



NOTICE OF RACE

The **Optiorange Valencia, Optimist International Regatta**, will be held from 5th to 8th March 2020 in Valencia (Spain). Organized by Real Club Náutico Valencia and St. Petersburg Yacht Club with the approval of the Real Federación Española de Vela and the cooperation of Federación de Vela de la Comunidad Valenciana and Spanish Optimist Class Association.

1. RULES

The event will be governed by:

- 1.1 The “rules” as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020(RRS)
- 1.2 [DP] The Measurement Instructions (IM) as part of the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 [DP] Class Rules
- 1.4 [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing
- 1.5 RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.6 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.7 Rule 61.1 “Informing the Protestee” is changed as follows:
 - 1.7.1.- Add to rule 61.1(a) “ A boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing, of the boats she intends to protest.”
- 1.8 Personal Flotation Devices(NP)(DP)
 - 1.8.1 Rule 40 and the preamble to part 4 are changed as follows:
The first sentence of Rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: “Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.”).
- 1.9 Breaches of a rule marked as (NP) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS60.1(a).
- 1.10 If there is conflict between languages English will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING [NP](DP)

- 2.1 Each Individual competitor may display advertising subject to WS Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 2.2 The Organizing Authority require competing boats to carry the event sponsor advertising on the hull as provided by WS Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of WS Regulation 19-Eligibility Code. Only current members of the Optimist Class Association for the country of their residence and born on or after January 1st, 2005 may enter this Event.
- 3.2 The regatta will be open to all competitors invited by the Organizing Committee. The maximum number of boats will be 450 boats. The organizing authority has the right to change or extend this number.
- 3.3 All Spanish sailors, with legal residence in Spain or sailing in representation of a Spanish Club will be in possession of the sailor Federation Licence 2020. It is mandatory for all competitors to have a coach in the regatta. Not more than 10 boats per coach with support boat shall be permitted. The organizing authority will offer coach service. It will be published at event website.
- 3.4 Competitors from Spain must be ranked in Group 1/Group A or top 30 of Group 2/Group B in their Regional Federation. (1st January 2020 Ranking). The organizing authority reserves the right to refuse the entry of Spanish competitors included in the above groups in order to achieve a minimum sailing level. Competitors under 13 will race in "Bravo area". Competitors under 13 with top level may request to organizing authority race in "Alpha area".

4 . ENTRIES-REGISTRATION.

Entries:

- 4.1 Entries and payments shall be done online through the "Official Entry Form" which is to be found at the website www.optiorangevalencia.com
- 4.2 Entries will be accepted by the first come-first served principle. Entries shall be paid to be considered valid. Payment is mandatory at the moment of the entry. No entry can be completed without Payment. Entry to the event is not final until on-site registration is completed.
- 4.3 The Organising Committee will regularly publish the confirmed entry list on the official website.
- 4.4 The Organizing Committee has the right not to accept entries that do not comply with the Notice of Race.
- 4.5 The deadline for entries will be on 29th February. The Organizing Committee has the right to accept entries received after the entry deadline.

Fees:

Class	Entry Fee	Early Entry Fee
Optimist	110 €	90 € Until February 5 th
Coaches, Support Boats	50 €	30 € Until February 5 th

EARLY BIRD ENTRY FEE applies to all confirmed entries paid before 23:59 h on **February**

5th. ENTRY FEE applies from 00:00 h on **February 6th**.

For all those registrations not accepted, entry fee will be reimbursed.
After 5th February 2019, entry fees will not be reimbursed under any circumstance.

4.6 Competitors shall provide the following documents prior to completing registration at the Race Office:

- Parent/legal Guardian consent - Medical Treatment Permission- or on their parents medical insurance policy.
- Coaches shall provide the list of competitors under their responsibility. (Maximum 10 competitors per Coach/rib.)

The forms are available for download on the event website.

www.optiorangevalencia.com

5 On-site Registration of Competitors and Coaches:

On-site Registration of competitors will be made at the race office only by the corresponding Coaches or Team Leaders.

Each Coach/Team leader shall register and sign the registration form at the Race Office before 19.00 hrs. 5th March 2020

On registration all Coach/Team Leaders will be required to show:

- Evidence of competitors birth date (passport, National Identity card).
- Proof of membership of the National Class Association.
- Spanish competitors must have the 2020 Sailing License.
- Competitors' third part liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 350.000€.

Coach and team support boats must register at the Race Office and shall provide the following documentation at on-site registration.

- Boat driving license (if applicable)
- Motorboat registry and valid third party insurance.
- RFEV Technical License 2020 (Spanish Coaches only).

6 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration on 5th March 2020 and on the event website from 1st March.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedule of the regatta is as follows:

DATE	Time	Event
05/03/20	10.00 - 18.00 14.00 18.00	Registration Training Race Mandatory Coaches Meeting
06/03/20	12.00 After the races	Warning signal first race of the day Races Optiorange fiesta
07/03/20	12.00 After the races	Warning signal first race of the day Races Optiorange fiesta
08/03/20	12.00 After the races	Warning signal first race of the day. Races Prize giving ceremony
09/03/20		Departure of participants

7.2 8 races are scheduled. No more than 3 races per day will be sailed, except if one or more fleets have more races than others.

7.3 There will be no warning signal after 15.30 on March 8th.

7.4 [NP][DP] A Coaches / Team Leaders meeting is scheduled at 18.00 on Thursday, 05th at regatta base office. Attendance is mandatory for Team leaders and coaches.

8. RACING FORMAT

8.1 Boats will be divided into groups.

8.2 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series. Sailing Instructions will define the Racing format details.

9 SCORING

9.1 The low-point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply.

9.2 When 4 or more races are completed, the worst race score will be discarded

9.3 Two races are required to complete the regatta.

10 RACING AREA AND COURSES

10.1 There will be two racing areas. The Sailing Instructions will show the location of the racing area and will describe it.

10.2 The course will be the Optimist Trapezoid with a gate at the leeward mark.

11. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL

11.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Jury's approval.

11.2 There may be measurement on the water following each race. A number of boats may be spot checked after finishing the race.

11.3 All equipment may be subject to a safety check.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to:

Absolute

Boys: 1st to 5th

Girls: 1st to 5th

Under 13 (Born on 1-1-2008 and after)

Boys: 1st to 5th

Girls: 1st to 5th

13 SAFETY [NP]

13.1 Parents/Guardians are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the sole responsibility of the parent(s) of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any activity of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor. These includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta.

13.2 Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative who shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event in the Parent Consent and Declaration Form available on the regatta website.

13.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta.

14 PERSONAL SUPPORT

14.1 All Coaches and supporting personnel are required to be equipped with and wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

14.2 Coaches shall carry with them a VHF Radio out on the water.

15 LIABILITY

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility.

The Organising Committee or any part involved with the organisation of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by this notice of race and the sailing instructions.

Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS4.

16 SUPPORT BOATS (NP)[DP]

All Support boats shall register and shall fly a National Flag, Club Flag or a white Flag with the three letter national code of the countries it supports, at all times while in the water.

Registered coach boats may enter the corridor from the starting line to the finishing line. All other boats must stay outside the course area at all times. It is the intention of this provision that each sailor shall have a support boat on the course.

17 CHARTER BOATS

There is the possibility of renting a limited number of boats and ribs from the Yacht Club.
For hire contact: oficinaderegatas@rcnv.es

Also you can see all information at www.optiorangevalencia.com

18 ACCOMODATION and AIRPORT TRANSFERS

There are some Hotels with Special Prices for competitors and parents.
You can see all information at www.optiorangevalencia.com

19 TRAINING

All teams wishing to come and train in Real Club Nautico Valencia before or after the regatta must contact the Club in order to register at oficinaderegatas@rcnv.es

20 CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

The Organization reserves the right to change this Notice of race by any circumstance.

Organising Committee
Valencia November 2020