



BRAZILIAN OPEN NATIONALS

09th to 18th January of 2015

late Clube do Rio de Janeiro

Associação Brasileira da Classe Optimist

Confederação Brasileira de Vela

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Championships will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2.
- 1.2 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule Appendix P will apply as amended of the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The Green Fleet will be governed by the ISAF Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01.
- 1.5 Portuguese shall be the Official Language for the Championships.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Competitors may be required to display sponsors' advertising and/or bow numbers. If required they will be provided by the Organizing Authority and shall be affixed in accordance with instructions.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 The Championships are open to competitors sailing boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below. Allocation of any sailor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of ABCO, and may only be varied during the event by the Race Committee.
- 3.2 Competitors shall have been born in 2000 or later.

4. Entry

- 4.1 Entries shall be made by e-mail (vela@icrj.com.br)
- 4.2 Entries open on 20th October 2014.
- 4.3 Entries close at 1700 hours on Wednesday 10 December 2014. Late entries may be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee up to 1800 hours on 11th January 2015.
- 4.4 Competitors, team leaders, volunteers and support boats shall complete registration at the race office.

5. Entry Fees

5.1 The Regatta entry fee for the Brazilians is BRL R\$180. The entry fee includes regatta shirt, opening ceremony and presentation function for the helm.

5.2 Late entries may be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee of BRL R\$70.00 up to the closing of registration at 1800hrs 11th January 2015.

5.3 Charter boat fees are additional to the entry fee.

6. Format of the Championship

6.1 The Brazilian Championship will consist of Open Fleet. The series for each fleet will consist of up to 12 races. No more than three races will be sailed on any day.

6.2 The Brazilian Team Racing Championship is limited to a maximum of 16 teams nominated and formed by Nations (for countries other than Brazil), States or Clubs. The maximum number of teams may be modified at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

7. Programme

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
09 Jan – Fri	9h to 18h	Reception, registration and measurements
10 Jan – Sat.	9h to 18h 18h	Reception, registration and measurements Skippers meeting
11/ Jan – Sun	9h to 18h 14h 18h	Registration and measurements Training Race Opening Ceremony
12 Jan - Mond	13h	Races (Individual)
13 Jan – Tuesd	13h	Races (Individual)
14 Jan – Wed	13h	Races (Individual)
15 Jan – Thurs	13h 19h	Brazilian Team Championship General Assembly Brazilian Optimist Class
16 Jan – Fri	---	Day Off
17 Jan – Sat	13h	Races (individual)
18 Jan – Sun	13h 19h	Races (Individual) Prizegiving Ceremony

NOTE: No warning signal will be made after 16:00hrs on 18 January 2015

8. Measurement

8.1 All boats shall produce a Sail Measurement Certificate and IODA Measurement Book with the relevant sailor's details duly entered in the AIODA Boat Register.

8.2 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutinized and will be measured by the Measurement Sub-Committee according to the Measurement Regulations, and approved by this Sub-Committee to be complying with the Class rules.

8.2.1 For teams racing only a second mainsail may be measured in and used.

8.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

8.4 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office, the damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Sub-Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutinized by the Measurement Sub-Committee.

8.5 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Measurement Sub-Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

8.6 Charter boats may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.

8.7 Charter boats shall be supplied with a Registration Book but are exempt from complying with Class rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1.

8.8 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again at any time.

9. Sailing Instructions

9.1 The Championship Sailing Instructions will be available on late Clube do Rio de Janeiro site (www.icrj.com.br) from the 20th December 2014

9.2 Printed Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration.

10. The course

10.1 The Championship course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.

11. Penalty System

11.1 Appendix P will apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.

11.3 Races of the Team Racing will be umpired according to the Appendix D of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Single flag protest system will apply.

12. Scoring

12.1 For the Brazilian Championship, the series will consist of up to twelve (12) races, five (5) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 Where a qualifying and finals series is used:

a) The qualifying series shall consist of a maximum of eight (8) completed races. If used, the qualifying series will be conducted on the 12th, 13th, and 14th January 2015, with provision for resails on the 14th January 2015.

b) The finals series shall consist of a maximum of four (4) completed races. If used, the final series will be conducted on the 17th and 18th January 2015.

12.3 a) When less than six races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores;

b) When from six to twelve races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score;

13. Safety

13.1 Discretionary penalties will apply to rule 41 'Outside Help'. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalized.

14. Support Boats

14.1 All Support/Coach Boats must be registered online with the Organizing Authority. All boats shall be marked with a numbered flag available at registration upon completion of a Support/Coach Boat online registration form. A payment of BRL R\$ 100,00 is required for the numbered flag. This flag must be clearly displayed by all boats at all times whilst afloat.

14.2 Except when requested by the Race Committee to participate in rescue operations; team leaders, coaches, parents and other support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race of a race to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.

14.3 When the wind is less than 10 knots all team leaders, coaches, parents and other support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing.

15. Charter Boats

15.1 Charter boats are NOT mandatory.

15.2 Charter boats will be provided by EDN (Lange).

15.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;

b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;

c) Hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;

d) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and

e) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class rules are complied with.

f) Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.

g) Charter boats will be complete with blocks, airbag, racing spars, racing foils, mainsheet, padded toe straps, paddle and 1 x bailer, trolley and bowlines. Sails, sail ties, Sprit halyards and wind vanes will NOT be provided.

15.4 Competitors shall compete in the championship in boats correctly registered or in EDN charter boats officially chartered for the championship as approved by ABCO.

15.5 The charter fee for the Championship days (January 10th -18th) will be BRL R\$ 800,00. Charter boats will be available from January 6st at the additional pre-event rate BRL R\$90.00 per day. Reservation of charter boats shall be made by e-mail to EDN edn@icrj.com.br Payments shall be made directly to the boat provider.

16. Boat Park

16.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places.

17. Radio Communication

17.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. Prizes

18.1 Prizes for the Open Championships will be awarded at least to:

- a) The first 10 boats overall
- b) The 3 first in each category: Mirim, Infantil, Juvenil (male and female)
- c) Best State
- d) Best fleet
- e) The first 3 teams in the Brazilian Team Racing Championship

18.2 The classification/points of the categories Mirim, Infantil, Juvenil and Female shall be based on the general classification.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 of the RRS, 'Decision to Race'. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage

or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. In addition to this the following clauses are applicable:

19.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits, 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians.

19.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her helm is competent to sail and compete in them.

19.4 Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the race officers, patrol boats and beach masters.

19.5 The provision of rescue boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

19.6 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these conditions.

19.7 The Race Committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that: (a) The boat, the equipment or the clothing of the helm, or (b) The physical condition of the helm is not adequate for the conditions. Such boats will be scored DNC, DNS or DNF as appropriate.

20. Media and Electronic Equipment

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

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

22. Further Information

22.1 For further information and queries, please contact:

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