

## RBYC MID-WINTER OPTIMIST SERIES

ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB

FEBRUARY 23-24, MARCH 30-31 2019

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

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The series is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA).

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

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- 1.1. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*
- 1.2. The Bermuda Sailing Association National Prescriptions and Code of Conduct shall apply and may be found at [www.sailing.bm](http://www.sailing.bm).
- 1.3. The current Class Rules of the IODA will apply and may be found at [www.optiworld.org](http://www.optiworld.org).
- 1.4. The 2019 IODA World, European Championship Team Selection [document](#), shall apply to competitors entered in the 2019 IODA World, European Championship Qualification Series.
- 1.5. RRS 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows: Rule 61.1 (a) is amended by adding the following: *"A boat intending to protest from an incident on the race course shall immediately after finishing proceed directly to the starboard side of the Race Committee (RC) Finish Line Boat and notify the RC that she intends to protest by hailing her sail number and the number of the boat she is protesting before leaving the finish line area."*
- 1.6. RRS 40 is 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."*
- 1.7. Rule changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SI). The SI may also change other racing rules.

### 2. ADVERTISING

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- 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 OA.

### 3. ENTRY

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- 3.1. Entry to the series is open to all Optimist sailors.
- 3.2. Entry Form and a Guardian Release and Declaration Form shall be submitted to the RBYC Sailing Office ([sailingoffice@rbyc.bm](mailto:sailingoffice@rbyc.bm)) by **Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 @ 1600 hours**.
- 3.3. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.4. Entry to the 2019 IODA World, European Championship Qualification Series shall be made by completing the Team Selection [document](#) and returning it to the BODA Secretary ([secretary@boda.bm](mailto:secretary@boda.bm)) by **Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 @ 1600 hours**.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

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The age of a competitor at the end of the year in which the event occurs shall not exceed 15 years.

### 5. FEES

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Entry fees shall be \$25 per entry.

### 6. FORMAT OF SERIES

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- 6.1. The series will consist of fleet racing.
- 6.2. 16 races are scheduled, with up to 4 races per day. However, the RC reserves the right to sail 1 additional race each day if the series falls behind schedule or weather reasons dictate.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

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- 7.1. There shall be a Competitors Briefing on the RBYC terrace each day at 0930 AST.
- 7.2. The first warning signal will be 1100 hours each day.
- 7.3. There will a prize giving immediately following conclusion of race on Sunday March 31 at RBYC.
- 7.4. Race Schedule:

February 21st	Registration Closes @ 1600 AST
February 23rd	Racing
February 24th	Racing
March 30th	Racing
March 31st	Racing

## **8. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT**

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- 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 series 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**

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Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the RBYC website by February 21st.

## **10. VENUE**

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The series will be held at the RBYC and the racing areas will be the Great Sound and surrounding waters.

## **11. COURSES**

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Fleet racing course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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- 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**

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- 13.1. 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. When 6-11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.3. When 12-16 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 13.4. Scoring for the 2019 IODA World, European Championship Qualification Series shall be as per the document referenced in NoR 1.4.

## **14. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS**

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- 14.1. Support/Coach boats shall register with the RC during the Competitor Briefing each day and shall declare the competitors with whom they are associated.
- 14.2. Coaches are required to provide at minimum 1 safety boat for every 10 boats they are associated with.

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**15. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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- 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.

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**16. PRIZES**

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Prizes will be awarded for overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Other prizes will be at the discretion of the OA.

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**17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

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**18. INSURANCE**

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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.

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**19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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For further information please contact:

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