

# BAHAMAS OPTIMIST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

Harbour Island, Bahamas  
Friday, 5 October – Saturday, 6 October 2012

## NOTICE OF RACE

**Organising Authority:** The Bahamas Optimist National Championship 2012 will be organised and hosted by the Harbour Island Sailing Club (HISC) and Bahamas Optimist Class Association with the endorsement of the Bahamas Sailing Association.

**Please note:** This NOR may be amended pursuant to RRS 89.2(a)

### 1. Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The 'Class Rules' for the purposes of the definition of 'rules' are the *International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules*.
- 1.3 The following prescriptions of BSA shall apply:
  - a. Racing Rules of Sailing PART 4 – Add under preamble: BSA prescribes that Part 4 Rule 40 shall also apply to boats sailing to the race course from the launching area and vice-versa.
  - b. Rule 40 – Add below: BSA prescribes that competitors racing in single-handed dinghies shall wear personal floatation devices at all times while afloat except as provided in rule 40.

### 2. Advertising:

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

### 3. Eligibility:

- 3.1 Competitors must have been born on or after 1 January 1997.
- 3.2 Competitors must be junior or associate members of the Bahamas Sailing Association or Club member of Club recognised by the BSA or their respective MNA.
- 3.3 Competitors must be paid members of their National Class Association such as Bahamas Optimist Association.
- 3.4 Competitors must be either Bahamian nationals or full time residents in the Bahamas to be eligible for Championship Fleet (Red, White, Blue) and Green Fleet.
- 3.5 Non-Bahamian competitors are eligible as Open Competitors in Championship Fleet and Green Fleet, but will not be eligible for Championship Fleet prizes.

### 4. Entry:

- 4.1 Registration must be done online at:  
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/5447>.  
Competitors shall have completed all parts of the online registration including competition online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm they are

registered by checking the registration list on the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the Regatta Network website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described below will apply at the time of his or her completed registration.

- 4.2 Competitors who are not members of the Bahamas Sailing Association or a club recognised by the BSA shall be required to apply for a membership or a license before the regatta by going online at [www.bahamassailing.org](http://www.bahamassailing.org) or at the time of registration.
- 4.3 Non-Bahamian competitors who are not members of their MNA shall be required to apply for a membership or a license before the regatta by going online at [www.bahamassailing.org](http://www.bahamassailing.org) or at the time of registration.

**5. Fees:**

- 5.1 Regatta registration is \$50 per sailor and is due by 21 September 2012.
- 5.2 Late registration is available until 3 October 2012 with a LATE REGISTRATION FEE of \$75. A regatta package is not guaranteed for late registrants.

**6. Qualifier:**

- 6.1 This regatta may be used by the Bahamas Optimist Class Association as a qualifier for upcoming International Optimist event in 2012/2013.

**7. Schedule:**

- 7.1 Races will be held on 5 & 6 October 2012, which, conditions permitting, will allow for two days of racing. The overall schedule for the Green Fleet will be similar to that of the Championship Fleet. Details will be available during the Green Fleet Skipper's Meeting immediately following the Championship Skipper's Meeting.

Thursday, 4 October 2012

1600 – 1800 Registration @ Under the Fig Tree  
1830 – 2100 Welcome dinner @ Tropic Hut

Friday, 5 October 2012

0830 Skipper's meeting @ Under the Fig Tree  
1000 Warning Signal  
1230 (approx) Lunch @ Under the Fig Tree  
1330 Warning Signal  
1700 Opti Class AGM @ Under the Fig Tree  
1800 – 20.30 Dinner / Social @ Valentines Resort & Marina

Saturday, 6 October 2012

1000 Warning Signal  
1230 (approx) Lunch @ Under the Fig Tree  
1330 Warning Signal\*  
1800 – 2100 Awards Presentation and Dinner @ Pink Sands Blue Bar

**\* No warning signal after 1500 on Saturday**

Race Committee will attempt to complete 7 races. 3 races will constitute a regatta.

## **8. Equipment / Measurement:**

- 8.1 Each participant is responsible for having his/her boat in proper order as per the current International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules.
- 8.2 The Race or Protest Committee may scrutinize a boat or competitor for safety equipment at any time.
- 8.3 The Race and/or Protest Committee may inspect or measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.
- 8.4 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 Race Committee's written approval.

## **9. Sailing Instructions:**

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be distributed at registration.

## **10. Venue:**

- 10.1 The regatta site shall be in the vicinity of the bay between Harbour Island and Three Island Dock. Launching and berthing will be Under the Fig Tree for all competitors.
- 10.2 There will be two racing courses: one for the Championship Fleet and one for the Green Fleet. These areas will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. Format of the Regatta:**

- 11.1 There will be two Fleets; Championship and Green Fleets.
- 11.2 The Championship Fleet will be composed of Red, Blue and White Fleets. The assignments of these three Fleets will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta. 10 year olds or younger compete in the White Fleet, 11 and 12 year olds compete in the Blue Fleet and 13, 14 and 15 year olds compete in the Red Fleet.
- 11.3 The Green Fleet is for less advanced sailors who are not yet prepared for the Championship Fleet and will include opportunities for learning and competition. The Green Fleet may not race in some conditions even though the Championship Fleet may race.
- 11.4 Sailors who have placed in the top ten of a previous Nationals Green Fleet are expected to enter the Championship Fleet.

## **12. Course:**

- 12.1 The Championship Fleet course shall be the Optimist Trapezoid with a gate as the leeward mark. The Green Fleet course shall be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the Skipper's meeting.

## **13. Penalty System:**

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 & 44.2 will be in effect for this regatta.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 31 or 44.1 shall report it to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing the race.
- 13.3 Appendix P will apply.
- 13.4 Protests will not be heard for Green Fleet competitors.

**14. Scoring:**

- 14.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply as revised by this Notice of Race.
- 14.2 Three races shall constitute a regatta.
- 14.3 There will be one drop race after six or more races have been completed.

**15. Coach and Support Boats:**

- 15.1 Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor and rope capable of holding fast.
- 15.2 Coach boats shall monitor the Race Committee designated channel and should promptly respond to direction from the Race Committee given over VHF.
- 15.3 Safety of all competitors is the primary duty of all coach boats, coaching and the management of their program boats is secondary. It is expected that all coach boats will conduct themselves with this in mind.

**16. Berthing:**

- 16.1 All boats (competitors and support boats) shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park and in the harbour until directed by the Race Committee as stated in the sailing instructions.

**17. Prizes:**

- 17.1 Trophies shall be awarded to:
  - a. Top Open competitor
  - b. Top three finishers in each Red, Blue and White Fleet
  - c. Top girl in each Red, Blue and White Fleet
  - d. Top three finishers in Green Fleet
  - e. Top girl in Green Fleet
  - f. Top five finishers overall of the Championship Fleet (overall champion to receive Geoffrey Holowesko Floating Trophy).

All participants shall receive Participation awards.

**18. Safety and Adult Responsibility:**

- 18.1 It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) or the adult representative of the competitor to decide if the child should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is prepared to make these decisions for their sailor. The Sailing Instructions may impose additional safety requirements.

**19. Liability:**

- 19.1 The Harbour Island Sailing Club, the Bahamas Sailing Association, the International Optimist Dinghy Class Association, the Bahamas Optimist Sailing Association and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Bahamas Optimist National Championship 2012 and competitors take part in the Championships entirely at their own risk.
- 19.2 The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a competitor for the management of the boat he or she is sailing.
- 19.3 Personal accident/health and third-party liability insurances are the sole responsibility of each competitor.

**20. Further Information:**

20.1 Harbour Island Sailing Club contacts are:

- Melvin Higgins, Commodore  
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- Patrice Davis, Treasurer  
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- Rosemary Clarke, Secretary  
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20.2 Assistance with registration, accommodation or transport please contact:

- Rosemary Clarke (as above)
- David Valentine, Bahamas Optimist Fleet Captain  
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