote youth sailing worldwide and particularly in the relevant continent.
- 2.2 The prime objective of the Championships is to ensure the highest quality racing is provided for young sailors from the relevant continent in the Optimist Dinghy.
- 2.3 The Championships shall also provide the environment necessary to ensure that individual friendships may develop among competitors, and goodwill among all participating nations.

3. NAME

See Condition 2 of the Conditions for the relevant continent.

4. DATES

See Condition 3 of the Conditions for the relevant continent.

5. EVENTS

See Condition 4 of the Conditions for the relevant continent.

6. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

See Condition 5 of the Conditions for the relevant continent.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1 Unless all participants are from the host continent, the organisers shall award at least five principal prizes to:
 - a. The best placed boy sailor regardless of his continent of residence;
 - b. The best placed girl sailor regardless of her continent of residence;
 - c. The best placed boy sailor whose IODA Member is from the relevant continent;
 - d. The best placed girl sailor whose IODA Member is from the relevant continent.
 - e. When the fleet has been divided into divisions, medals or small tokens should be awarded to the top three sailors in Silver and Bronze fleets where applicable.
 - f. The best placed team in the team racing whose IODA member is from the relevant continent

8. APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION OF THE HOST MEMBERS

- 8.1 Bid Forms by fully paid up IODA Members to organize and conduct the Championship shall be made to the IODA Executive Committee not less than two months before the IODA AGM held two years before the year of the Championship. The Bid Form is available from the Secretariat. Bid Forms shall state the acceptance by the IODA Member, the Organisers and their MNA, of the obligations imposed by these Conditions and their commitment to conduct the Championship in accordance with them.
- 8.2 Host Members shall be selected at the IODA AGM normally two years before the year of the Championship, and normally be confirmed one year before the year of the Championship.
- 8.3 The Organisers shall proceed with the organisation of the Championship in full conformity with these Conditions, the terms and detail of the confirmed Bid Form, current IODA Regatta and Measurement Manuals and to the satisfaction of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 8.4 If the IODA AGM does not confirm the selection as required in 8.2 or where, after such confirmation, the host withdraws or substantially modifies the terms stated in the application, the IODA Executive Committee shall take such action to appoint an alternative host as it finds necessary.
- 8.5 The Organising Authority shall normally receive two visits from at least one representative of the IODA Executive Committee to review the organisation preparations and report back to the IODA Executive Committee. See 21.2 for financial responsibility for these visits.

9. ENTRY

- 9.1 Entries for a Continental Championship shall be open to all IODA Member countries on that continent. Continents are as defined at the back of the IODA Handbook and on the IODA website.
- 9.2 Sailors from an overseas territory who are geographically resident in one continent but whose IODA Member are in another, may be entered by their IODA Member at the discretion of the IODA Executive.
- 9.3 Where no greater proportion is specified in the Conditions for the specific championship, each Member of IODA as defined in Article 3 (a) entering five or more sailors shall include at least the number of sailors of the opposite gender indicated below:

Total Number of Sailors in the Team	Minimum Number of Sailors of Each Gender
5 to 6	1
7 to 9	2
10	3
11 to 16	4
17 to 19	5

20	6
21 to 26	7
27 to 29	8
30	9
31 to 36	10
37 to 39	11
40	12

10. ELIGIBILITY

- 10.1 All sailors shall be selected on the basis of sailing competitions in the Optimist Dinghy. Evidence that this condition has been met shall be supplied in all cases where a Member seeks to enter a sailor who will not have attained the age of 12 years in the year of the Championship. In countries where the Member of IODA is a National Optimist Association this pre-qualification shall be through a system approved by that Association.
- 10.2 Any boy or girl may enter until 31st December of the year in which he or she attains the age of 15 years. Sailors qualified by age to start the event are allowed to finish it. Sailors shall be either nationals or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A sailor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive. As per World Sailing Regulations Appendix 3, Item 19.6 (d), IODA events require competitors to have 'World Sailing Eligibility' as defined in Items 19.4 and 19.5.
- 10.3 When bona fide resident sailors are members of a team, they shall not be more than 50% of the sailors of their team, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee.

11. CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISATION

- 11.1 The Championship shall be governed by the World Sailing RRS (without modification by prescriptions of the MNA), the IODA Class Rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 The Championship shall be sailed according to a format specified by the IODA Executive Committee and described in the IODA Regatta, Race Management and Measurement Manuals. The format shall be clearly stated in the Notice of Race.
- 11.3 The Organising Authority shall include IODA and the IODA Member.
- 11.4 The Organisers shall appoint the Race Committee. **The Principal Race Officer (PRO) shall be a member of the IODA Regatta Committee or a representative appointed by the IODA RC, and** shall have the duties as defined in the IODA Regatta Manual.
- 11.5 The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall be prepared by the IODA

Secretariat in consultation with the organisers and shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee.

- 11.6 The Notice of Race, including the proposed race programme, shall normally be circulated to all members not later than six months before the championships.
- 11.7 No changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI & TRSI) shall be made without the approval of the IODA Principle Race Officer or, if none is appointed, the IODA representative as defined in paragraph 19 below.
- 11.8 Safety facilities including radio communication appropriate for the conditions shall be provided by the Organising Authority.
- 11.9 Unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive, sufficient support boats for those teams not bringing their own boats to allow each team to have one coach afloat in a shared boat shall be provided by the Organising Authority for a reasonable charge. The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the Organising Authority may prescribe specific rules for the use of such support boats.
- 11.10 One or more spectator vessels for the use of country representatives, team leaders, officers of IODA and competitors' families can be provided by the Organising Authority for a reasonable charge.
- 11.11 English shall be the official language for the Championships except for the Optimist South American Championship, when hosted by a Spanish speaking country it shall be Spanish. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and information relating to sailing conditions shall be published in the official language, and may also be published in the language of the host member. The website shall also be written in the official language.
- 11.12 The Race Committee should use standard race management forms and follow the standard procedures described in the IODA Race Management Manual, subject to such variations as may be desirable for the particular local conditions and approved by the IODA Principal Race Officer or IODA representative.
- 11.13 Access to training facilities shall be available at the venue as stated in the Bid Form.
- 11.14 The Organisers shall use the designated IODA Event Microsite, **smart phone APP and are responsible for the licensing fees**. The official name of the championship shall solely be used on the IODA Event Microsite and is not permitted to be used on any other website. The Organisers shall use the Online Entry System for the Registration of teams to the Championship and shall use the Official Notice Board during the event. Exceptions will be at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee.

12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 12.1 The International Jury properly constituted according to World Sailing

RRS Appendix N shall be appointed by the IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the Organising Authority.

- 12.2 The International Jury shall observe the relevant sections of Appendix N of the World Sailing RRS, and have the functions listed therein.
- 12.3 Decisions of the International Jury shall be final.
- 12.4 The Organising Authority shall provide travel expenses, accommodation, meals and local transport for all the members of the International Jury. Normally protests are scheduled in the evening at the end of the racing day, therefore flexibility regarding time and location of the evening meal shall be provided.

13. MEASUREMENT

- 13.1 The Organising Authority shall provide adequate space, facilities and personnel for measurement and shall appoint a Measurement Sub Committee, which shall undertake the measurement according to procedures specified by the IODA Technical Committee and the IODA Measurement Manual. The use of IODA measurement templates is mandatory.
- 13.2 The IODA Executive Committee shall nominate a **Chief Measurer and Deputy Measurer(s) for each event** who shall implement such procedures and be responsible for all aspects of measurement. **The Chief Measurer shall be a member of the IODA Technical Committee, or a representative appointed by the Technical Committee and shall be the Chairperson of the Measurement Committee.**
- 13.3 Any issue as to the application of the IODA Class Rules under RRS 64.3 (b) shall be referred by the International Jury to the IODA nominee or, if none is nominated, by e-mail to the IODA Technical Committee.

14. BOATS

- 14.1 All equipment entered shall have a current, valid Measurement Certificate, and shall comply with the IODA Class Rules except that charter hulls supplied by or through the organisers are exempt from complying with CR 2.4.3 (b) and (c) (and hence from CR 2.4.1) but shall be supplied with Registration Books. See also Condition 14.5.
- 14.2 All boats will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Sub Committee specified in 13 above.
- 14.3 The organisers shall negotiate the supply of a sufficient number of high quality charter boats (complete without sails). Where the charter boat provision will exceed 80 boats, these shall be supplied by two (2) builders (approximately half each), unless an alternative arrangement is agreed with the IODA Executive Committee. The charter boat fee and the choice of builder(s) shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. The method of allocation of charter boats shall be defined by the IODA Executive Committee. The builder shall provide an adequate supply of replacement parts.

- 14.4 Subject to the conditions of 14.3 above, if the Organising Authority is in a position to provide charter boats for all entries on terms satisfactory to the IODA Executive Committee may declare all competitors must use charter boats and prescribe rules governing the allocation of charter boats and related matters.
- 14.5 Only boats officially chartered for the regatta through the Organising Authority may carry national letters and sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.
- 14.6 When charter boats are not mandatory, sailors shall compete in boats correctly registered in their country or in charter boats officially chartered for the Championship through the Organising Authority.
- 14.7 In the event of mandatory charters, the boats shall be no more than 12 months old as evidenced by the builders' plaques, which must be from the year of the championship or the year prior to the championship.
- 14.8 For the European Championship, charter boats shall not be mandatory for the championship, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee.

15. ACCOMMODATION

- 15.1 Accommodation, meals, recreational and regatta facilities shall be provided by the Organising Authority to all competitors and up to three adults (four for teams which enter ten or more sailors) for each participating Member.
- 15.2 Facilities shall be selected to encourage both informal contact between participants, and efficient administration of the Championship.
- 15.3 In cases where accommodation is remote from the shore venue, an efficient transport service should be provided.
- 15.4 Members of the same team shall be accommodated together and shall be provided with separate rooms for members of different genders. They shall not be required to share a room with a member of another team except that a single team member of a gender different from the other members may be required to share with a member or members of another team of the same gender.
- 15.5 Three meals per day shall be provided by the Organising Authority for all competitors and other officials, taking into consideration significant basic variations in eating customs.
- 15.6 Accommodation for IODA officials and members of the Jury may be of the same quality as that provided for the members of delegations except that they shall be in single rooms (unless otherwise requested).

16. ENTRY FEES

- 16.1 The host Member will, at the time it makes application, propose an entry fee, as low as possible, to be paid by each participating sailor and adult (see 15.1) to assist in financing the Championship. The entry fee shall be approved by the IODA Annual General Meeting as stated in 8.2.
- 16.2 The Organising Authority must provide the additional financing from its own sources to cover the expenses of organisation and conduct of the Championship.

17. ADVERTISING

Sponsorship should be encouraged and advertising is permitted as described in the World Sailing Advertising Code Regulation 20, as limited by class rule 2.8.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The Organising Authority shall indemnify IODA, its officers and agents against all claims arising from its part in organising the event and shall sign a form of indemnity before the venue is confirmed. Where possible it shall insure this risk.

19. IODA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The IODA Executive Committee shall authorise one or more representatives to act on its behalf in matters relating to the application of these Conditions.

20. IODA OFFICIALS

- 20.1 The Executive Committee shall appoint for each Championship an IODA Principal Race Officer (see 11.4), a chief measurer and deputy measurer(s) (see 13.2) and nominee of the Executive (normally the Vice-President for the continent concerned). The Organising Authority shall provide **return flights in accordance with the IODA Travel Policy**, accommodation, meals, transport to and from the airport to the venue, and local transport, **for the PRO and the Chief Measurers/Deputy Measurer(s)**.
- 20.2 The Organising Authority shall provide accommodation, meals, transport to and from the airport to the venue, and local transport for **a nominee of the Executive (normally the Vice President of the continent concerned), the IODA Secretaries, and** any other IODA committee members, secretaries or the partner of any of the above, in exchange for an adult entry fee.

21. FINANCES

- 21.1 The Organising Authority shall pay a fee to IODA for every participating sailor and fee paying adult.
- 21.2 **The Organizing Authority is** responsible for the travel costs of the pre-regatta organisation site visit(s) **in accordance with the IODA Travel Policy**, and the Organising Authority are responsible for the cost of the accommodation and meals and local transport during that visit(s).

22. REPORT

The Organising Authority will prepare a report and evaluation of the Championship for presentation to the IODA Executive Committee prior to two months after the end of the Championship.

23. AMENDMENTS

These Conditions may be amended by the Members at Annual General Meetings of IODA in accordance with IODA Article 17.

Conditions for Optimist European Championship

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are supplementary to the Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for Optimist European Championship unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the “Optimist European Championship”. If there is a title sponsor, the sponsor name may be inserted elsewhere in the Championship’s name, as approved by the IODA Executive Committee.

3. DATES

The Championship will be held every year, amongst Members in Europe, is to be sailed normally during July-August and shall not be at the same time as the Optimist World Championship. It is to comprise an 8-day programme, including the Official Departure Day when the team racing is a separate event (usual). When the fleet racing and team racing are combined, it shall be a 9-day programme, including the Official Departure Day.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the Championship:

- a) Two Measurement Days
- b) Team Leaders’ Meeting
- c) Opening Ceremony
- d) Championship Series
 - i. Optimist Boys Individual European Championship – 5 race days
 - ii. Optimist Girls Individual European Championship – same 5 race days as boys
 - iii. Optimist Team Racing European Championship – 1 race day (only when fleet racing and team racing are combined)
- e) Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

5.1 OPTIMIST EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The format of the Championship will be published in the Notice of Race.

- a) A minimum of 3 races shall be sailed to constitute a valid championship.

6. PRIZES

6.1 Prizes shall be awarded at least to:

- a) The three best-placed boy sailors, regardless of their continent of residence
- b) The three best-placed girl sailors, regardless of their continent of residence
- c) The three best-placed boy sailors whose IODA member is European, the first of whom will become the European Boy Champion of the corresponding year;
- d) The three best-placed girl sailors whose IODA member is European, the first of whom will become the European Girl Champion of the corresponding year;
- e) When the fleet has been divided into divisions, medals or small tokens should be awarded to the top three sailors in Silver and Bronze fleets where applicable.
- f) Team Prizes
The top three placed teams (as determined by the calculation stated in Condition 7.1.e of the European Team Racing Championship qualification) whose members are from Europe shall each receive medals or a small token.

6.2 More prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

7. ENTRY

7.1 Subject to Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships 10 and Condition 7.3 below:

- a) Entries for a Continental Championship shall only be open to IODA Member countries who have paid their subscription on or before the official arrival day.
- b) Each European Member of IODA may enter up to seven sailors with a maximum of four being of the same gender. Each non-European Member of IODA may enter up to four sailors with a maximum of three being of the same gender.
- c) The sailors who have sailed or will sail in the same year's Optimist World Championship are not allowed to participate in the European Championship, except as provided in Condition 7.1.d.
- d) The defending European (closed) **boy and girl** Champions may participate, if eligible, in addition to the seven. **These sailors will not count for the gender quota requirement in 7.1.(b).**
- e) The Host Member may enter 14 sailors (twice that permitted to other Members) with a maximum of 8 being of the same gender.

- f) European members are defined as those so listed on the IODA website.
- 7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

Conditions for Optimist European Team Racing Championship

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions only apply when the Optimist European Team Racing Championship is held separately from the Optimist European (Individual) Championship.
- 1.2 These Conditions are supplementary to the Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.3 These Conditions apply for Optimist European Team Racing Championship unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee.

2. NAME

The name of the Championship shall be the "Optimist European Team Racing Championship". If there is a title sponsor, the sponsor name may be inserted elsewhere in the championship name, as approved by the Executive Committee.

3. DATES

The Championship will be held every year, and shall not be at the same time as the Optimist World Championship nor the Optimist European Championship. It shall be a 6-day programme, including the Official Departure Day.

4. PROGRAMME

The following events shall be included in the official Programme for the Championship

- a) Official Arrival Day
- b) Meeting with Umpires
- c) Opening Ceremony
- d) Championship Series
 - i. Optimist Team Racing European Championship – 4 race days
- e) Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

5.1 OPTIMIST EUROPEAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship is organized for 16 teams.

The format of the Championship will be published in the Notice of Race.

6. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to:

- a) Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to each member of the three best placed teams
- b) More prizes might be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

7. ENTRY

7.1 Subject to Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships 10 and Condition 7.3 below:

- a) Entries for a Continental Championship shall only be open to IODA Member countries who have paid their subscription on or before the Official Arrival Day.
- b) Hulls, spars, foils and possibly sails **may be** supplied by the Organising Authority.
- c) Each team shall be made up of four sailors (maximum 2 of the same gender) and shall be accompanied by a Coach.
- d) The host IODA Member nation shall have an automatic entry.
- e) The Championship is organised for 16 teams from European Member countries. Calculation of the top 16 teams is achieved using the sum of the final ranked position of each Member's top four sailors, maximum two of the same gender, from the previous year's Optimist European Championship. Any team that qualifies, but does not wish to participate or fails to comply with entry requirements, shall be replaced by the next qualified ranked team in the list of Members, ordered lowest to highest.
- f) The sailors who participate in the Optimist Team Racing Championship will not be allowed to participate in the **same year's** Optimist World Championship, except as provided in conditions 7.1.c of the Conditions for the Optimist European Championship.
- g) European members are defined as those so listed on the IODA website.

7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by a coach who shall be responsible for the team at all times.

7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of the host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

Conditions for Optimist North American Championship

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are supplementary to the Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for Optimist North American Championships unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the "Optimist North American Championship". If there is a title sponsor, the sponsor may be inserted elsewhere in the Championship's name, as approved by the IODA Executive Committee.

3. DATES

The championship is to be held every year, amongst members in North America, is to normally be sailed during July-August and shall not be at the same time as the Optimist World Championship. It shall be an 8-day programme, including the Official Departure Day.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- a) Two Measurement days
- b) Team Leaders' Meeting
- c) Opening Ceremony
- d) Championship Series:
 - i. Optimist North American Championship – 4 race days
 - ii. Optimist North American Team Racing Championship and Optimist Nations Cup – 1 race day
- e) Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

5.1 OPTIMIST NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (INAM)

The format of the Championship will be published in the Notice of Race.

- a) A minimum of 3 races shall be sailed to constitute a valid championship.

5.2 OPTIMIST NORTH AMERICAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP (TRNAM)

The championship is organised for a maximum of 16 teams from the

Members of North America, represented by 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race.

The teams shall qualify on the basis of points scored in the INAM. The qualification system is as follows:

- a) The total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each Member will be added to give a total score for the first team of each Member. For Members with more than 4 competitors, the total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each Member will be added to give the total score for the second team of each Member and so on.
- b) Each Member may enter one or more teams to a maximum of three teams.
- c) The ranked position of each team will be based on the team's total points. Teams with lower points will be seeded in higher positions.
- d) If the number of teams eligible to sail the team racing event is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams according to a format provided by the IODA PRO.

5.3 OPTIMIST NATIONS CUP (NC)

This championship is organized for up to a maximum of 16 teams from IODA Members from outside of North America, represented by 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race:

- a) Teams shall qualify on the basis of points scored in the INAM as described in 5.2 (a);
- b) If the number of teams eligible to sail the team racing event is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams according to a format provided by the IODA PRO.

6. PRIZES

6.1 In addition to Condition 7 of the Conditions for Continental Championships, prizes for the Optimist North American Championship shall be awarded at least to:

- a) The 15 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence;
- b) The 5 best placed girl sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
- c) The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA Member is from North America; the first of whom will become the North American Champion of the corresponding year;
- d) When the fleet has been divided into divisions, medals or small tokens should be awarded to the top three sailors in Silver and Bronze fleets where applicable.

- 6.2 Prizes for the team racing events shall be awarded to:
- a) The 3 best placed teams in the North American Team Racing Championship. The first of these teams shall be the North American Team Racing Champion of the corresponding year;
 - b) The three best placed teams in the Optimist Nations Cup;
 - c) It is desirable that prizes for the team racing events include a trophy or a medal for each team member.
- 6.3 More prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizers.

7. ENTRY

- 7.1 Subject to Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships 10 and Condition 7.3 below:
- a) Entries for a Continental Championship shall only be open to IODA Member countries who have paid their subscription on or before the official arrival day.
 - b) American Members of IODA may enter teams as follows:
 - USA: 24 sailors
 - MEX: 16 sailors
 - BER, ISV and CAN: 10 sailors
 - CAY: 6 sailors
 - ARG and BRA: 15 sailors
 - ECU, CHI, PER, URU: 10 sailors
 - Other North American and South American Members: 4 sailorsThe host Member may enter 10 additional sailors.
 - c) The North American members, at the Annual Meeting of IODA, may alter Condition 7.1.b) for the following year with the purpose of accommodating more sailors for the smaller teams with growing national fleets.
 - d) Unless the IODA Executive Committee determines differently one year before the event, 6 Non-American Members of IODA may enter teams of 4 sailors each. Entries will be accepted in chronological order, except that a place is reserved for one team from each continent represented in the first half of the Teams aggregated score (Jacobsen Trophy) of the previous year World Championship.
 - e) The defending North American (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his country. This sailor will not count for the gender quota requirements.

- f) North American Members are defined as those so listed as those so listed on the IODA website. Countries geographically partly in North America but politically in Europe shall be considered to be North American in respect of sailors resident in North America.
 - g) If by the first registration payment deadline, the total entries effectively registered are less than the maximum entries agreed with the organizers, the IODA Executive Committee may allocate additional entries for Members that may have requested them. Priority is North American Members, South American Members and Non American Members.
- 7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

Conditions for Optimist South American Championship

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are supplementary to the Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for Optimist South American Championships unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the “Optimist South American Championship”. If there is a title sponsor, the sponsor name may be inserted elsewhere in the Championship’s name, as approved by the IODA Executive Committee.

3. DATES

The championship is to be held every year, amongst members in South America, is to be sailed during Easter and shall not be at the same time as the Optimist World Championship. It shall be an 8-day programme, including the Official Departure Day, normally ending on Easter Sunday.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- a) Two Measurement days
- b) Team Leaders’ Meeting
- c) Opening Ceremony
- d) Championship Series:
 - i. Optimist South American Championship – 4 race days
 - ii. Optimist South American Team Racing Championship & Optimist Nations Cup - 1 race day
- e) Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

5.1 OPTIMIST SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (ISAM)

The format of the Championship will be published in the Notice of Race.

- a) A minimum of 3 races shall be sailed to constitute a valid championship.

5.2 OPTIMIST SOUTH AMERICAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP (TRSAM).

The championship is organized for a maximum of 16 teams from the

Members of South America, represented by 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race.

Teams shall qualify on the basis of points scored in the ISAM. The qualification system is as follows:

- a) The total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each Member will be added to give a total score for the first team of each Member. For Members with more than 4 competitors, the total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each Member will be added to give the total score for the second team of each Member and so on.
- b) Each Member may enter one or more teams to a maximum of three teams.
- c) The ranked position of each team will be based on the team's total points. Teams with lower points will be seeded in higher positions.
- d) If the number of teams eligible to sail the team racing event is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams according to a format provided by the IODA PRO.

5.3 OPTIMIST NATIONS CUP (NC)

This championship is organized for up to a maximum of 16 teams from IODA Members from outside of South America, represented by 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race.

- a) Teams shall qualify on the basis of points scored in the ISAM as described in 5.2 (a).
- b) If the number of teams eligible to sail the team racing event is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams according to a format provided by the IODA PRO.

5.4 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of teams entered in the NC and/or in the TRSAM.

6. PRIZES

6.1 In addition to Condition 7 of the Conditions for Continental Championships, prizes for the Optimist South American Championship shall be awarded at least to:

- a) The 15 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence;
- b) The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is South American. The first of these 3 sailors will become the South American Champion and will be awarded the permanent trophy.

- c) The 5 best placed girls regardless of their continent of residence;
 - d) The best placed boy regardless of his continent of residence;
 - e) The best placed girl whose IODA member is South American;
 - f) The best placed boy whose IODA member is South American.
 - g) When the fleet has been divided into divisions, medals or small tokens should be awarded to the top three sailors in Silver and Bronze fleets where applicable.
- 6.2 Prizes for the team racing events shall be awarded at least to:
- a) The 3 best placed teams in the South American Team Racing Championship. The first of these teams will be the South American Team Champions of the corresponding year.
 - b) The three best placed teams in the Optimist Nations Cup (NC).
 - c) It is desirable that prizes for the team racing events include a trophy or a medal for each team member.
- 6.3 More prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

7. ENTRY

- 7.1 Subject to Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships 10 and Condition 7.3 below:
- a) Entries for a Continental Championship shall only be open to IODA Member countries who have paid their subscription on or before the official arrival day.
 - b) Each South American Member of IODA may enter up to 15 sailors. The host member may enter up to 30 sailors.
 - c) Each North American (NAM) Member of IODA may enter a maximum number of sailors equal to the number of sailors that participated in the Optimist North American Championship of the previous year, except that:
 - i. The host Member of the said NAM Championship may only enter the number of sailors it would have been entitled to enter in that year if it had not been the host
 - ii. Each NAM Member may enter at least 5 sailors and
 - iii. No NAM Member may enter more than 15 sailors
 - d) Additional entries but not more than 15 in total per Member, may be admitted for those NAM Members that have requested them and that according to (b) above may have not been allocated the maximum of 15 sailors. These entries will be allocated at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee.
 - e) Non-American Members may enter at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee.

- f) The defending South American (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his country. This sailor will not count for the gender quota requirements.
 - g) South American members are defined as those so listed on the IODA website. Countries geographically partly in South America but politically in Europe shall be considered to be South American in respect of sailors resident in South America.
 - h) If by the first registration payment deadline, the total entries effectively registered are less than the maximum entries agreed with the organizers, The IODA Executive Committee may allocate additional entries for Members that may have requested them.
- 7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

Conditions for Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are supplementary to the Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for a combined Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the “Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship”. If there is a title sponsor, the sponsor name may be inserted elsewhere in the championship’s name, as approved by the IODA Executive Committee.

3. DATES

The championship is to be held every year, amongst members in Asia and Oceania and shall not be at the same time as the Optimist World Championship. It shall be an 8-day programme, including the Official Departure Day.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- a) Two Measurement days
- b) Team Leaders’ Meeting
- c) Opening Ceremony
- d) Championship Series:
 - i. Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship – 4 race days
 - ii. Optimist Asian & Oceanian Team Racing Championship – 1 race day
- e) Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

5.1 OPTIMIST ASIAN & OCEANIAN CHAMPIONSHIP (IAOC)

The format of the Championship will be published in the Notice of Race.

- a) A minimum of 3 races shall be sailed to constitute a valid championship.

5.2 OPTIMIST ASIAN & OCEANIAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship is organized for a maximum of 16 teams from the Members of Asia & Oceania, represented by 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race.

Teams shall qualify on the basis of points scored in the IAOC. The qualification system is as follows:

- a) The total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each Member will be added to give a total score for the first team of each Member. For Members with more than 4 competitors, the total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each Member will be added to give the total score for the second team of each Member and so on.
- b) The ranked position of each team will be based on the team's total points. Team with lower points will be seeded in higher positions.
- c) No Member is allowed to enter more than two teams, except the Host Member which is allowed to enter three teams even if not qualified. If the Host Member's team(s) do not qualify in the top 16 ranked teams, these three teams will replace the other ranked Member teams by either removing the second ranked team of the other Members working from bottom to top, or replacing the teams ranked from the bottom of the ranking to the top. After replacement, the teams will be ranked again in order of points to define the positions in the grid.
- d) If the number of teams eligible to sail the team racing event is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams according to a format provided by the IODA PRO.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1 In addition to Condition 7 of the Conditions for Continental Championships, prizes for the Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship shall be awarded at least to:
 - a) The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence;
 - b) The 3 best placed girls regardless of their continent of residence;
 - c) The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is from Asia; the first of whom will become the Asian Champion of the corresponding year;
 - d) The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is from Oceania; the first of whom will become the Oceanian Champion of the corresponding year;
 - e) When the fleet has been divided into divisions, medals or small tokens should be awarded to the top three sailors in Silver and Bronze fleets where applicable.
- 6.2 Prizes for the team racing events shall be awarded at least to:
 - a) The 3 best placed teams in the Asian & Oceanian Team Racing Championship;

- b) The best placed team whose IODA Member is from Asia, if different from the first in 6.2(a);
- c) The best placed team whose IODA Member is from Oceania, if different from the first in 6.2(a);
- d) It is desirable that prizes for the team racing events include a trophy or a medal for each team member.

6.3 More prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

7. ENTRY

- 7.1 Subject to Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships 9, 10 and Condition 7.3 below:
- a) Entries for a Continental Championship shall only be open to IODA Member countries who have paid their subscription on or before the official arrival day.
 - b) Asian & Oceanian Members of IODA may enter up to 10 sailors. The host Member may enter up to 20 sailors.
 - c) The IODA Executive Committee may decide to allow entries from non-Asian or Oceanian Members depending on the number of registered Asian & Oceanian sailors **by the first payment deadline** and the limitations of Condition 7.3.
 - d) The defending Asian (closed) Champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his country. This sailor will not count for the gender quota requirements.
 - e) The defending Oceanian (closed) Champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his country. This sailor will not count for the gender quota requirements.
 - f) Asian & Oceanian Members are defined as those so listed on the IODA website.

Countries geographically partly in Asia or Oceania but politically in Europe shall be considered to be Asian or Oceanian in respect of sailors resident in Asia or Oceania.

- 7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

Conditions for Optimist African Championship

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are supplementary to the Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for Optimist African Championships unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the "Optimist African Championship". If there is a title sponsor, the name may be inserted elsewhere in the Championship's name, as approved by the IODA Executive Committee.

3. DATES

The championship is to be held every year, amongst members in Africa and shall not be at the same time as the Optimist World Championship. It shall be an 8-day programme, including the Official Departure Day.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- a) Two Measurement days
- b) Team Leaders' Meeting
- c) Opening Ceremony
- d) Championship Series:
 - i. Optimist African Championship – 4 race days
 - i. Optimist African Team Racing Championship – 1 race day
- e) Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

- 5.1 OPTIMIST AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (AC)

The format of the Championship will be published in the Notice of Race.

 - a) A minimum of 3 races shall be sailed to constitute a valid championship.
- 5.2 OPTIMIST AFRICAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship is organized for a maximum of 16 teams from the Members of Africa, represented by 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. This championship is organised for up to 16 teams from IODA Members represented by at least four sailors.

Teams shall qualify on the basis of points scored in the IAC. The qualification system is as follows:

- a) The total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each Member will be added to give a total score for the first team of each Member. For Members with more than 4 competitors, the total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each Member will be added to give the total score for the second team of each Member and so on.
- b) The ranked position of each team will be based on the team's total points. Team with lower points will be seeded in higher positions.
- c) No Member is allowed to enter more than two teams, except the Host Member which is allowed to enter three teams even if not qualified. If the Host Member's team(s) do not qualify in the top 16 ranked teams, these three teams will replace the other ranked Member teams by either removing the second ranked team of the other Members, working from the bottom to the top, or replacing the teams ranked from the bottom of the ranking to the top. After replacement, the teams will be ranked again in order of points to define the positions in the grid.
- d) If the number of teams eligible to sail the team racing event is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams according to a format provided by the IODA PRO.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1 In addition to Condition 7 of the Conditions for Continental Championships, prizes for the Optimist African Championship shall be awarded at least to:
 - a) The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence;
 - b) The 3 best placed girls regardless of their continent of residence;
 - c) The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA Member is from Africa; the first of whom will become the African Champion of the corresponding year;
- 6.2 Prizes for the team racing events shall be awarded at least to:
 - a) The 3 best placed teams in the African Team Racing Championship;
 - b) The best placed team whose IODA Member is from Africa, if different from the first in 6.2(a);
 - c) When the fleet has been divided into divisions, medals or small tokens should be awarded to the top three sailors in Silver and Bronze fleets where applicable;

- d) It is desirable that prizes for the team racing events include a trophy or a medal for each team member.

6.3 More prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

7. ENTRY

7.1 Subject to Conditions for Optimist Continental Championships 9, 10 and Condition 7.3 below:

- a) Entries for a Continental Championship shall only be open to IODA Member Countries who have paid their subscription on or before the Official Arrival Day.
- b) African Members of IODA may enter up to 10 sailors. The host Member may enter up to 20 sailors.
- c) The IODA Executive Committee may decide to allow entries from non-African Members depending on the number of registered African sailors **by the first payment deadline** and the limitations of Condition 7.3.
- d) The defending African (closed) Champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his country. This sailor will not count for the gender quota requirements.
- e) African Members are defined as those so listed on the IODA website. Countries geographically partly in Africa but politically in Europe shall be considered to be African in respect of sailors resident in Africa.

7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.

7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

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Optimist Builders

The Optimist Class does not have licensed builders and anyone may build them. GRP builders must provide a correct prototype before manufacture and undergo regular inspections thereafter. The following builders have complied with this requirement and have bought World Sailing plaques within the last two years.

Europe

ACC Boats (All-Carter Crafts)	Poland
Art Marine Ltd.	<i>Russia</i>
Astro Racing Boats	Spain
Blue Blue	Poland
C.N.M. Faccenda	Italy
Devoti Sailing	Czech Rep.
Dimas Yacht Shipyards	Greece
Erplast	France(CHN)
Exo Boat	Slovenia
Hodacs Composites	Hungary

KDK Boats *Spain*

Cantiere Nautico Lillia *Italy*

LLC Politermo	Russia
MarineLab	Italy
Naaix, Aix & Mos SL	Spain
Nautivela S.r.l.	Italy
Opti-Tur	Turkey
Opti-Yachts	Poland
Ovington Boats	UK
Sport Sails Center	Poland
Stanislaw Sierocin	Poland
Van Wettum Boats	Holland
Winner Optimist Aps.	Denmark
Ziba SP.z.o.o.	Poland

North America

McLaughlin Boat Works	USA
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South America

Eduardo Marazzarto (Zzato)	Argentina
Nicolas Cuerdo	Argentina
Nilo Dinghies	Argentina
Rio Techna	Argentina

Asia

One Plus Boat Co.	China
Praga Marine	India
Shanghai Far East	China
Zou Inter Marine	China

The following former builders are inactive:

<i>AS Globotron</i>	<i>Estonia</i>
<i>Cantiere Nordest snc.</i>	<i>Italy</i>
<i>David Harte</i>	<i>Ireland</i>
<i>Finessa Batar</i>	<i>Sweden</i>
<i>Lenam Vela Ligera</i>	<i>Spain (CHN)</i>
<i>McConaghy Boats</i>	<i>China</i>
<i>Morgan Boats d.o.o.</i>	<i>Slovenia</i>
<i>Mynt & Associates Co. Ltd.</i>	<i>Myanmar</i>
<i>New Blue</i>	<i>Poland</i>
<i>Opticup PPH</i>	<i>Poland</i>
<i>OS Boats</i>	<i>Sweden</i>
<i>Pekan Boats</i>	<i>UK</i>
<i>Sail One</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>
<i>Xtreme Sailboats</i>	<i>Singapore</i>

IODA Member Countries

Africa

Algeria	Angola	<i>Cape Verde</i>	Egypt
<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Libya</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>Morocco</i>
Mozambique	<i>Senegal</i>	Seychelles	S. Africa
<i>Sudan</i>	Tanzania	Tunisia	<i>Zimbabwe</i>

Asia

Bahrain	China	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong
India	<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>Iran</i>	Iraq
Japan	Korea	Kuwait	<i>Kyrgyzstan</i>
Macau	Malaysia	Myanmar	Oman
Pakistan	<i>Philippines</i>	Qatar	<i>Saudi Arabia</i>
Singapore	Sri Lanka	Thailand	UA. Emirates
<i>Uzbekistan</i>			

Europe

<i>Albania</i>	Andorra	<i>Armenia</i>	Austria
Azerbaijan	Belarus	Belgium	Bulgaria
Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark
Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
<i>Georgia</i>	Great Britain	Greece	Hungary
<i>Iceland</i>	Ireland	Israel	Italy
Latvia	<i>Liechtenstein</i>	Lithuania	<i>Macedonia FYR</i>
Malta	Monaco	Montenegro	Netherlands
Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania
Russia	San Marino	Serbia	Slovakia
Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland
Turkey	Ukraine		

North America

Antigua	Bahamas	Belize	Bermuda
British Virgin Is.	Canada	Cayman Island	<i>Costa Rica</i>
<i>Cuba</i>	<i>Dominican R.</i>	El Salvador	<i>Grenada</i>
Guatemala	Mexico	Neth. Antilles	<i>Nicaragua</i>
Puerto Rico	<i>St. Kitts & Nevis</i>	St. Lucia	St. Vin & Gren.
Trinidad & Tobago	Turks & Caicos	USA	US Virgin Islands

Oceania

Australia	Fiji	New Zealand	Tahiti
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South America

Argentina	Brazil	Chile	Colombia
Ecuador	Panama	Paraguay	Peru
Uruguay	<i>Venezuela</i>		

Italics – Not current members

