



2019 Open Meeting for Optimist Class Main Fleet & Regatta Fleet

15 & 16 June 2019

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK

Organizing Authority: Hayling Island Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

Documents governing this event will be available at:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Hayling Island SC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at: www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx
- 1.3 The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee, and may be less than disqualification.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all International Optimist class dinghies. There will be two fleets sailing on separate course areas; a main (open) fleet, and a 'regatta fleet'. The regatta fleet is intended for younger or less experienced helms, and entries in this fleet will be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 2.2 The maximum number of entries allowed is as follows:
Main fleet 60
Regatta fleet 30
- 2.3 The entry limit may be extended at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 2.4 Entry is by completing the online form on the Hayling Island SC website and submitting the entry fee. Entries will be accepted in order up to the above quota.
- 2.5 Online entry will close at 22:00hrs on Wednesday 12 June or earlier if the entry limit is reached.
- 2.6 Late entries may be accepted by telephone, and subject to payment of an additional fee.
- 2.7 Competitors shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations before racing (download from HISC website).

3 FEES

Entry fee per boat: £35.00

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: Saturday 15 June, from 08:30.
- 4.2 There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 15 June at 10:00.
- 4.3 The race schedule is as follows:

Date:	Time of 1st warning signal & scheduled races per day:
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	<i>Time:</i>	<i># Races: Main Fleet</i>	<i># Races: Regatta Fleet</i>
15 June	11:00	3	4
16 June	11:00	3	4

- 4.4 The warning signal for succeeding races each day will be made as soon as practicable; it is not intended to allow any break between races.
- 4.5 No warning signal will be made after 15:30 on Sun 16 June.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published on the event website.

6 VENUE

Racing will take place in Chichester Harbour. The main fleet may race in the southern extremity of the Harbour or the northern part of Bracklesham Bay.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.2 (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst ashore.

9 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entries in each fleet.

10 MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 11.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
 - (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

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