



Key Dates Reminder

March 30th - 2021 Europeans
Second Entry Deadline

April 1st is the date that the 2021
IODA Subscription Dues are due
as per Article 4.

April 8th - Submission Deadline
for Amendments to Articles,
Championship, Class Rules &
Member Proposals.

April 15th - 2021 Worlds Second
Entry Stage Deadline

May 1st - Bid Deadline 2023
IODA Championships

May 3rd - 2021 NAMS Final Entry
Stage Deadline

May 27-29th - Measurement
Seminar prior to NAMS in MEX

July 7th - 2021 IODA AGM

How to Bid for a 2023 IODA Championship

The Submission Deadline to host
a 2023 IODA Championship is
May 1st.

Information on **How to Bid for an
IODA Event** can be found [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



OptiGirls Can do Anything: Celebrating their Achievements!

The theme of the 2021 International Women's day is "Choose to Challenge". So we would like to celebrate the OptiGirls who chose to challenge and become National Optimist, World, and Olympic Champions.

What 'Choose to Challenge' means for OptiGirls is that they can choose to do anything that they set out to do if they want to. We know that **OptiGirls can do anything!**

OptiGirls can choose to win a National Optimist Championship if they want to, just like 12 year-old **Emily Polson**, who recently won the Hong Kong Nationals.

OptiGirls can choose to represent their country and compete in the Optimist World Championship if they want to, just like **Maria Perallo**, from Spain who was the top girl at three consecutive Optimist

World Championships in 2017, 2018 and 2019. No other OptiGirl

If you have any questions, contact **Susan Elliot Beatty**, Regatta Secretary at regattasecretary@optiworld.org.

2021 Subscription Dues

Don't forget to pay your **2021 IODA Subscription Dues**. The deadline is **April 1, 2021** as per IODA Article 4.

Paying online with a credit card or PayPal account is available.

If you have any questions, please contact Fiona Kidd at sec_gen@optiworld.org

has accomplished this!

OptiGirls can also choose to win an Optimist World Championship if they want to, just like **Elisa Yokoyama**, from Singapore in 2012, **Kimberley Lim** from Singapore in 2011, and **Noppakao Poonpat**, from THA in 2010.

OptiGirls can also go on and choose to become Olympic Champions if they want to, just like: **Marit Bouwmeester** from the Netherlands, 2016 Gold Medalist in the Radial; **Hanna Mills** and her crew **Saskia Clark** from the United Kingdom, 2016 Gold Medalists in the 470; and **Martine Soffiata Grae**l and her crew **Kahena Kunze** from Brasil, 2016 Gold Medalists in the 49erFX; and **Lijia Xu**, from China, 2012 Gold Medalist in the Radial Class to name just a few.

OptiGirls can also choose to go on to win the 2017-18 Ocean Race if they want to just like **Carolijn Brouwer** from the Netherlands and **Marie Riou** from France.

OptiGirls can also choose to become the female World Sailor of the year if they want to just like **Ann-Marie Rindom**, from Denmark who was awarded it in 2019, alongside Marco Gradoni from Italy, 3-time Optimist World Champion.

All of the sailors mentioned above were OptiGirls. Whatever Challenge an OptiGirl chooses, she can face it head on because **OptiGirls are resilient, strong and fearless!**

We challenge all OptiGirls to choose to be the best they can be and have a ton of fun doing it because **OptiGirls can to anything!**

Let's celebrate all the OptiGirls and their achievements on International Women's Day and let's **#ChoosetoChallenge!**

Proposals for Class Rule, Article or Championship Condition Amendments

2021 Class Rules

As part of the International Women's Day, we are re-introducing the September 2020 Webinar "**Promoting Girls in Sailing**" with guest speaker Elena Papazoglou.

The link to the article and webinar can be found [here](#).





International Optimist
Class Rules

The 2021 Optimist Class Rules
are available [here](#).

2021 IODA Handbook



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IODA Handbook
Articles of Association and
Championship Conditions

The 2021 Handbook that contains
the IODA Articles and
Championship Conditions is
available [here](#).

2021 Event Calendar

We would like to help you
promote your event by including it
on the IODA Event Calendar.
Send the following to Fiona Kidd
at sec_gen@optiworld.org:

- Event Title
- Dates
- Event Logo
- Event Photo or Poster
- NOR
- Website/Facebook info
- Contact Information

At the 2020 AGM, the **Articles 16 and 17 were amended** so that Members have more time to consider any Article, Championship Condition and/or Class Rule Change and make a proposal to the AGM for consideration and approval if possible.

The revised date for submitting a proposal is now set 90 days prior the AGM. The 2021 AGM will be taking place in Riva del Garda, Italy on Wednesday, July 7th, which means that the **deadline to submit a proposal to IODA is Friday, April 8th**.

The amended Articles also changed when the AGM Agenda and Proposals are to be sent out to the Members. The deadline for doing so is 60 days prior to the AGM or Saturday, May 8th.

The AGM is the highest authority of IODA and is formed by the official representatives of Members present or their substitutes. The future direction of the Optimist Class is decided by the Members.

The Optimist Class is coming up to its 60th Anniversary as an International Class and throughout its history, it has been the active participation and input of our Members who have shaped the class over the years.

If you want to see a change in any part of the Optimist Class from how it is managed, to a change in a championship, or in the boat itself, then take this opportunity to submit a proposal that can be presented to the Members at the AGM.

Be reminded as per Article 3 (b) (iii) that **only fully paid up Members can make proposals at the Annual General Meeting**. That means that only Members can make proposals and not individuals and that Members are required to pay your 2021 IODA Subscription Dues.

The **2021 Handbook** contains the Articles of Association and the Championship Conditions. To download the Handbook from the IODA Website, go [here](#).

The **2021 Optimist Class Rules** are available on the IODA Website and can be downloaded [here](#).

If you have any **questions** on how to make a proposal, contact Fiona Kidd, Secretary General at sec_gen@optiworld.org.

2021 NAMS



The 2021 Optimist North American Championship (NAMS) will be taking place in **Riviera Nayarit, Mexico, May 29 to June 5th**.

The Event organizer is intensely preparing and looking forward to welcoming the sailors to Riviera Nayarit at the end of May.

113 sailors from **12** countries have registered for the event - ARG, BAH, BER, BRA, CAY, CHI, GUA, MEX, PUR, USA, URU and ISV. Large teams will be coming from USA (24), MEX(16), ARG (15), BRA (15), BAH (13) and BER (10).

BAH has seen an upsurge in Optimist activity since hosting the last NAMS in Nassau in 2019. Hosting an IODA Continental Championship can completely reinvigorate your Optimist program. The legacy for BAH is that they will be one of the largest teams at the NAMS in 2021.

To check out information on the venue and stories already on the Event **Microsite**, go [here](#).

In addition, the IODA Technical Committee is planning on holding a **Measurement Seminar** for Members from North America on **May 27 to 29th**. Topics covered will be full measurement of sails, spars and foils, how to carry out inspections on the water, plus a discussion of Class Rules and the aspect of One-Design.

More information about how to register will be provided to the IODA Members in North America.

2021 European Championship

The 2021 Optimist European Championship will be taking place in **El Puerto Santa Maria, ESP** from **June 20 to 27th**.



The **deadline for the Second Entry Stage** deadline is fast approaching on **March 30th**.



Late penalty surcharges will apply.

Although we were able to host the Europeans in 2020, we are committed to hosting the European Championships in 2021.

To date **229** sailors from **36** countries have registered - ARG, AUT, BEL, BRA, BUL, CRO, CYP, CZE, DEN, EST, FIN, FRA, GER, GBR, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR, ITA, JPN, LTU, MLT, NED, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SVK, SLO, ESP, SWE, SUI, TUR, UKR, USA

To check out the **Microsite** and find out information on travel, weather and the venue, as well as download the NOR, go [here](#).

2021 World Championship



The 2021 Optimist World Championship will be taking place in Riva del Garda, ITA from June 30th to July 10th.

The **Second Entry Stage Deadline** is **April 15th**. Late penalty surcharges will apply.

IODA is committed to hosting the World Championships in 2021 as we were unable to do so in 2020 due to the pandemic. We continue to monitor the situation very closely while working with the Organizing Committee in the planning of the event.

To date, 245 sailors have registered from 53 countries: ANT, ARG, AUT, AZE, BAH, BLR, BEL, BER, BRA, BUL, CAY, CHI, COL, CRO, CYP, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GER, GBR, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR, ITA, JPN, LAT, LTU, MLT, MEX, NED, NOR, PER, POL, POR, PUR, ROU, RSA, RUS, SRB, SVK, SLO, SWE, SUI, THA, TUR, UKR, USA, URU and ISV.

Check out the **Event Microsite** [here](#) to download the **NOR** and find information on the event venue and location.

There are some great videos on the World Championship Facebook page that shows the excitement of Opti sailing on Lake Garda. To visit the **Facebook page** to see lots of images, videos, and stories, go [here](#).

2021 European Team Racing Championship



The 2021 European Team Racing Championship is taking place in **Lago di Ledro** from **August 24 to 29th**.

The microsite and NOR will be launched shortly.

To all European Members, the list of **16 qualified teams** can be found [here](#).

2021 Asian & Oceanian Championship



The 2021 Asian & Oceanian Championships is taking at the **Royal Varuna Yacht Club, in Pattaya, THA** from **November 6 to 13th**.

The microsite has been launched and will be populated with information shortly. The NOR is being finalized and will be published in due course.

Keep an eye out in the IODA Website and Facebook for any announcements regarding the NOR and when online Registration opens.

To access the Event Microsite, go [here](#).

2021 SAMS & Africans

We will be reporting updates on the **2021 SAMS** taking place in **Mar del Plata, ARG** from **Nov 6 and 13th**, as well as the **2021 African Championships** in **Alexandria, EGY** from **September 3 to 10th** in the **April Newsletter**.

Until then, keep an eye out for any announcements on the IODA Website and Facebook.

For find out more information about IODA, click on the green button below.

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