



2025 NOVA SCOTIA OPTIMIST PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HUBBARDS SAILING CLUB | AUGUST 26-27

2025 Nova Scotia Provincial Optimist Championship Hubbards Sailing Club 215 Hwy 329, Hubbards August 26-27, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1 Rule 41 is changed for the Green Fleet by adding “(e) in-race coaching for boats requiring assistance by a race committee designated coach or coaches”.
 - 1.2.2 Sailing Instructions for the Green Fleet may be amended orally afloat in accordance with Rule 90.2 (c) by displaying Code Flag L and informing coaches and competitors of the change. Such changes will also be posted later.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be distributed via email to the coaches prior to racing and posted online at HubbardsSailingClub.ca.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the Hubbards Sailing Club ground floor.
- 3.2 All coaches shall provide and carry a VHF radio.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to coaches on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Optimist Dinghy Class.
- 4.2 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.3 Registration is open from July 4 and August 18 and information is posted at RegattaNetwork.com.

- 4.4 All participants must submit proof of age (e.g., government issued ID, provincial Health Card, birth certificate, or Passport).

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are \$140 per boat.
5.2 Late entry fees are \$170 per boat.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The site will be available for boat drop off on Sunday, August 24 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Monday, August 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
6.2 The site will be available for practice on Monday, August 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
6.3 Event check-in is available on Monday, August 25 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 26 from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
6.4 Number of races:
Optimist Green Minimum (1) Maximum per day (no Maximum)
Optimist Open Minimum (1) Maximum per day (8)

7 SCORING

- 7.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.
7.2 A minimum of one race shall constitute a series.
7.3 Green fleet is a recreational class for developing sailors and casual competition. Raw race finish order may be posted, but the event will not be scored.

8 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 8.1 All coaches and support vessels must carry a functioning VHF radio on board at all times.

9 RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1 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.

10 INSURANCE

- 10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. The organizing authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a competitor is insured.

11 AWARDS

11.1 Awards will be given as follows:

All Green Fleet competitors will receive acknowledgement of their participation, with the possibility of additional awards given at the discretion of the host organization.

Optimist Open will be recognized with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for White Fleet, Blue Fleet, and Red Fleet, along with an award of overall top score of all fleets. The overall winner will be declared the 2025 Nova Scotia Provincial Optimist Champion. Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the host organization.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 For further information, please contact Sailing@HubbardsSailingClub.ca.