



BERMUDA NATIONAL AND OPEN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

November 7 & 8, 2020

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association; under the authority of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA).

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Bermuda Sailing Association National Prescriptions shall apply and may be found at www.sailing.bm.
- 1.3. The current Conditions of the IODA will apply and may be found at www.optiworld.org.
- 1.4. Racing rules 61.1, 40, and the preamble to Part 4 will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1. RRS 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows: Rule 61.1 (a) is amended by adding the following at the end of paragraph (a), before the word "However"; A boat intending to protest from an incident on the race course shall immediately after finishing proceed directly to the RC Official Finish Line Boat, sail on the starboard side of the RC boat and notify the RC that she intends to protest, hail her sail number and the number of the boat she is protesting before leaving the finish line area.
 - 1.4.2. RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows: The first sentence of RRS 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal floatation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - 1.4.3. Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except RRS 40 as amend above".
The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class.
- 3.2. Attention is drawn to World Sailing Regulation 19 Nationality Criteria.
- 3.3. The age of a competitor at the end of the year in which the event occurs shall not exceed 15 years.
- 3.4. All competitors shall be members of Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA), or their respective Country of Residence's Optimist Class Association.



4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Eligible competitors may enter by paying all required fees and completing the online registration located here on [Regatta Network](#).
- 4.2. There is a limit of 60 competitors in Green Fleet – 20 for RBYC, 20 for RHADC and 20 for Endeavour
 - 4.2.1. Should one Club not reach their limit, the remaining places do not automatically become available for other Clubs to use.
- 4.3. There will be no physical check in.
- 4.4. Entries close November 5, 2020.
- 4.5. Competitors legal guardians must acknowledge the Competitors' Covid Notice found on the entry portal.

5. FEES

- 5.1. All entry fees shall be paid at the time of the online registration.
- 5.2. Entry fee for both Championship and Green Fleets is \$100 per entry.

6. FORMAT OF REGATTA

- 6.1. There will be a Championship Fleet and a Green Fleet.
- 6.2. For the Championship Fleet 8 races are scheduled, with 4 races scheduled per day. However, the RC reserves the right to up to 5 races a day if the regatta falls behind schedule or weather reasons dictate.
- 6.3. There will be a separate course for Green Fleet. Coaching will be permitted for the last 3rd of the Green fleet by a registered coach.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Championship Fleet competitors briefing will be 0930 each race day via Zoom. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 7.2. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the final day.
- 7.3.

7 th November	Racing
8 th November	Racing (Prize Giving details TBC)
- 7.4. Green Fleet competitors briefing will be 1000 each race day. The scheduled start time of racing for Green fleet will be specified in the Green Fleet Sailing Instructions.

8. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. Competitors may only change equipment as allowed by IODA Class Rules.
- 8.2. Substitution of sails, sail numbers or equipment is not allowed throughout the regatta without the written permission of the RC.
- 8.3. Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be permitted unless approved in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available online at Regatta Network by November 3, 2020



10. VENUE

The regatta will be held at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and the racing areas may include the Great Sound, Granaway Deep, or Hamilton Harbour.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The Championship Fleet course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 11.2. The Green Fleet course will be outlined in the Green fleet SI.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Appendix P “Special Procedures for rule 42” will apply. P2.2 “Second Penalty” is changed to “Second and Subsequent Penalties”. There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, “unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify a race committee finish boat that she is retiring”. Appendix P2.3 will not apply.
- 12.2. A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.1 shall complete and sign the penalty acknowledgment log at the protest committee desk before the end of the protest time limit.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. This is a one drop series. When 5 -8 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.3.

14. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS

- 14.1. Support/Coach boats shall register with the OA during Competitor Check In and shall declare the competitors and fleets with whom they are associated.
- 14.2. Coaches are required to provide at minimum ratio of 1 safety boat for every 10 boats they are associated with on each of the Championship and Green fleet courses. All competitors of both fleets shall be associated with on-water coaching or support.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. VHF Channel 69 will be used by the RC for communication purposes.
- 15.2. Support/Coach boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 69 to render assistance as requested by the RC.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - 16.1.1. Overall 1st through 5th
 - 16.1.2. Bermuda National Champion (resident of Bermuda sailing under BER)
 - 16.1.3. Top girl
 - 16.1.4. Top Bermuda resident junior (born in 2009 or later)
 - 16.1.5. Peter Mitchell Sportsmanship Prize
 - 16.1.6. Green Fleet participation prize for all



17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

Each boat shall carry Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum of US /BD \$250,000 coverage per incident. It will be the responsibility of the individual entrant, at the time of submitting the entry fee, to provide evidence, satisfactory to the OA, of such insurance cover.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For further information please contact:

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