



## NOTICE OF RACE

The **Optiorange Valencia, Optimist International Regatta**, will be held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 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 2021-2024(RRS)
- 1.2 [DP]The Equipment Instructions (EM) as part of the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 [DP] Class Rules
- 1.4 [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)
- 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 or as soon as practicable after she retires.”
- 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.”).
  - 1.8.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after “racing”: “... except rule 40 as amended by sailing instruction 1.8.1
- 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 [NP] [DP] Annex A - Security protocol in relation to COVID-19.

### 1.11 Measures in relation to COVID-19

1.11.1 Access to the facilities will not be allowed to those persons whose body temperature exceeds 37.5° degrees or those who refuse to take part of the temperature control. This decision does not constitute grounds for requesting redress (this modifies RRS 62.1(a)).

1.11.2 A breach of the "Security Protocol in relation to COVID-19" may lead, after a hearing, to the imposition of penalties at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

1.12 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 may 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 WSregulation19-Elegibility Code. Only current members of the Optimist Class Association for the country of their residence and born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 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 280 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 2021. It is mandatory for all competitors to have a coach in the regatta. Not more than 8 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. (1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 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. All competitors shall sail in the same 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](http://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 Organizing Committee will regularly publish the confirmed entry list on the official website. 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 14<sup>th</sup> February. The Organizing Committee has the right to accept entries received after the entry deadline.

**Fees:**

Class	Entry Fee	Early Entry Fee
Optimist	150 €	90 € Until February 1 <sup>st</sup>
Coaches, Support Boats	60 €	30 € Until February 1 <sup>st</sup>

**EARLY ENTRY FEE** applies to all confirmed entries paid before 23:59 h on **February 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**ENTRY FEE** applies from 00:00 h on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

For all those registrations not accepted, entry fee will be reimbursed.  
After 1st February 2021, entry fees will not be reimbursed under any circumstance.

4.6 In case of cancellation of the event due to a Covid-19 Spanish or Valencian Government decision, the registration fee will be fully refunded. Claims or refunds for travel and accommodation expenses paid by registered participants due to this type of cancellation will not be accepted. The participant claims to know this fact.

4.7 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](http://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 18.00 hrs. 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

- Compliance declaration to the Pandemic Specific Rules (available at the regatta web site)
- Evidence of competitors birth date (passport, National Identity card).
- Proof of membership of the National Class Association.
- Spanish competitors must have the 2021 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.

- Compliance declaration to the Pandemic Specific Rules (available at the regatta web site)
- Boat driving license (if applicable)
- Motorboat registry and valid third party insurance.
- RFEV Technical License 2021 (Spanish Coaches only).

## 6 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board located at the event website from 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## 7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedule of the regatta is as follows:

DATE	Time	Event
04/03/20	10.00 - 18.00 14.00 18.00	Registration Training Race Mandatory Coaches Meeting
05/03/20	12.00	Races
06/03/20	11.30	Races
07/03/20	11.30  After the races	Races  Prize giving ceremony

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 7<sup>th</sup>.

7.4 [NP][DP]A Coaches / Team Leaders meeting is scheduled at 18.00 on Thursday, 04<sup>th</sup> 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 be completed to constitute a series.

## 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 Technical Committee 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 3rd

Girls: 1st to 3rd

### **Under 13(Born on 1-1-2009 and after)**

Boys: 1st to 3rd

Girls: 1st to 3rd

## 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 SUPPORT PERSON [NP][DP]

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

## 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](mailto:oficinaderegatas@rcnv.es)

Also you can see all information at [www.optiorangevalencia.com](http://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.opiorangevalencia.com](http://www.opiorangevalencia.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](mailto:oficinaderegatas@rcnv.es)

## 20 CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

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

## 21 APP RADAR COVID 19

The Organising Authority strongly recommends to all sailors and support person to download and switch on the APP Radar Covid 19 in order to know if you have been in contact with a infected person

Link Android.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=es.gob.radarcovid&hl=es>

Link APPLE.

<https://apps.apple.com/es/app/radar-covid/id1520443509>

**[NP] [DP] ATTACHED A SECURITY PROTOCOL IN RELATION TO COVID-19.**

- a. Access to the regatta facilities is conditional on controlling body temperature.
- b. Participants and support persons are required to wear a mask:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: in all closed premises or in open places.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: when go on board of rescue boats and any boat belonging to the Regatta, Protests and Measurement Committees.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: Support Persons shall use the face mask on the water if more than one person goes on board of the support boat
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Masks and gloves should be thrown only in the containers provided for it, duly marked.
- c. Participants and support persons are required to respect the capacity and access shifts, where appropriate, to:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: In changing rooms and showers. it is strictly forbidden to deposit clothing and bags.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bar, restaurant and social lounges.
- d. Participants and support persons are required to respect the order of departure of boats into the water and will keep the corresponding queue, avoiding overtaking and crowding; the trolleys will be removed and stowed by organization personnel. Similar rules will be followed when stranding.
- e. Participants and support persons are obliged to clean their hands frequently and, where appropriate, to use hydrogels available when accessing open or closed areas.
- f. Participants and support persons are obliged to use the one-way lanes when moving inside the facilities.
- g. Participants and support persons will at all times obey any reasonable instructions given to them by the AO and its representatives.

**Organizing Committee  
Valencia October 2020**