



CANADIAN OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE VOILE EN OPTIMIST

2017 Canadian Optimist Championships

August 20-26

Hosted by Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta is organized by Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS) in conjunction with the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association (CODA).

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Sail Canada prescriptions will apply.

1.3 CODA code of conduct will apply, and can be found at <http://www.optican.org/coda-code-conduct>

Competitors, coaches, parents and guardians shall abide by the CODA Code of Conduct. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, RNSYS and the city of Halifax.

1.4 The following new rule is added to RRS 61:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)

In addition to meeting the requirements of RRS 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area in which she is involved or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the RC measurement boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she intends to protest.

1.4 RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:

1.4.1 The first sentence of RRS 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to RRS 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."

1.4.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except RRS 40 as amended by Instruction 1.4.1"

1.5 Appendix D will apply. The Team Racing event will be umpired.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but restricted by class rule 2.8.

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA)

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfil the eligibility requirements stated below.

3.2 International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing online registration, paying all entry fees, completing the Measurement Form which includes a Boat Safety Checklist.

3.3 Competitors shall be current members of the CODA and be born on or after January 1, 2002.

International sailors shall be current members of their National Association.

The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on December 31st of 2017.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

4.1. All entry fees shall be paid at the time of the online registration at www.2017opticanadians.com

4.2. The entry fee for sailors competing in the Championship Fleet is:

-CAD\$225 if paid by 1600 hours May 15th.

-CAD\$250 for registrations completed between May 15th through 1600 hours July 15th

-CAD\$300 for registrations completed between July 15th through 1600 hours August 19th

4.3. The entry fee for sailors competing in the Green Fleet is:

-CAD\$150 if paid by 1600 hours July 15th.

-CAD\$225 for registrations completed between July 15th through 1600 hours August 19th.

4.4. The entry fee for coaches is:

-CAD\$125 if paid by 1600 hours July 15th

-CAD\$175 if paid by 1600 hours August 19th

4.5 Competitors shall have completed all parts of the online registration including completion of the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the event. Each competitor shall confirm their registration by checking the entry list on the Event Registration page.

If the competitor is not listed on the Event Registration list, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply. **Entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.**

4.6 **Registration will be closed on August 19th, 2017 at 1600 hours AST**

4.7 Registration requests after registration has closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

5.1. The 2017 Canadian Optimist Championship comprises two "championships":

5.1.1. The Fleet Racing Championship

5.1.2. The Team Racing Championship

5.2 For the Fleet Racing Championship, there will be an Open Fleet and a Green Fleet.

5.2.2. Open Fleet

5.2.2.1. The intention is to have a two-day Qualifying Round followed by a one day break and a two-day Final Round.

5.2.2.2. Depending on the number of registrants, the fleet may be split into divisions.

5.2.2.3. The duration and specific parameters of each round will be fully described in the sailing instructions.

5.2.3. Green Fleet

5.2.3.1. There will be a separate course for the Green Fleet. Coaching will be permitted for the last third of the fleet by a registered coach.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. A detailed program including social activities will be posted and updated on the regatta website on www.2017opticanadians.com

Sunday, Aug 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement for the Championship Fleet & Safety Check for the Green Fleet • Registration & Check in
Monday, Aug 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement for the Championship Fleet & Safety check for the Green Fleet • Registration & Check in • Practice Race • Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, Aug 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet Racing Champ. - Qualifying Round Day 1 • Fleet racing for the Green Fleet
Wednesday, Aug 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet Racing Champ. Qualifying Round Day 2 • Fleet Racing for the Green Fleet • Regatta Dinner & CODA AGM
Thursday, Aug 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Racing brief for competitors & Team Racing Championship • Lay day for the Green Fleet -Fun activities at the club
Friday, Aug 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet Racing Champ. -Final Round Day 1 • Fleet Racing for the Green Fleet
Saturday, Aug 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet Racing Champ. -Final Round Day 2 • Fleet Racing for the Green Fleet • Awards Ceremony

6.2. Morning snacks will be provided from August 20th -26th

Lunches for coaches and competitors will be provided from August 22nd - 26th

6.3. The Green Fleet schedule, including skippers meeting, will be determined by the Green Fleet RO and specified in the Green Fleet SIs.

6.4. Sailors and Teams wishing to arrive early are welcome at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron as early as August 16th Sailors and Teams wishing to arrive earlier than the 16th shall contact the OA at opticanadians2017@rnsys.com for further information.

6.5. Each sailor personally shall be present at check-in to finalize registration once the Measurement process has been completed and approved.

6.6. 12 races are scheduled for the Open Fleet with 3 races per day. One extra race per day may be sailed at the discretion of the PRO.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Any request to consider approving equipment substitutions shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) before the end of protest time limit the day prior to the day for which substitution is to be made. If changes are required during a day's racing, approval may be made verbally and the written request submitted before the day's protest time limit.

- 7.2. Each competitor shall complete the Measurement procedure before finalizing the registration and checking in. This shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in compliance with the Class Rules.
- 7.3. **All sails** shall be stamped by a Technical Official with the 2017 COCs signature regardless of previous regatta stamps or signatures. Sails not previously stamped at a CODA or IODA regatta shall be removed from the boom for inspection. Sails stamped at a CODA or IODA regatta do not need to be removed from the boom; however shall be stamped by a Technical Official for this event.
- 7.4. There will be on water measurement for three top ten finishing boats selected randomly each race. Finishing positions for the on water measurement will be picked randomly each morning prior to the launching time.
- 7.5. The Technical Official, RC and Protest Committee reserves the right to measure equipment and/or sails at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.
- 7.6. Measurement boat will be anchored upwind and to starboard of the finish boat and will be identified with a green flag with the letter "M"

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing instructions for the Championship Fleet and the Green Fleet will be available online on the regatta website www.2017opticanadians.com

9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be in Halifax Harbor. Specific fleet dependent racing location details will be provided in the sailing instructions.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept at RNSYS in the assigned parking spots during the event.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 10.2 For the team racing championships the course will be a starboard "S" course.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 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.
- 11.3 The [IODA Graded Penalty System](#) will apply
- 11.4 Races of the team racing championship will be umpired.
- 11.5 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.1 shall complete and sign the penalty acknowledgment log at the protest committee desk.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply as revised by the sailing instructions which will specify the scoring for Qualifying and Final Rounds; the 2017 Canadian Optimist Championship; and the Age Group (Red, Blue, and White) Series.

- 12.2. The number of boats entered in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed competitor check-in at the regatta venue as referenced in NOR 6.5. This modifies rule A4.2 and applies to fleet divisions.
- 12.3. A "Set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. In the event that a "Set" is unable to be completed before the end of racing on a given day, that incomplete Set" will be completed first on the succeeding day using the same division assignments. Assignments to divisions for succeeding "Sets" will be based on cumulative results through the latest completed "Set" as of the end of Protest Time limit on the day prior. On the last day of racing, a boat's score from races in an incomplete "Set" shall not be counted. This changes Rule A2.
- 12.4. One completed "Set" of races in the Qualifying Round will constitute the 2017 Canadian Optimist Championship.
- 12.5. Race scores are based on the number of registered boats in the largest division. This changes RRS 44.3(c) and A4.2.

13. PFD, WHISTLE, AND BOW LINE

- 13.1. In addition to the requirements of RRS 40, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a Canadian Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or for international sailors only, a PFD approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits and dry suits do not satisfy this requirement. Inflatable PFD may not be worn.
- 13.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to his or her PFD at all times while on the water.
- 13.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

14. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1. In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor(s). It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 14.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 14.3. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

15. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1. The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor has a coach on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 15.2. All coach and support boats shall register during check-in (\$20 deposit) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the OA while on the water. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.

- 15.3. The conduct of coaches, parents (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats will be governed by the sailing instructions.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. CODA awards will be presented to the Overall Champion, the first Canadian male and the first Canadian female, Sportsmanship award.
- 16.2. 2017 COCs awards will be presented to the Championship Fleet sailors:
- Top 15 overall finishers
 - Top 3 female finishers
 - Top 3 finishers in each fleet (RWB)
 - Top 3 Teams at the Team Racing Championship
- 16.3. CODA Green Fleet medals will be presented to all Green Fleet competitors
- 16.4. Daily prizes for the Green Fleet will be presented at the discretion of the OA.

Additional prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of RNSYS and CODA, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta results.

17. 2018 TEAM CANADA QUALIFIER

- 17.1. The 2017 Canadian Optimist Championships will serve as the qualifying event for the 2018 Team Canada that will compete and represent the country at the 2018 IODA World Championship, 2018 IODA European Championship, 2018 IODA Northamerican Championship and 2018 IODA Southamerican Championship.
- 17.2. Qualification for 2018 IODA events will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by CODA and posted on the CODA website www.optican.org

18. CHARTER BOATS

- 18.1. The OA has secured McLaughlin Optimists as the exclusive provider of charter boats for this regatta. Competitors who wish to charter a boat shall contact McLaughlin at www.optistuff.com where boats can be chartered online for the 2017 Canadian Optimist Championships. The regatta's OA, Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and CODA assume no responsibility regarding the charter boats.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, the owner, person in charge and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron vessels, or from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

19.2. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.6.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. For further inquiries or information opticanadians2017@rnsys.com



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. ACCOMODATIONS AND SIGHT SEEING

B.1. Halifax welcomes sailors and their families to the 2017 Canadian Optimist Championships. For a full description of our city including maps, places to stay and visit please see DestinationHalifax.com

The Atlantica Hotel is an official sponsor of the 2017 Canadian Optimist Championships. To take advantage of the sponsorship discount:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/72818?groupID=426305#/guestsandrooms>

Note: Let the Atlantic know you are with the 2017 Canadian Optimist Championship.

B. SPECTATOR BOATS

B.1. A spectator boat will be arranged for parents and guests throughout the event at no cost in both, the Championship and the Green fleet.

C. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their visit to Halifax more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organized.

All the options and details will be posted on www.2017opticanadians.com

D. NON PLASTIC POLICY

D.1. To make this event as ECO Friendly as possible and reduce unnecessary garbage, individual plastic bottles of water will NOT be provided. It is strongly recommended for each sailor to bring a minimum of 2 personal bottles of water to be refilled at the venue.

2 Water Stations will be set up on the boat park.

D.2. Personal food containers are also suggested and much appreciated. Sailors with labeled personal containers will receive their lunches in those to avoid using unnecessary plastic bags.

E. PROVINCIAL FLAGS AND CLUB BURGEES

Teams are welcome to bring their own provincial flags and/or club burgees to be displayed at the venue.