



Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships

August 29 – September 4, 2015

Hosted jointly by Squamish Yacht Club & West Vancouver Yacht Club on behalf of the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association

Presenting Sponsor

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is the Squamish Yacht Club (SYC) and the West Vancouver Yacht Club (WVYC) together with the **Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association**.

The 2015 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships (CODA) will be run from the Squamish Yacht Club on the northernmost waters of Howe Sound in the vicinity of Squamish Harbour. Mornings produce light out-flow (Northerly) winds at which time the Silver and Green Classes (see item 3.b below) will compete. The area is well known for consistent in-flow (Southerly) winds starting in the early afternoon. Afternoon wind strengths are generally in the low 20 knots. Waters are brackish as there is significant mountain run off, including glacial water, which also results in extremely cold water even on the hottest of days.

Gold Sponsors

Measurement and Safety Inspections will take place on August 29th and 30th. Practice race(s) will be held August 30th followed by racing from August 31st to September 4th (see "Schedule", below). There will be a one-day break from championship racing on September 2nd, when a team-racing regatta will be held.

The Squamish Yacht Club is located in Squamish, British Columbia, Canada at the northern end of Howe Sound. The First Nations word for Squamish is Sk̓wx̓wú7mes. The name "Squamish" is a loose English adaption meaning "Mother of the Wind".

Silver Sponsors

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- b. The 2015 International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) Class rules will apply (refer to IODA or CODA web sites for a full class rules document).
- c. There will be on-the-water judging for rule 42 only. Appendix P, Special Procedures for rule 42, will apply. Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. Appendix P2.3 will not apply.
- d. Rule 40 and the preamble to Part IV are amended such that Competitors shall at all times while on the water wear personal flotation devices approved by IODA, Transport Canada, or their own national authority, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to the PFD. Wet suits, dry suits, or inflatable PFD's do not qualify as personal flotation devices. Competitors who fail to wear a PFD with an attached whistle may be subject to protest by the Race Committee and a penalty up to and including disqualification of any races sailed in breach of this rule at the discretion of the Protest Committee.



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- e. Appendix D will apply for the team racing event, including appendix D2.2 and D2.3(a).
- f. Rule 61 - Protest Requirements will be changed as follows:
Rule 61.1(a)(2) will not apply, thereby requiring a boat intending to protest to display a red flag; and, a protesting boat shall inform the race committee of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing.
- g. The above changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy class provided that all competitors shall have been born in 2000 or later.
- b. There will be three groupings. Only Gold Class participants will be scored towards the Canadian International Team, organized as follows:

Gold Class

Red Fleet – Born 2002 to 2000;
Blue Fleet – Born 2003 or 2004;
White Fleet – Born 2005 to 2007;

Silver Class (not capable of sailing in excess of 15 knots true wind)

Red Fleet – Born 2002 to 2000;
Blue Fleet – Born 2003 or 2004;
White Fleet – Born 2005 to 2007;

Green Class – comprising the normal Green Fleet, eligibility according to CODA criteria available at www.optican.org.

- c. Eligible boats may enter by visiting the event website at www.opticanadians.org and following the link to the Registration Page for early registration up to August 15, 2015. All entries after August 15, 2015 shall be subject to a late registration fee. Late entries will be accepted online and at the regatta office up to 1600hrs on Sunday August 30th, 2015.
- d. Coaches shall register by submitting a completed Entry Form and payment of the required registration fee (see below), prior to the close of registration at 1600hrs, Sunday August 30th, 2015. Coaches should refer to 7.d. Safety and Measurement Inspections.



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e. At check in, competitors must present:

- Proof of membership in CODA or another International Optimist Dinghy national class authority.
- A Regatta Waiver signed by both competitor and a parent or guardian (form available on the regatta website).
- A Medical Form signed by a parent or guardian (form available on the regatta website).
- Proof of age as appropriate for the Fleet of registration.

4. FEES

a. Fees differ for early and late registration

Who	Fee up to August 15 th , 2015	Fee August 16 th , 2015 and later
Competitors	\$250	\$325
Coaches	\$150	\$200

b. The registration fee is inclusive of a CODA levy and covers snacks for on-the-water (energy bars water etc.), after-race snacks, two dinners and a regatta souvenir(s). Lunch and dinner packages for non-competitors will be available at a cost to be determined and may be purchased at registration.

5. SAILING PROGRAM

- a. All racing will take place on the northernmost waters of Howe Sound, in the vicinity of Squamish Harbour.
- b. There will be a separate program for Green Class participants and any Silver Class (participants who find the afternoon winds to be too strong), consisting of daily coaching and racing to be held in the mornings prior to the development of the in-flow winds. Coaching will be permitted for Silver and Green Classes while racing as they are not competing for International Team Selection.
- c. Coaching by any persons other than designated Coaches will not be permitted while boats are racing.
- d. There will be a one-day break from championship racing on Wednesday September 2nd, the Lay Day, in order to accommodate the team- racing event. The format of the team-racing event will be described in the Team Racing Sailing Instructions, available at Check-in. There will be four boats per team. Competitors are invited to assemble their own teams or may ask to be assigned to a team. Team racing will be held on the waters of the Mamquam Blind Channel, just north of the Squamish Yacht Club docks and will be umpired.
- e. The race committee may, at its discretion, schedule fleet racing on the Lay Day if the series is behind schedule and/or the weather forecast for September 3rd and 4th is unfavourable. Any such decision will be posted on the regatta notice board by 1800hrs on Tuesday September 1st.



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6. SCHEDULE

A detailed program including social events will be posted and updated on the regatta Website www.opticanadians.org.

- a. Competitor check-in and late registration Saturday, August 29th from 0930hrs to 1800hrs and Sunday, August 30th from 0930hrs to 1600hrs.
- b. Measurement and Inspection Saturday, August 29th from 0900hrs to 2000hrs and Sunday, August 30th from 0930hrs to 1600hrs.
- c. Dates of racing:

Date	Event
Sunday – August 30 th	Practise Race(s) & Opening Ceremony & Dinner
Monday – August 31 st	Racing – Day 1
Tuesday – September 1 st	Racing – Day 2
Wednesday – September 2 nd	Team Racing and Lay Day
Thursday – September 3 rd	Racing – Day 3 & Post-Race BBQ at WVYC
Friday – September 4 th	Racing – Day 4

- d. For the Gold & Silver Classes, the Race Committee will aim to sail three races per day, with the goal of sailing 12 races during the regatta. At the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer, a greater number of races per day may be sailed.
- e. The scheduled time for of the warning signal for the practice race and the first race of each day of fleet racing is as follows:

Gold Class 1300hrs, with subsequent races to follow as soon as practicable.

Silver Class and Green Class 0930hrs, with subsequent races to follow as soon as practicable.

The schedule for the Green Class, including number of races to be sailed daily, will be determined on the day by the Principal Race Officer.
- f. On September 4th, no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

7. SAFETY AND MEASUREMENT INSPECTIONS

- a. Each boat shall be subject to a safety inspection and must pass such inspection prior to the close of registration. Each boat entering the Gold Class is subject to measurement, which may include, but not be limited to sail, foils, hull weight and presentation of a measurement sail certificate. Safety and measurement checks may be made throughout the regatta on instructions of the Race Committee or Jury.



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- b. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta, as presented for measurement. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with approval of the Race Committee.
- c. Competitors are strongly recommended to wear wetsuits or drysuits at all times when training and racing. The waters of the racing area are fed by rivers containing glacial runoff resulting in extremely cold water. At the discretion of the Race Committee or on-the-water Jury, should a Competitor show signs of being excessively cold, the Competitor will be sent in and assessed by medical personnel.
- d. Coaches are required to carry a VHF radio monitoring the Race Committee channel at all times while on the water and be prepared to participate in rescue activities at the direction of the Race Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at competitor check-in at the time of Registration commencing 0900hrs on Saturday August 29th.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. There will be on-the-water judging only for rule 42. Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one and appendix P2.3 will not apply.
- b. Competitors failing to comply with item 1.d. concerning personal flotation devices may be penalized up to disqualification by the Protest Committee.

10. SCORING

- a. For the Gold & Silver Classes, three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- b. When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be marked with flags provided by the Organizing Authority, shall carry VHF radios and shall assist with rescue and course control as directed by the Race Committee.

12. BERTHING



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Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park (Optimists) or harbour berth (Support Boats).

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- a. CODA awards will be presented to the Overall Champion, the first Canadian male and the first Canadian female.
- b. Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers overall.
- c. Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers in each fleet in Gold Class.
- d. Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers in each fleet in Silver Class.
- e. Prizes will be awarded to the top five females overall.
- f. Participation prizes will be given to all Green Class sailors.
- g. Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers in the Team Racing Event.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see rule 4, Decision to Race). A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

15. INSURANCE

Competitors, Coaches and those who register Support Boats are responsible for ensuring that adequate third party insurance coverage is in place for their participation in the event. The Organizing Authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that any of the above participants are insured.

16. DESIGNATED ADULT

The name of the parent or guardian of each competitor shall be identified in writing as part of registration. The parent or guardian of each competitor shall be responsible for the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.



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17. CANADIAN QUALIFYING REGATTA

The results at the regatta will be used for the selection of sailors to represent Canada for 2016 IODA Regattas and are subject to CODA bylaws including any amendments voted in by members at the 2014 annual general meeting. Only those competitors in the Gold Class will be eligible for International Team Selection.

18. CHARTER BOATS

The Regatta Organizing Authority has secured McLaughlin Optimists as the exclusive provider of charter boats for this regatta. Competitors who wish to charter a boat must contact McLaughlin directly by going to <http://www.optistuff.com/>, clicking the “Charter” tab and following the instructions for the Canadian Optimist Championship. The Regatta Organizing Committee, the Hosting Yacht Clubs and CODA assume no responsibility whatsoever regarding the charter boats.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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www.opticanadians.org