

Notice of Race

31th International Optimist Easter Regatta 2016

1. Venue

1.1. The 31th Magic Marine International Easter Optimist Regatta will be held from March 25 - 28, 2016 and will be sailed on the Braassemermeer in Roelofarendsveen, The Netherlands.

1.2. Organizing Authority

The Regatta is organized by the "Watersportvereniging Braassemermeer" (Yacht Club Braassemermeer) in conjunction with the Optimist Club Nederland.

2. Rules

2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). During the Regatta Appendix P will apply.

2.2. The "National Anti Doping Regulations for Dutch Sport" will apply.

2.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2.4. Sails of competing boats must have affixed the full sail number and National Letters in accordance with the Class Rules, the RRS and comply with appendix G.

2.4. Every person on board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license.. The license can be checked at registration.

3. Advertising

3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing committee.

4. Eligibility

4.1. Competitors shall bring a proof of their birth date (i.e. passport) upon registration.

4.2. Entries will be limited to 270 boats.

4.3. For Dutch sailors the first 85 sailors of the Dutch national ranking of 2015 will be allocated for entry to the event.

For non Dutch sailors, the sailor can fill in a sailing curriculum on the website of the event. The Organizing Committee (OC) will choose the best sailors. The OC will inform the sailor if he/she is allowed to enter the event.

The OC will provide 5 wildcards for non qualified sailors, who are member of the Yacht club Braassemermeer.

4.4. The entry will open on November 1, 2015 at 12:00 hrs and will close on March 1, 2016 at 1200, or when the maximum limit of entries is confirmed as mentioned in NOR 4.2

4.5. Competitors can request a cancellation of their entry by sending the OC an email via the website. In case such request is made before March 13 2016 1200 and is accepted by the OC, the entry fee will be reimbursed after deduction of an administrative fee of €15,00. After March 29 2016 1200 no refunds will be given.

4.6. Competitors are responsible for the correct information they provide on the entry form. It is strongly recommended that competitors check their entry information once published on the website (this is also the confirmation of their entry). Changes in the name, gender, sail number and/or national letters SHALL be made via email (info@easter-regatta.nl) before **March 20 2016 1200** Any changes after that date or during registration are subject to a penalty fee of €15,00 to be paid in cash at registration.

5. Entry fee

5.1. The entry fee is €125,00 (exclusive bank costs) per boat paid through iDEAL for Dutch sailors and by credit card for non Dutch sailors.

6. Measurement certificates

6.1. Each boat entered shall have a valid measurement certificate as required by her National Authority. The mainsail must show the sail number as indicated on the certificate and entry form.

7. Registration and sailing instructions

- 7.1. Each competitor or his/her attendant shall register and sign the registration form at the Regatta Office prior to the start of the first race. The Regatta Office will be open for registration on Thursday evening March 24, 2016 from 1600 to 2000 and on Friday March 25 from 0800 to 1130.
- 7.2. Sailing Instructions will not be available at the registration. The Sailing Instructions will be published on the event website.

8. Schedule of races

- 8.1. Registration and race schedule

Thursday, March 24

Registration 1800 – 2000

Friday, March 25

Registration 0800 – 1130

Race 1 warning signal 1255 Race 2 as soon as possible after finish of Race 1

Race 3 as soon as possible after finish of Race 2

Saturday, March 26

Race 4 warning signal 0955

Race 5 as soon as possible after finish of Race 4

Race 6 as soon as possible after finish of Race 5

Race 7 as soon as possible after finish of Race 6

Sunday, March 27

Race 8 warning signal 0955

Race 9 as soon as possible after finish of Race 8

Race 10 as soon as possible after finish of Race 9

Race 11 as soon as possible after finish of Race 10

Monday, March 28

Race 12 warning signal 0955

Race 13 as soon as possible after finish of Race 12

Race 14 as soon as possible after finish of Race 13

- 8.2. No warning signal for any race will be given after 1500 on Monday *March 28*.

- 8.3. Depending on the circumstances and at the discretion of the Race Officer, a lunch break ashore may take place between the races on Saturday and Sunday.

9. Courses

- 9.1. A course with a variable length will be set on the Braassemmeer.

10. Qualifying series and final series

- 10.1. The fleet will be divided into 3 or 4 groups, depending on the number of competitors. When there are more than 240 competitors the fleet will be divided in 4 groups
- 10.2. All fleets are scheduled to sail 7 qualifying races.
- 10.3. The starting groups will be (re-)assigned for each day of racing until the final group split for the finals (gold, silver, bronze fleet).
- 10.4. If all groups have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all groups have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all groups. On Saturday evening, after the last protest hearing, the starting groups for the final races on Sunday and Monday will be published on the Notice Board at the Regatta Office and on the website.



- 10.5. If on Saturday evening a total of 5 races has not been completed, the fleet will not be split for the final races. The schedule for Sunday will be a maximum of 4 fleet races. The fleet will be split up in Gold, Silver, Bronze and Emerald on Sunday evening after the last protest hearing according NOR 10.6.
- 10.6. For these final races the fleet will be split as follows:
- Gold fleet: boats in the first 1/3 (or 1/4 by more than 240 competitors) of the interim ranking (rounded up to the next integer)
 - Silver fleet: boats in the second 1/3 (or 1/4 by more than 240 competitors) of the interim ranking (rounded up to the next integer)
 - Bronze fleet: remaining boats of the interim ranking (or boats in the third 1/4) of the interim ranking (rounded up to the next integer by more than 240 competitors)
 - Emerald fleet remaining boats of the interim ranking
- 10.7. Only boats that completed at least one (1) race will be considered a competitor at the time of splitting.
- 11. Scoring System**
- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. 14 races are scheduled.
- 11.2. If 4 or more races are sailed in the qualifying series, the worst score of the total score in the qualifying series will be excluded.
- 11.3. All points are carried forward into the final races.
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- 12. International Jury**
- 12.1. Protests will be handled by an International Jury as per RRS 91(b).
- 13. Coach and Support Boats**
- 13.1. Coach and support boats must register before the first start of the first race and shall be marked with a number on a clearly visible place. This number must be obtained from the OC. The (non-refundable) registration fee will be €35,00 and must be paid upon registration at the Information desk.
- 14. Prizes**
- 14.1. Prizes are awarded for the overall results of the Regatta in each of the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets:
- Gold fleet: prizes are awarded to the 10 highest ranked competitors in the final results of the Gold fleet;
 - Silver fleet: prizes are awarded to the 5 highest ranked competitors in the final results of the Silver fleet;
 - Bronze fleet: prizes are awarded to the 3 highest ranked competitors in the final results of the Bronze fleet.
 - Emerald fleet prizes are awarded to the 3 highest ranked competitors in the final results of the Emerald fleet.
- Best Girl in the Gold Fleet
Best 3 Benjamin's in the Gold Fleet
- 14.2. The boat placed first in the final results of the Gold fleet is the winner of the 2016 Magic Marine International Easter Optimist Regatta.
- 14.3. In addition to the above, a number of special prizes will be awarded for the overall results of the Regatta. For each racing day, a number of day prizes will be awarded.
- 15. Liability and insurance**
- 15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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. Each boat entered is required to have a third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1,500,000.-- per event or the equivalent in the currency of the country of registration of the boat.



16. Photography / Video consent

- 16.1. By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Yacht Club Braassemermeer facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.
- 16.2. Video cameras can also be put on boats during the qualifying or final races. Full text will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

17. Track & Trace

Track & trace equipment can be supplied to competing boats. Full text will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

18. Regatta Office

- 18.1. The Regatta Office will be situated in the clubhouse of the "Watersportvereniging Braassemermeer"
Address: Noorderhem 2
2371 EC Roelofarendsveen
The Netherlands
Telephone of the Regatta Office during the event: + 31 - 71 - 331 2326

19. Information

For further information prior to the Regatta please contact:

The Organizing Committee (OC): info@easter-regatta.nl

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