



COLONIAL

BERMUDA NATIONAL AND OPEN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

NOVEMBER 10-13, 2016

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The BERMUDA NATIONAL AND OPEN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP is organized by the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association (BSA); under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.3 Rule 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows:
Rule 61.1 (a) is amended by adding the following at the end of paragraph (a), before the word "However"; A boat intending to protest from an incident on the race course shall immediately after finishing proceed directly to the RC Official Finish Line Boat, sail on the starboard side of the RC boat and notify the RC that she intends to protest, hail her sail number and the number of the boat she is protesting before leaving the finish line area.
- 1.4 Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
The first sentence of rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal floatation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times

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- while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing.” Add to the preamble of Part 4, after ‘racing’: “, except rule 40 as amend above”
- 1.5 Rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class. Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulation 19 Nationality Criteria. The age of a competitor at the end of the year in which the event occurs shall not exceed 15 years.
- 3.2 All competitors shall be Members of BODA, or their respective Country of Residence’s Optimist Class Association.
- 3.3 Competitors can register by emailing the regatta chair for entry forms, waivers and payment instructions, Dede Cooper at nationals@boda.bm

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 (a) The early entry fee is \$175 for all competitors that have completed all parts of their registration together with all fees paid by September 21, 2016.
(b) Regular entry fee is \$200.00.
(c) Entry closes on October 31, 2016.

5. FORMAT

- 5.1 There will be a Championship fleet that will race as a single division.
- 5.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to split the fleet in two divisions should the entries in the Championship fleet exceed 70.
- 5.3 There will be a Green Fleet, which will have separate Notice of Race.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Program and Schedule
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| 10 November | Practice day |
| 1600-1800 | Registration |
| 11 November | Racing |
| 12 November | Racing |
| 13 November | Racing |



- 6.2 12 races are scheduled, with four races scheduled per day.
- 6.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to sail an additional race each day if regatta falls behind schedule or weather reasons dictate.
- 6.4 The skipper's briefing will be 9.45 each day with first warning signal at 1100 each day. The last warning signal on the final race day will be no later than 1500.

7. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT

Competitors may only change equipment as allowed by IODA Class Rules. No substitution of sails, sail numbers or equipment is allowed throughout the Championship without the written permission of the Race Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the BODA website, www.boda.bm by 10 November

9. VENUE

The Championship will be held at the Royal Naval Dockyard adjacent to the America's Cup Endeavour Fort and the racing areas will be the waters of Bermuda.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be included in the Sailing Instructions and the intention is to use the IODA trapezoid where possible and when conditions dictate.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Appendix P will apply
- 11.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5

12. SCORING

- 12.1 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When 6-11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3 When 12-16 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall 1st through 5th

Bermuda National Champion, resident of Bermuda sailing under BER



Top girl
Top junior (born in 2005 or later)
Peter Mitchell Sportsmanship Prize

Green Fleet participation prize for all

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

The Organising Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the Trials will accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to competitors before, during or after the Championship.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For entry and additional information:

Regatta Chair Dede Cooper nationals@boda.bm or cooper.kent.house@gmail.com

Charter boats: McLaughlin Boat Works, contact Spencer Wiberley at spencer@optistuff.com

Support Boats:

RBYC Nathan Bailey at sailingdirector@rbyc.bm

RHADC Nico Stefani at sailing@rhadc.bm

Accommodation-limited housing available on request

Hotels/B&B

Hamilton Princess thehamiltonprincess.com

Edgehill Manor www.edgehill.bm

Oxford House www.oxfordhouse.bm

Rosemont Hotel www.rosemont.bm

Rosedon Hotel www.rosedon.com

Transport-Royal Naval Dockyard is easily accessible via the Hamilton-Dockyard ferry route

<http://www.seaexpress.bm>

Meals -Lunch will be provided November 11, 12 and 13. Registration dinner November 10 is included in entry fee.