



Notice Of Race

Venue location:	Oberhofen, Thunersee 5. - 9. August 2015
Organizing Club:	Regattaclub Oberhofen, in association with Swiss Sailing und Swiss Optimist.
Event Chairman:	Stefan Seger
Race Officer:	Silvan Zuppiger
Chairman Jury:	Walter Mielke IJ (GER)
Measurement:	Felix Schneider
Swiss Sailing Rep.:	Habi Zimmermann
Swiss Optimist Rep.:	Hene Keller

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by

- 1.1 - the ISAF 'Racing Rules of Sailing' (RRS)
- 1.2 - the Swiss Championship Regulations of the national Swiss Sailing authority, the Addenda to the Rules and the ISAF Codes. The documents can be viewed at the race office.
- 1.3 - the IODA Class Rules.
- 1.4 Add to Rule 61.1 (a): A boat intending to protest must inform the race committee and identify the protestee immediately after crossing the finish line.
- 1.5 Rule 40 and the introduction to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 The first sentence of rule 40 is replaced by "each competitor shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when on the water, according to Class Rule 4.2(a) , except briefly while putting on or removing clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
 - 1.5.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': 'except rule 40 as amended by 1.5.1'.
- 1.6 These changes will be given in full in the Sailing Instructions (SI). The SI can change other racing rules.
- 1.7 If a conflict arises between rules or regulations, other than the RRS, the SI apply. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 1.8 German is the official language of this Swiss Championship. However, if there is a conflict between languages about documents originally written in English, the English text will take precedence.

2. Advertising

Advertising will be permitted in accordance with ISAF- Regulation 20 and the Swiss Sailing Regulation "Advertising". The organizer can require the competing boats to carry advertising.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open for boats of the Optimist Class for sailors born in 2000 or later.
- 3.2 Foreign sailors are welcome.
- 3.3 RRS 75.1 und 75.2. are applied.
- 3.4 The application must be made by 30.6.2015 online through this **LINK**.
- 3.5 Late entries are accepted until Wednesday 5.8.2015 18h (on site).
- 3.6 For members of Swiss Optimist the color system will apply
 - Green: no need to present any documents as long as no new equipment is used.
 - Orange: missing or previously disputed documents have to be presented
 - Red: all documents have to be presented (Measurement Forms, Swiss Sailing Membercard, valid Swiss Optimist Sticker, proof of insurance).
- 3.7 Foreign sailors need to present Measurement Forms, national Membercard and Proof of Insurance at the registration on site.
- 3.8 Any change to the sail number after the application needs a written request and agreement by the committee. Boats who fail to meet this instruction, will be scored DNC without a hearing.

4. Entry Fee

- 4.1 The entry fee is CHF 160.- incl. social event dinner on Thursday.
Payment should be made to AEK Bank 1826 in Thun, IBAN-Nr. CH78 0870 4001 4829 0210 9
Regatta Club Oberhofen - Swiss Open - **please mention your sail number!**
Foreign Sailors can pay at registration on site.
- 4.2 Late entries have to pay an additional CHF 40.-.
- 4.3 A deposit of CHF 5.- has to be paid for the color ribbons. This deposit will be refunded upon return.

5. Format of the Regatta

- 5.1 12 races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The International Swiss Optimist Championship will be sailed in a group series. The participants will be divided into groups. Depending on the number of races the groups will be reconstituted each day. Details about the group assignment and the format will be described in the Sailing Instructions..

6. Schedule

Wed 5. August	Registration / Measurement	12 - 18 h
Thu 6. August	Registration / Measurement	8 - 10.30 h
	Opening ceremony and Skipper meeting	11.00 h
	Coach meeting	11.30 h
	Races from	12.30 h
Fr 7. August	Races from	9.00 h
Sa 8. August	Races from	9.00 h
Su 9. August	Races from	9.00 h

On the last day no warning signal will be given after 15:30 h, except that this time is compulsory only for the **first** warning signal of the **first** starting group. For the following groups signals may be given after that time. Likewise in case of one or more general recalls the committee can start races after that time unless the race has been postponed or abandoned.

A maximum of 4 valid races will be sailed per day.

7. Measurement

- 7.1 Document and measurement checks will take place in the big tent at the Seeplatz.
- 7.2 No measurement for new gear.
- 7.3 Individual measurement checks can take place at any time during the championship.

8. Sailing Instructions (SI)

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the event website not later than 10.7.2015 and are available only as download. No printed SI will be distributed.

9. Venue

Seeplatz Oberhofen and Thunersee between Hilterfingen and Gunten

10. Course

Trapezoid course with upwind finish (IODA).

11. Penalty System

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P «Special Procedures for Rule 42» is applied, changes appear in the SI.
- 11.2 The sailing instructions (SI) will list a number of Discretionary Penalties which can be applied by the Jury. The SI will list Standard Penalties as well which can be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.

12. International Jury

An international jury in accordance with RRS 91(b) will be constituted (see RRS Appendix N, International Jury, und Rule N2). Decisions are final according to RRS 70.5. no appeal is possible.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 Four races have to be completed for the championship to be valid.
- 13.2 If there are fewer than four races, the regatta only counts for the Swiss championship by points.

13.3 The score will be calculated according to RRS A2. One discard if five to nine races have been completed. Two discards if ten or more races have been completed.

14. Support Boats

- 14.1 All support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations.
- 14.2 Support boats must clearly display their identification sticker. Stickers will be provided by the committee at registration.
- 14.3 Coaches and supporters have to complete the Coach Sheet and put a sticker for each boat they are responsible for.
- 14.4 Support boats shall be used in a cautious way and shall try to avoid making waves.
- 14.5 Non-observance of these rules can lead to punishment of the coaches and/or the related sailors..

15. Berthing and Parking

For every boat and trailer a suitable place ashore will be assigned.
The Organizing committee instructions must be obeyed.

16. Charterboats

- 16.1 For Charterboats RRS Appendix G (G3) is applied.
- 16.2 Boats can be chartered directly from **sailcenter.nl**. Send a request to **info@sailcenter.nl**

17. Prizes

- Prizes are awarded to
- 17.1 the first three boats [The winner will carry the title of the 'International Swiss Champion of the Optimist Class']
 - 17.2 the first three girls
 - 17.3 the first three Optimists cat. B
 - 17.4 all participants (Erinnerungspreis)

18. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.

19. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of CHF 2'000'000 per incident or the equivalent and regatta sailing has to be included explicitly. The proof must be presented on request of the organizer.



Additional Information

Events and catering:

A restaurant will be open during the day

Thursday evening all sailors and friends meet at the Riderbachhalle in Oberhofen for dinner (free for sailors). Additional coupons for parents and coaches can be purchased in the regatta office.

Friday evening the annual general meeting of the Optimist class will start in the big tent 1 hour after the last race.

Accommodation:

Tourist Office Hilterfingen 033 244 84 84 info@hilterfingen-tourismus.ch



A limited number of places for mobile homes are available close to the Seeplatz.

Prices are CHF 180.- from SUN to SUN | CHF 120.- from WED to SUN for one mobile home incl. 4 persons.

For additional persons tourist tax has to be paid separately.

Use this **Link** - reservations are granted as soon as payment is received.

IBAN-Nr. CH78 0870 4001 4829 0210 9 (see NOR 4.1)

please note «Camper» and your vehicle number!



Camping is not possible in Oberhofen. Please contact **Gwatt** (Thun) or **Neuhaus** (Interlaken)

«Zibeler» has a dormitory with reasonable pricing for both individuals and groups. Use this **LINK** for reservations or ask wyss.pia@swissonline.ch for more information. Here's a closer view to **Zibeler**

