



## Dinghy Nationals

3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

### Notice of Race (NOR)

DP	Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
NP	Rules that are not ground for protest by a boat. This changes Racing Rule of Sailing 60.1(a) and 63.1

## 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024. The following Class Rules and Instructions will apply.

- The International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) class rules
- The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) class rules
- The International RS Feva class rules
- The International Topper Class Association (ITCA) rules

1.2 English is the official language for the event, notwithstanding that Notices may be issued in another language. The English text will take precedence

1.3 This is a class ranking regatta of the Malta Sailing Federation.

1.4 No National prescriptions apply.

1.5 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply and is changed as follows:

A post-race penalty is a Scoring Penalty equal to 30% of the score for DNF, or 50 % of the difference between the boat's finishing position in the race and the score for DNF, whichever is less. The Scoring Penalty is calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies.



## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 20.00hrs on the 1<sup>st</sup> November on the Viking Sailing Club website <https://www.vikings.mt/races/2023nationals/> and also after registration on 3<sup>rd</sup> November on the club notice board. It is recommended that all sailors download a copy of the sailing instructions before the event.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located on the Vikings Website <https://www.vikings.mt/races/2023nationals/> by 9:00hrs on the first day of the regatta. These will also be posted on the club notice board.
- 3.2 Team leaders and coaches will also be notified via the WhatsApp event chat group. The link is as follows <https://chat.whatsapp.com/D86a1c3p30hF8BPRWCG4cK>
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the 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.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1 The regatta is open to Sailors duly registered in their respective National Association in the following classes; -

### Optimist class:

**Open Category:** Optimist sailors in the Open Category may register in either of the following two Divisions:

**Senior Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2011 and 2008 (12 – 15yrs).

**Cadet Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2015 and 2012 (8 – 11yrs) whose scores shall be extrapolated unchanged from the overall results of the Open Category.

OR

### Beginners Category

Boys and Girls born between 2015 and 2009 (8 - 14yrs) AND have not yet been racing for more than twelve (12) months.



**ILCA Classes** - The regatta will be open to the following classes:

ILCA 4 Class

ILCA 6 class

ILCA 7 class

**RS FEVA XL Class** - No age restrictions will apply.

**TOPPER class:**

4.2 category

5.3 category

4.2 Four or more boats shall constitute a class with the exception of the Topper class which shall all race under handicap.

4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.vikings.mt/races/2023nationals/>. A late registration fee of €10.00 for registrations received after 8pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October will apply.

4.4 Registrations will only be accepted online. No registrations will be accepted after 9pm on Thursday 2nd November. Any changes to the registration entries need to be notified via email on [sailing@vikings.mt](mailto:sailing@vikings.mt) no later than 9pm on Thursday 2nd November.

4.5 **Entry Fees:**

Single handed Dinghies at **EUR 45**

Double handed class at **EUR 55**

## 5 SCHEDULE

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5.1 The regatta race schedule shall be as follows:

Date	Time	Description
03/11/23	9:30	Coaches briefing
03/11/23	11:30	First Warning signal
04/11/23	10:00	First Warning signal



05/11/23	10:00	First Warning signal
05/11/23	18:00	Prize giving

- 5.2 A maximum of Nine (9) races are being scheduled for the whole event
- 5.3 A maximum of Four (4) races will be sailed on any one day
- 5.4 On the 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, no warning signal will be made after 16:00 hrs
- 5.5 On 5/11/23 no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hrs

## 6 MEASUREMENTS (DP)

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- 6.1 The race committee may check a boat's racing equipment at any time during the regatta.

## 7 VENUE

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- 7.1 Racing will take place outside Sliema/Tigne seafront.

## 8 COURSES

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- 8.1 The course layouts shall be based around a Trapezoid course. Course diagrams will be issued with the sailing instructions and explained during the coaches and team leaders briefing.
- 8.2 Any changes to the course configuration will be advised to all sailors prior to launching as an amendment to the Sailing Instructions

## 9 SCORING

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- 9.1 The Low point scoring system shall be used.
- 9.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta
- 9.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.



## 10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 Parents or guardians of entrants below eighteen years of age are to agree to the disclaimer on the entry form when registering online or sign the form on site and undertake all responsibility.

## 11 INSURANCE

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- 11.1 Insurance is mandatory. Competitors must be covered by a third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1.500,000 (one million five hundred thousand Euro) or equivalent thereof in any other currency.
- 11.2 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he/she is sailing and for their personal accident and health insurance.

## 12 PRIZES

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12.1 Class prizes will be given as follows:

**Optimist Class:**

1st, 2nd and 3rd sailor in Senior, Cadet divisions and Beginner category.

1st, 2nd and 3rd female sailor in the Senior, Cadet divisions and Beginner category.



**ILCA Classes:**

1st, 2nd and 3rd sailor in each ILCA constituted Classes.

1st, 2nd and 3rd female sailor in each ILCA constituted Classes.

**RS FevaXL Class:**

i. First, Second and Third positions in class for both sailor and crew.

**Topper Class**

i. First, Second and Third positions overall

**13 BOAT STORAGE**

**13.1** [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park. See Appendix 1.

**13.2** [DP] Sailors shall have their launching trolleys clearly numbered in their club colour. The number will correspond to their sail number. All other labels from previous regattas are to be removed.

**13.3** The format for trolley numbering is to be according to the table below:

Sailing Club	Colour Code
Vikings Sailing Club	<b>Black</b>
Royal Malta Yacht Club	<b>Yellow</b>
Malta Young Sailors Club	<b>Blue</b>
Birzebbugia Sailing Club	<b>Red</b>

## Appendix 1 BOAT STORAGE AREA

Dinghies can be brought on Thursday 2/11/2023 between 4 and 7.30pm. A security will be present in the area after 7.30pm. **No VSC staff will be present after 7.30pm.** There is no space for dinghy road trailers near the club. These are to be taken away after bringing the boats or left at the owner's risk in the location shown on the map

Any ribs to be launched from the slipway are to be in the slipway area **BEFORE** 8am on Friday 3/11/23. The road **will be closed** after 8am. Ideally ribs are brought on Thursday evening before 8pm. Berthing spaces are available on the RMYC Pontoons. We prefer if ribs are driven directly to the RMYC pontoons as we have limited space for rib trailers. Please inform VSC if you will be needing a berthing space.

