

INTERNATIONAL OPTISPRING REGATTA OPTISPRING CHALLENGE CUP

NOTICE OF RACE (status: issued, 20 November 2022)

April 01-02 2023, Port Zélande, The Netherlands

| 1.1 | The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the IODA class rules, except if any of these are changed by the sailing instructions, or by the Notice of Race.

| 1.2 | The event is organized by the Dinghy Optimist Class Belgium vzw (DOCB, VAT BE 0409 330 991, RPR Antwerpen) in co-operation with the Royal Yacht Club of Belgium vzw (RYCB, VAT BE 0408 679 212, RPR Antwerpen)

| 1.3 | RRS Appendix P and appendix T apply.

| 1.4 | If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

| 2 | Advertising

| 2.1 | Advertising in accordance to World Sailing regulation 20 and IODA Class Rule 2.8.

| 2.2 | Each boat is required to display on both sides of her hull the stickers of the event-sponsor, if any.

| 3 | Eligibility and entry

| 3.1 | The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghies Association (all levels of optimists). The International Optispring Regatta counts as a qualifying regatta for the IODA European and World Championships 2023 for Belgian and Dutch Optimists.

Each boat shall be a full member of her national class association.

Random checks can be performed by the organizing comity of the equipment used for this regatta.

Boats shall carry on the sail the letters and numbers issued by the national class association.

| 3.2 | All entries shall be made by on-line registration at <https://www.manage2sail.com>. By registering, you are on the waiting list. After payment your entry will be final. The online registration should allow you to perform direct online payment.

If for any reason your pre-registration cannot be confirmed by direct online payment, your entry will be on the waiting list. Please contact DOCB via regatta@optispring.be in this case.

Entry fee:

€80 if online entry and payment before the 15th March 2023

€95 from 15/03/2023 onwards

If the event has to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be a refund of the registration fee.

| 3.3 | The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: 240 , pre-registered and payment confirmed.

| 4 | Schedule

Friday March 31	18h00-21h00	Registration Ribs Registration participants
Saturday April 01	07h30 – 09h15	Registration participants
	09h00 – 10h00	Registration Ribs
	10h25	1st. warning signal of the day Following races as soon as possible
Sunday April 02	09h55	1st. warning signal of the day Following races as soon as possible
		No starts will be given after this time
	16h00	Prize giving as soon as possible after the last race

| 5 | Measurement

| 5.1 | Each boat and equipment shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

| 6 | Sailing instructions

The sailing instructions will be available after 15th of March 2023, 00h00 on www.manage2sail.com.

They will not be handed over at registration. All participants are requested to register online, and shall confirm their participation at the Race Office. The Race Office will be established in the Harbour Office of Marina Port Zélande.

| 7 | Venue

The International Optispring Regatta will be held on April 01th and 02nd, 2023 and will be sailed on the Grevelingen Lake (the Netherlands), outside Marina Port Zélande, Kabellaarsbank 5.01, 3253 ME OUDDORP.

| 7.1 | Appendix A shows the location of the regatta harbour.

| 7.2 | Appendix B shows the location of the racing areas.

| 8 | The courses

| 8.1 | The diagram in appendix C shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

| 9 | Penalty system

| 9.1 | Appendix P will apply. Although judges will signal a rule 42 penalty as soon as possible, this might sometimes be after the boat has crossed the finishing line. In the case of a boat's first protest, the boat will be given a 7 point penalty without a hearing.

| 10 | Scoring

| 10.1 | The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A of the RRS) will apply.

| 10.2 | 3 (three) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

| 10.3 | When fewer than 4 (four) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from 4 (four) to 7 (seven) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. The total number of races shall not exceed 7 (seven).

| 11 | Support Boats

All support boats are requested to register online before 25-03-2022 on www.manage2sail.com . All support boats shall be marked with a flag provided at the race office.

A deposit of 10€ must be paid in cash in the regatta office at registration. This deposit will be restituted after return of the flag.

There is free use of slipway and free mooring in the Rib Area when registered. See App. A.

Support boats can be requested to help with towing the sailors to the race area and back to the harbour.

The speed limit on the Grevelingen Lake is 15 km/h.

| 12 | Berthing

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

| 13 | Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

- The first 3 individual competitors
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Benjamin (born in 2011 or later)

- The Optispring Challenge Cup: is the challenge trophy that will be awarded to the team of the country with the best total team score, the 1st Country Team. The total team score is calculated from the cumulated end results (points) of the first three individual sailors from each country.
- A lottery will take place

| 14 | Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.. The organizing authority will not accept any liability.

Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 3, Decision to Race .

The DOCB, R.Y.C.B., the race committee or any person directly or indirectly involved in the organization 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, or intention to participate in this event.

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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor, each parent present or not, each coach agrees and acknowledges that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, crew and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- Their boat is adequately insured.

Parents/guardians not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.

| 15 | Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 500.000,- per event.

| 16 | Event Traffic

Local traffic stream for cars with boats and trailers will be indicated on site. See also App. A. . Failure to comply with such rules can result in scoring penalty for the sailors supported by the person failing to comply.

| 17 | Accommodation

- Camping facilities on the shore of the marina are booked through : <https://www.camperparkmarinaportzelande.com/> : Don't forget to mention "opti" when you make your booking : it will allow you to stay until 21h00 on Sunday April 02th. No tents allowed.

- Apartments above the Yachtclub : <https://www.roompot.nl/vakantieparken/nederland/zuid-holland/marina-port-zelande/>
- Surfcentrum Brouwersdam : <http://www.brouwersdam.nl> +31 (0)111 671 480
- Centerparcs Port Zélande (also camping site) : http://www.centerparcs.nl/NL/NL/parken/port_zelande
- <http://www.vvvzeeland.nl/accommodaties>
- Tourist info VVV Ouddorp: Bosweg 2, 3253 XA Ouddorp, tel. +31 (0)187 681 789 www.vvv-ouddorp.org or info@vvv-ouddorp.org

Note: local authorities do not authorize camping on public roads or car parks. We advise to make reservations for camping on the marina site or find accommodation on a commercial camping.

| 18 | Midweek Training

Sailors who wish to use Marina Port Zélande as a training venue during the days before the event will be allowed on the premises of the Marina Port Zélande if they have sent their reservations to haven@MPZ.nl, stating their arrival date, number of optimists and RIB's.

| 19 | Rights to use name and likeness

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

| 20 | Commercial Rights

The organizing authority owns and controls all commercial rights of this event, such Commercial Rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these Regulations);

sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;

ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and

other rights to commercialize this event (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorize the taking of bets.

| 21 | Further information

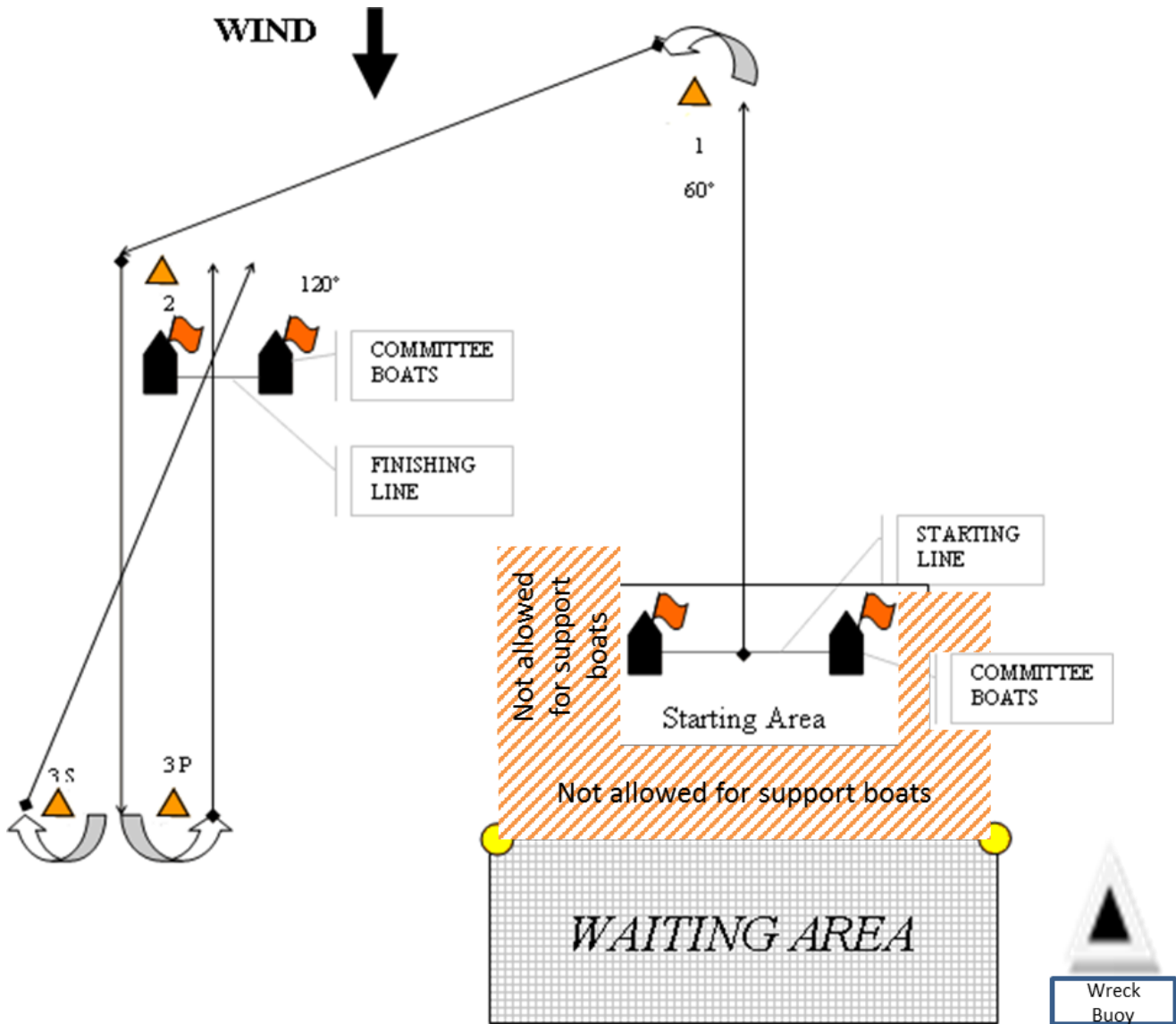
For further information please contact regatta@optispring.be or +32478445062

App. A



App. B





Appendix C - THE COURSES

IODA: Start, 1, 2, 3P/ 3S as gate, and finish