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# EVENT INFORMATION

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Welcome | 2017 Volvo Gill Optimist British National and Open Championships |  
WPNSA 29 July - 4 August 2017

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**OPTIMIST  
NATIONALS  
2017**

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## WELCOME

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THANK YOU for considering joining us at the 2017 Volvo Gill Optimist British National and Open Championships.

Registration is now open and we look forward to welcoming you to our National Sailing Academy in Weymouth along with over 400 sailors from across the world.

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We have included some information in this pack to help you plan your trip. Please contact us for any additional information or advice.

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## USEFUL DETAILS

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Venue:

[www.wpnsa.org.uk](http://www.wpnsa.org.uk)

tel: +44 (0) 1305 866000



## **VENUE:**

### **WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY**

Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour offer some of the best sailing waters on the planet and has purpose built on-shore facilities to match. This winning combination was showcased to the world with Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) providing part of the venue for the sailing competition at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

IOCA UK is delighted to be heading back to Weymouth for the 2017 Volvo Gill Optimist British National and Open Championships and to also be celebrating 70 years of the Optimist, first designed in 1947.

With super sailing conditions, fleets perfect for those new to sailing in the regatta coached fleet and regatta fleet, and a large main fleet for more experienced and competitive sailors, there will be great competition and excitement for all the 400 or more sailors on the water.

Our race officer for the regatta fleets is Charlie Stowe, ex Optimist parent and experienced race officer for the RYA Youth Nationals and we are delighted to welcome back Peter Saxton as our main fleet race officer, a world class race officer who will ensure excellent race management on the water.

## **GETTING HERE:**

### **By Air:**

London Heathrow is located 120 miles from Weymouth. London Gatwick is 144 miles from Weymouth. Additional airports located close by are: Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter and Southampton.

### **By Car:**

From Dorchester: Take A354 to Weymouth

From Poole and Bournemouth: Take A352, which then becomes A353 to Weymouth

From Bridport: Take B3157 to Weymouth

When you arrive at Weymouth: take the A354 to Portland. This will bring you to the causeway linking Weymouth and Portland. Halfway along the causeway you will reach a mini-roundabout. Turn left, we are signposted 'Sailing Academy'.

### **By Rail:**

Direct hourly service to/ from London Waterloo (2hrs, 40mins)

Direct regular service to/ from Bristol Temple Meads (2hrs, 45mins)

Direct frequent service from Southampton Parkway & Southampton Station (approx. 1hr)

For train journey times and information please see [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## **ACCOMMODATION:**

There are many holiday lets, apartments, hotels and bed and breakfasts within the Weymouth and Portland area.

Please see Dream Cottages for holiday lets. [www.dream-cottages.co.uk](http://www.dream-cottages.co.uk)

For additional options, please visit the Weymouth and Portland Tourist Board - [www.visit-dorset.com/explore/areas-to-visit/weymouth-and-portland](http://www.visit-dorset.com/explore/areas-to-visit/weymouth-and-portland)

### **Camper Vans**

WPNSA has a limited number of campervan / caravan spaces for those that are associated with events held at the site. Please be aware that campervan parking will be in a boat park area. Please contact [www.wpnsa.org.uk](http://www.wpnsa.org.uk) for further information.

## **FLEETS:**

### **Main fleet (Junior and Senior)**

All Championship competitors born between 1st January 2002 and 31st December 2004 inclusive will race for the Senior Championship. All younger competitors will race for the Junior Championship. There will be an overall National Championship. Please see the NOR for further information. Sailors who sail in the wrong fleet run the risk of being protested and would be very vulnerable in that case.

### **Regatta Fleet, Regatta Fleet Coached & Mini Racers**

The Regatta Fleets at the Optimist National Championships provide a programme of activities for the less experienced sailors who do not wish to compete in the Main Fleet. The objective is to provide 5 full days of Optimist based activities, both on and off the water, including training and racing specially adapted to the age and abilities of the participants. Participants and parents should note that the aim is for a balance between these activities, and completion of a full racing series is not a primary objective. Sailors whose primary focus is on racing are therefore encouraged to join the Main Fleets (Junior or Senior).

The Regatta fleet is split into three separate fleets:

Regatta Racing - a stepping stone to the Main Fleet next year

Regatta Coaching - a balance of coaching and racing

Mini Racers - for the younger sailors, just starting on their Oppie voyage

## **PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

UK sailors will pay as usual via the GoCardless

Payments for international sailors can be made through PayPal using the IOCA international payment page at <http://iocaexpenses.co.uk/internationalpayment>

Multiple sailors can be paid for in one payment but the regatta fleet must be paid separately.

Please see the NOR for all fees.

## **SIBLING DISCOUNT:**

A sibling discount for families with three or more sailors entering the event is available. For a third sailor, the discount is £60 for that entry only, and for a fourth or subsequent sailor the discount is £120 for that entry only. Sibling discounts must be claimed at the event from the race office after registration has closed.

## **INSURANCE:**

Third-party insurance is mandatory to enter the event. If you're bringing your own boat, please confirm with your provider that it covers sailing in the UK. If it does not, insurance can be purchased through Noble Marine [www.noblemarine.co.uk/dinghyinsurance.php3](http://www.noblemarine.co.uk/dinghyinsurance.php3) who sponsor the UK Optimist class. If chartering, please check with the charter company if insurance is included.

## **CHARTERS:**

### **OPTIMISTS -**

#### **IBI Sailing Ltd**

Blueblue Optimists. Complete (except sail) with Optimax Mk4 spars, Optiparts racing epoxy foils, trolley, foil bag, bailers, praddle, mastlock, mainsheet. Boats will be available at the Pre-Nationals Clinic.

Prices: €475.00 Insurance €25 extra.

Contact Details:

IBI Sailing Ltd - Telephone 01243 513002

[www.ibisailing.co.uk](http://www.ibisailing.co.uk) - email: [sales@ibisailing.co.uk](mailto:sales@ibisailing.co.uk)

#### **Sailcenter**

Winner 3D star or McLaughlin Pro complete (except sail)

- Optimax Mk4 or BlackGold medium,

- foils

- trolley, topcover, foil bag,

- bailers, praddle, mastlock, mainsheet.

Please contact Sailcenter for further details:

[info@sailcenter.com](mailto:info@sailcenter.com) - [www.sailcenter.com](http://www.sailcenter.com)

## **RIBS & ON THE WATER SAILOR SUPPORT**

The UK operates slightly differently to many other countries in that all of the on-water RIB resources for Race Management and Safety at National events are provided by IOCA (UK).

The positive effect of this is that all sailors will be supported, simply by entering the event and launching as part of the fleet. All RIBs will have a responsibility to assist all sailors and there is no need to arrange individual support boats.

We understand that the situation for international teams is somewhat different, and we want to welcome them and accommodate their needs. This is particularly true at our Nationals where we normally have many international visitors.

For our rib policy and to register your rib, please see the Nationals website.

**Xtremity.net** have ribs available to hire on a first come first served basis. Ribs will be available from 26th July - 4th August (10 days) for £1200. Xtremity.net deliver, launch and recover the boats. Extra days are available before the 26th at a discounted rate. Please contact [mark@xtremity.net](mailto:mark@xtremity.net) or tel: +441329 663883 for further information.



**XTREMITY  
RIB CHARTER**

Ribs available for  
**Optimist UK Nationals**

- Delivered and launched ready for use
- Latest 4 stroke engines ensuring plenty of power with the very best economy
- Designed and built to meet the demands of coaches and sailors
- Several rib options available
- We offer full UK and European equipment and logistic solutions for the marine enthusiast

[mark@xtremity.net](mailto:mark@xtremity.net) 01329 663883

## **TRAINING BEFORE THE NATIONALS:**

Sailors are more than welcome to train in advance of the Nationals however you are required to register at the WPNSA reception in advance and pay the appropriate harbour dues.

## **PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

### MAIN FLEET

	Saturday 29 July	Sunday 30 July	Monday 31 July	Tuesday 1 August	Wednesday 2 August	Thursday 3 August	Friday 4 August
Morning		Registration & Opening Ceremony	Sailing	Sailing	Lay morning <i>(subject to change)</i>	Sailing	Sailing
Afternoon	Registration	Sailing	Sailing	Sailing	Sailing	Sailing	Closing Awards Ceremony
Evening		<b>International Welcome Party</b> <i>(by invitation only)</i>		<b>70th Anniversary of the Optimist Celebration &amp; Sailaway Party</b> <i>- all sailors and families invited</i>		<b>IOCA UK AGM &amp; Volunteer Reception.</b> Sailor Event	

**We look forward to seeing you in Weymouth.**

**SMOOTH SAILING!**

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