



2023 BERMUDA NATIONAL AND OPEN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP SANDYS BOAT CLUB NOVEMBER 10th – 13th

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta is organized by the Sandys Boat Club (SBC) 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 amended above".
The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SIs). The SIs 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 that are members of BODA, or their respective Country of Residence's Optimist Class Association.
- 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.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Eligible competitors may enter by paying all required fees and completing the online registration located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27151>
- 4.2. Competitors shall attend Registration in person to confirm their entry details and collect skipper packs for the regatta. Registration will be at Sandys Boat Club on Friday November 10th, 16:00-18:00.
- 4.3. Any Sailor Waiver not received by the OA MUST be completed at this time.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall submit a completed entry form before the entry deadline. Entries received after this time will not be accepted. Entries close October 31st, 2023, 23:00 EDT.

5. IODA 2024 SOUTH AMERICAN AND NORTH AMERICAN QUALIFIER

- 5.1. Boats seeking to be scored for consideration in the 2024 IODA South American and 2024 IODA North American Championships' trial selection, shall submit with their entry a completed BODA Trials Selection document. Boats that have not submitted a completed BODA Trials Selection document by November 10, 2023 at 5pm will not be scored for the trials selection. The BODA Trials Selection document will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to October 22nd, 2023.
- 5.2. The results of this regatta will be used for the purpose of qualification for the 2024 IODA North and South American Championships as per the team selection document, should the minimum of races not be reached the spare day will be required to complete the series for the BODA Trials Selection only.
- 5.3. Spare day date for BODA Trials Selection will be published in the SI's.

6. FEES

- 6.1. All entry fees shall be paid at the time of the online registration.
Competitor entry fee includes registration dinner.

Championship Fleet	\$150
Green Fleet	\$100

- 6.2. Additional dinner tickets are available for an additional fee.

Additional Registration Dinners	Adults \$30 Children \$20
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7. SCHEDULE / FORMAT OF REGATTA

7.1.

<i>Date</i>		<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tue Oct 31 st	Entry Deadline	2300 EDT	Online
Fri Nov 10 th	Registration	1600 - 1800	SBC
Fri Nov 10 th	Registration Dinner	1730 - 1930	SBC
Sat Nov 11 th	Championship Fleet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitor Briefing • Scheduled 1st Warning 	0900 1045	SBC patio
	Green Fleet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitor Briefing • The number of races and 1st warning will be stated at the competitor briefing and is at the RC discretion. 	0945	SBC patio
Sun Nov 12 th	Championship Fleet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitor Briefing • Scheduled 1st Warning 	0900 1045	SBC patio
	Green Fleet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitor Briefing • The number of races and 1st warning will be stated at the competitor briefing and is at the RC discretion. 	0945	SBC patio
Mon Nov 13 th	Championship Fleet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitor Briefing • Scheduled 1st Warning 	0900 1045	SBC patio
	Green Fleet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitor Briefing • The number of races and 1st warning will be stated at the competitor briefing and is at the RC discretion. 	0945	SBC patio
	Prizegiving – immediately following protest period		SBC patio

7.2. Number of Races:

<i>Fleet</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Races per day Scheduled</i>	<i>Races per day Maximum</i>
Championship	12	4	5
Green	# of races will be stated at morning briefing, and is at the RC discretion		



- 7.3. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the final day.
- 7.4. There will be a Championship Fleet and a Green Fleet.
- 7.5. For the Championship Fleet 12 races are scheduled, with 4 races scheduled per day. However, the RC reserves the right to sail 1 additional race each day if the regatta falls behind schedule or weather reasons dictate.
- 7.6. 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.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.2. Boats in the Championship Fleet shall comply with RRS 78.1.
- 8.3. Competitors may only change equipment as allowed by IODA Class Rules.
- 8.4. Substitution of sails, sail numbers or equipment is not allowed throughout the regatta without the written permission of the RC.
- 8.5. Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be permitted unless approved in writing by the RC. Requests for submission shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SI's will be available on the Official Notice Board at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27151> SI's will be posted no later than November 5.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. The regatta will be held at the Sandys Boat Club. Boat storage will be provided in the car park adjacent to the club's western Gate.
- 10.2. Boats must be de-rigged each night. Overnight secure storage will be provided for sails, spars and blades.
- 10.3. Racing area for Championship fleet will be the Great Sound in the vicinity of Watford Bridge.
- 10.4. Racing area for the Green Fleet will be Mangrove Bay.

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. (See Addendum A)
- 11.2. The Green Fleet course will be described at the Green Fleet Competitor briefing each day.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 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".
RRS 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 acknowledgement log at the protest committee desk before the end of the protest time limit.



13. SCORING

- 13.1. For the Championship fleet:
 - 13.1.1 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 13.1.2 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.2. Green Fleet:
 - 13.1.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

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. Support Persons 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.
- 15.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on VHF radio channel 69.
- 15.4. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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 junior (born in 2012 or later, sailing under BER)
 - 16.1.5. Peter Mitchell Sportsmanship Prize
 - 16.1.6. Green Fleet participation prize for all



17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.”

By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning trauma hypothermia or other causes.

18. INSURANCE

Each boat shall carry Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum of US /BD \$250,000 coverage per incident.

19. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors grant the OA, Host Club, event sponsors, media outlets and competitors National Class Associations the perpetual right to use and publish their names, likeness, voice and image in any photography, audio or video recordings or other reproductions made at the venue or on the water, from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1. For further information please contact: info@sandysboatclub.com

Regatta co-chairs:

Ryan Williams, Rear Commodore

Lauren Simons, Secretary

RC – Martin Siese

- 20.2. For overseas sailors, accommodation in Sandys Parish (close to the club) can be found via most online booking sites. Options include: Airbnb.com, Booking.com

- 20.3. Charter Optimists are available from the RBYC.
Please contact Nathan Bailey at SailingDirector@rbyc.bm

- 20.4. A WhatsApp group has been set up for Regatta alerts.
Please join the group using the following link / QR code:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GR41QmGo82p2silZuGwFoM>





ADDENDUM A

COURSE 1 – START, 1, 2, 3S/3P, FINISH

