



INTERNATIONAL OPTISPRING REGATTA OPTISPRING CHALLENGE CUP

NOTICE OF RACE

(December 15, 2014)

April 11-12, 2015, Port Zélande, The Netherlands

1. Venue

The International Optispring Regatta will be held on April 11-12, 2015 and will be sailed on the **Grevelingen Lake** (the Netherlands), outside Marina Port Zélande. See App. A. The event is organized by the Dinghy Optimist Class Belgium vzw (DOCB) in co-operation with the Royal Yacht Club of Belgium vzw (RYCB).

2. General

The Sailing Instructions will be published at the latest one week before the event on the website under www.optispring.be and can be downloaded in PDF. They will not be handed over at registration. All boats are requested to confirm their online pre-registration and payment at the Race Office. The Race Office will be established in the Harbour Office of Marina Port Zélande. Support boats: see § 14.

3. Class

Open to all International Optimist Dinghies (all levels of optimists). The International Optispring Regatta counts as a qualifying regatta for the IODA European and World Championships 2015 for Belgian and Dutch Optimists.

4. Rules

The International Optispring Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.

5. Advertising

Advertising in accordance to ISAF regulation 20 and IODA Class Rule 2.8. Each boat is required to display on both sides of her hull the stickers of the event-sponsor, if any.

6. Conditions of Entry

Each boat shall be a full member of her national class association. All boats must have valid measurement certificates. Belgian boats hand over their record of equipment used for this regatta. This record can be downloaded from the website, www.optispring.be. Boats shall carry on the sail the letters and numbers issued by the national class association.



7. Disclaimer of Liability

Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. The DOCB, R.Y.C.B., the race committee or any person directly or indirectly involved in the organization shall not be liable for injury, personal or material damage, loss or claim, ashore or afloat, which might result from participation 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:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, crew and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) 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;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) 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.

8. Insurance

All boats must carry a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 500.000,- per event.

9. Pre-registration & Entry Fee

All entries shall be made by on-site registration at this website www.optispring.be. **By registering you are on the waiting list. After payment your entry will be final.** The online registration function should allow you to perform direct online payment.

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

Entry fee:

- €60 if online entry and payment before 30-03-2015
- €75 from 30-03-2015 onwards

10. Eligibility

Optimist entries will be limited to **240** boats, pre-registered and payment confirmed.



11. Schedule

Saturday April 11	07h30 – 09h15	Registration
	10h25	1st. warning signal of the day
		Following races as soon as possible
Sunday April 12	09h55	1st. warning signal of the day
		Following races as soon as possible
	16h00	No starts will be given after this time
		Prize giving as soon as possible after the last race

12. Scoring System

The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A of the RRS) will apply. A minimum of three races have to be completed to constitute a series. The total number of races shall not exceed 7 (seven).

13. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to :

- The first 10 individual competitors
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Benjamin (born in 2003 or later)
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Girl
- 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.

14. Results

Results will be available as soon as possible after the event on www.optispring.be .

15. Support Boats

All support boats are requested to register online before 30-03-2014, by using the document on our website www.optispring.be . All support boats shall fly 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 refunded after return of the flag.
- There is free use of slipway and free mooring in the Rib Area when registered. See App. B.
- 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.



16. Event Traffic

Local traffic stream for cars with boats and trailers will be announced on the website. See also App. A.

17. Social Events

Events to be announced on www.optispring.be

18. Accommodation

- A. Surfcentrum Brouwersdam : www.brouwersdam.nl +31 (0)111 671 480
- B. Centerparcs Port Zélande : http://www.centerparcs.nl/NL/NL/parken/port_zelande
Reservations at +31 (0)900 0804 or info desk tel. +31 (0)111 674 000
- C. Camping facilities on the shore of the marina are booked during the online entry on www.optispring.be
Camper, caravan or family tent: € 30 for the event (April 10-12 evening, water/electricity included).
Small tent: € 20 for the event (April 10-12 evening, water/electricity included).
Extra nights: € 10/night.
Payments : see § 9.
- D. <http://www.vvvzeeland.nl/accommodaties>
- E. 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.

19. 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 and if camping facilities on the marina will be used. The same rates for the use of the facilities will apply as during the event.

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.



App. A



App. B

