



**International Optimist
Class Association (UK)**



2018 VOLVO GILL BRITISH NATIONAL AND OPEN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS

4th – 10th August 2018

The Organising Authority is

The International Optimist Class Association (UK).

To be held at

Plas Heli/Ciwb Hyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club

In conjunction with the Championships there will be a Regatta Fleet for less experienced sailors who do not wish to compete in the open event. The Regatta Fleet will be governed by a separate Regatta Fleet Notice of Race available via the event website.

Event website <https://www.kbsuk.com/optimist/iocaevents/index.asp?EventID=98>

NOTICE OF RACE: JUNIOR AND SENIOR FLEET

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. [DP]
 - 1.5.2 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority on the front 40% of the boat. [DP].

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist Class.
- 3.2 Participants shall be members of IOCA (UK) or an equivalent National Optimist organisation.
- 3.3 Entry shall be made via the IOCA(UK) Event Website, and the official Entry Form shall be submitted with the declaration of the Parent/Guardian.
- 3.4 Entry will be accepted only from competitors born in 2010 or earlier. Younger competitors may apply to compete, however the Organising Authority has absolute discretion to accept or refuse such an entry.
- 3.5 There will be a confirmed total entry limit of 400 boats. Once confirmed entry limits are reached any subsequent entries will be placed on a waiting list. As more resources become available the entry limit will be raised (please find more details on the website).
- 3.6 In line with the standard IOCA conditions of entry, entries will only be confirmed once the entry fee has been paid. While the entry fee remains unpaid that entry will remain on the waiting list.
- 3.7 All promotions from waiting list to confirmed entries will depend on payment of entry fees and available space at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.8 Late entries will be only accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority

4 NOT USED

5 FEES

5.1 Key Dates (referenced from the following sections):

- Early Entry Date: Midnight on 12th June 2018
- Closing Date: Midnight on 17th July 2018

5.2 The fees and refund policy is as follows:

	Before Early Entry Date	Before Closing Date	After Closing Date
Main Fleet	£195	£235	£255 (If accepted)
Refund for Cancellation	Full less £5	50%	None

5.3 Any entries after the *Closing Date* are at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5.4 A sibling discount, in the form of a refund, is available for families with three or more sailors across the Main and Regatta fleet events. Entries should be completed as normal and the Sibling discounts must be claimed *at the event* from the race office after registration has closed.

5.4.1 For a third sailor, the discount is £60 for that entry only.

5.4.2 For a fourth or subsequent sailor the discount is £120 for that entry only.

6 FORMAT OF RACING

6.1 All Championship competitors born between 1st January 2003 and 31st December 2005 inclusive will race in the Senior Fleet. All younger Championship competitors will race in the Junior Fleet.

6.2 The championships for both Senior and Junior fleets will consist of a qualifying series and final series.

6.3 The Senior and Junior fleets may be divided into flights for the qualifying series and re-flighted at the end of each day of the qualifying series. Following the qualifying series the Senior and Junior fleets may then be divided into divisions (for example Gold, Silver and Bronze). The number of divisions will depend on the size of entry and the size of divisions within each fleet will be similar. There will be a boys and girls championship in both Senior and Junior fleets.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedule is as follows (locations will be posted at the venue):

	Sat 4 th	Sun 5 th	Mon 6 th	Tues 7 th	Wed 8 th	Thurs 9 th	Fri 10 th
	Preparation	Qualifying Races			Lay Day	Finals Races	
Equipment Inspection	14:00 – 16:00 18:00 – 20:00						
Registration	14:00 – 16:00 18:00 – 20:00						
Support Boat Briefing		09:30	09:00	09:00		09:00	09:00
Competitors' Briefing		10:00					
1 st Warning Signal		12:55	10:55	10:55		10:55	10:55
Number of Races		2	3	3		3	3
Last Allowable Warning Signal							15:00
Competitors' De-brief		TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA	
Prize Giving							18:00

7.2 The Championship will consist of up to 14 races.

7.3 The intention is that there will be no more than three races a day, however, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.

7.4 Prior to Registration all competitors will be required to complete the Equipment Inspection process.

7.5 Equipment Inspection and Registration will only be available at the times specified in the schedule without prior arrangement.

7.6 The Race Committee's intention is to run all races scheduled for a given day consecutively. There will not be time to go ashore between races. Competitors should be prepared to toilet afloat, either on the mother-ship or in safety boats.

7.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7.8 Qualifying will continue until the end of racing on Tuesday 7th August unless 5 qualifying races have not been completed for all boats at that time, in which case the Lay Day will be cancelled and 3 qualifying races will be scheduled for Wednesday 8th August. The qualifying series will then continue until the end of the day on which 5 qualifying races have been completed for all boats.

8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.

8.2 Pre-registration equipment inspection procedures / and or measurement requirements at Registration will be published on the event website prior to the event.

8.3 Equipment inspection checks may be carried out ashore and on the water at the discretion of the race committee.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website at least three days prior to the event.

9.2 Sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board. Individual printed copies will not be distributed on the day, please print your own if required.

10 VENUE

10.1 The venue is:

Plas Heli/Clwb Hyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club
Plas Help Glanydon Industrial Estate,
Glanydon Industrial Estate, Pwllheli
LL53 5YT

10.2 Racing will be in the surrounding waters.

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The course will either be inner / outer loop trapezoid or Worlds course with senior and junior fleets sailing together on one course.

12 PENALTIES

- 12.1 Appendix P will apply, except as changed by NoR 12.2.
12.2 RRS P2.3 is deleted and in RRS P2.2 "second" is changed to read "second or subsequent".

13 SCORING

- 13.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
13.2 The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

Qualifying series

- 4 or more completed races - All scores except her worst race score
Fewer than 4 completed races - All race scores

Final series

- 4 or more completed races - All scores except her worst race score
Fewer than 4 completed races - All race scores.

- 13.3 Except for race scores excluded in accordance with 13.2 above, a boat's series score for the championships will be the total of her race scores from those qualifying races completed by all flights in the relevant fleet and her final races. Different final-series divisions need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats in the Gold division will be ranked highest, followed by those in the Silver, Bronze (and subsequent divisions, if used), except for a boat disqualified from a final-series race under rule 5 or 69.
- 13.4 Points for the Senior and Junior fleets shall be calculated separately. Points for the National Championships shall be calculated including all competitors, whether eligible for the championship or not. Points for the Boys and Girls Championship shall also be calculated including all competitors, whether eligible for the championship or not.

14 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 14.1 Support boats may be required to carry markings and shall comply with the directions from Safety Control (please refer to the Sailing Instructions for further details).

15 BERTHING

- 15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

16 NOT USED

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18 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio or mobile telephone transmissions whilst racing other than set out in the "Draft Protocol for a B3 sailor" which will be posted on the Event website.

19 PRIZES

- Prizes will be listed in a separate document.

20 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held at the venue.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

22 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National Class Association and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

23 DATA PROTECTION

In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as in NoR 22) will comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations that come into effect in May 2018. More details will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact admin@optimist.org.uk