



DUBAI OPTIMIST INVITATIONAL 2014

December 19th – 22nd 2014

Organised and Hosted by the

DUBAI OFFSHORE SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

including Amendment 1

15/12/14

1. RULES

- a. Racing shall be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* as published by ISAF.
- b. No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- c. The Sailing Instructions and superseding amendments will apply.
- d. Applicable class rules apply.
- e. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Boats are required when requested to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a. Entry to the Regatta is by invitation only, skippers may request an invitation from the Organising Authority.
- b. Entry for the event can be completed online:
<http://optimistinvitational.eventzilla.net/>
- c. Entry shall be made into one of the following categories;
 - i. Optimist Cadet
 - ii. Optimist
- d. The Optimist Cadet fleet is aimed at encouraging novice racers into racing. Entry of a sailor into the Cadet fleet is at the sole discretion of the race committee and will be based on an assessment of the cadets age and experience. A sailor wishing to enter as a cadet **must** get approval from the race committee prior to briefing of their first race of the event.
- e. A minimum of 3 boats are required to constitute a class.

- f. Invitees shall confirm acceptance by submitting completed entry forms together with the required entry fees not later than 30 November 2014 at: <http://optimistinvitational.eventzilla.net/>
- g. Entries received after 30th November may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority. If rejected the Organising Authority will promptly return the entry fee.

4. FEES

Required fees are as follows, (charter has limited availability and will be given on a first come first served basis):

<i>Class</i>	<i>Entry Fee</i>	<i>Charter Fee (if required)</i>
Optimist	US\$50 US*	US\$275 – (sail not included)

*Pending sponsorship entry fee may be refunded in part or in full.

5. SCHEDULE

- a. Registration will be at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club on either Thursday 18th December or Friday 19th December, 2014
- b. Skippers briefing shall be at 1000 on Friday 19th December, 2014 at DOSC.
- c. Opening Ceremony will be Friday December 19th December, 2014 at 1800
- d. Awards Ceremony will be Monday 22nd December, 2014 after racing at DOSC.
- e. Dates of racing:

Date	Optimist
December 19	Briefing 7pm at DOSC
December 19	Coaching and Practice Race
December 20	Fleet Racing
December 21	Fleet Racing
December 22	Fleet Racing

- f. Maximum number of races is 12 (excluding practice race)
- g. No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Monday 22nd December 2014
- h. Up to 4 races shall be sailed per race day. Multiple races will be sailed 'back to back'.
- i. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race of each day shall be 1055

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions shall be made available by 17th December 2014 on the club website www.dosc.ae

7. VENUE

- a. The venue for all racing shall be from the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club

8. THE COURSES

- a. The courses will be detailed at the race briefing/sailing instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

10. SCORING

- a. The Low Points Scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- b. The number of discards available will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- c. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- d. A minimum of three completed races is required to constitute a valid series.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- a. Support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority before the first day of racing. Support/Safety Boat will be provided by the Organising Authority.
- b. Support boats must keep a minimum of 50m from competitors racing at all times from the display of the preparatory signal until finish.
- c. Support boats must obey the instructions of the Race Committee at all times.

12. BERTHING

- a. Temporary berthing may be allocated to competitors who do not permanently store their boats at DOSC on the terms and discretion of the Club Manager and/or Dinghy Member.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

- a. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place of all eligible divisions.
- b. A minimum of 3 boats are required to have raced in a minimum of 50% of the races in the series to be eligible for prizes.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate cover for racing.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information, please visit the club website at www.dosc.ae or contact the DOSC Sailing Department.
- b. Current Racing Rules can be found at;
<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racing-rules.php>
- c. Current Class Rules can be found at; <http://www.sailing.org/documents/class-rules.php>

- d. Accommodation - There are many hotels nearby DOSC. 4 star hotels include: Ibis and Novotel on Sheik Zayed Road, Holiday Inn Express in Knowledge Village. 5 star hotels include: Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Le Meridien and the Westin.
- e. Other Activities - There are many other activities as Dubai has been created as a world wide holiday destination. These include:
- Desert safari trips
 - Water parks (Wild Wadi, Atlantis, Yas)
 - Golf
 - Other water sports
 - Culture, museums, Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi
 - Ready access to public beaches