



Notice Of Race Posted March 12, 2010

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DATES AND VENUE

The 2010 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship will be held from Sunday August 22nd to Friday August 27th 2010. The venue will be the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, located at the foot of MacNab Street North in Hamilton, Ontario, L8L 1H1.

RULES

- The organizing authority is the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
- The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.
- The 2009 International Optimist Dinghy association class rules will apply (refer to IODA and CODA websites for full rules documents.
- Appendix P will apply.
- Rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to second or subsequent penalties assessed under rule P1.
- Rule P2.3 shall not apply
- The following rule changes will be in effect:
 - Racing rules 61 Protest Requirements will be changed as follows, Rule 61.1(a)(2) will not apply.

ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be Category C.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- The regatta is open to all boats of the international Optimist Dinghy class provided that skippers shall be 15 years of age or less as of December 31st 2010.
- Competitors must present proof of membership in CODA or another international Optimist Dinghy national class authority.
- Competitors must provide proof of age at registration
- Fleets will be divided as follows:
 - Red Fleet: 13-15 years of age as of December 31st 2010
 - Blue Fleet: 11-12 years of age as of December 31st 2010
 - White Fleet: 10 years of age or under as of December 31st 2010
 - Green Fleet: Eligibility for the Optimist class green fleet is subject to the following criteria.
- Skippers shall be 15 years of age or under as of December 31st 2010
- Skippers shall not return to green fleet competition after having competed in other Optimist fleets (ie. White, blue, red or similar advanced fleets) except an event where no green fleet competition was offered
- Upon placing three times in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place overall in a regatta, or any combination thereof, a skipper shall advance to his/her appropriate age group fleet.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

- Boats shall be registered upon receipt of a completed entry form and payment of the required entry fee; submission of a signed waiver and medical form, and completion of measurement requirements prior to the close of registration.
- The registration fee for the regatta if received prior to July 31st 2010 is CDN \$150.00 for each competitor and CDN \$100.00 for each coach.
- Registrations received after July 31st 2010 shall be CDN \$175.00 per competitor and CDN \$125.00 per coach.
- The fee is inclusive of a coda levy and covers on water snacks and water, snacks after racing each day and two dinners.

Breakfast and dinner packages for non-competitors and non-registered coaches will be made available at a cost to be determined and may be purchased at time of registration.

SAILING PROGRAM

All racing for the championship fleet will take place on Hamilton Harbour. There will be a separate program for green fleet participants, consisting of daily coaching and racing to be held immediately adjacent to Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. Coaching by any persons other than designated Green fleet coaches will not be permitted while boats are racing.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

A detailed program including social events will be posted and updated on the RHYC website. www.rhyc.on.ca

Registration, measurement and inspection:

Saturday August 21st from 1200 to 2000 hrs.

Sunday August 22nd from 0900 to 1600 hrs.

Dates of Racing:

Sunday August 22 nd	Practice Race
Monday August 23 rd	Racing
Tuesday August 24 th	Racing
Wednesday August 25 th	Racing
Thursday August 26 th	Racing
Friday August 27 th	Racing

Number of Races:

Championship fleets (red, white and blue):

The race committee will aim to sail three races per day, with the goal of sailing as many races as possible. At the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer, a greater number of races per day may be sailed.

Green Fleet:

The designated green fleet race officer will set the schedule at their own discretion.

- The scheduled times of warning signals are:

Practice Race on Sunday August 22nd, 1400 hrs

First Race on each of August 23rd-27th, 1030 hrs

On August 27th no warning signal shall be made after 1500 hrs

SAFETY AND MEASUREMENT INSPECTIONS

- Each boat shall pass a safety inspection prior to the close of registration. Each boat entering the championship fleet is subject to measurement, which may include, but no be limited to sails, foils, hull weight and presentation of a measurement certificate. Safety and measurement checks may be made throughout the regatta on instructions of the Race Committee or Jury.
- Each competitor must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by their national authority, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a PFD may be subject to protest and a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the jury.
- A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to clothing or to the PFD. Competitors not complying with this instruction may be subject to protest and a penalty at the discretion of the jury.

Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta, as presented for measurement. Substitutions of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be made available at time of competitor check-in at RHYC

SCORING

- The scoring for both the championship fleet and green fleet shall be based on the lo point scoring system.
- Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- Drop races:
 - When fewer than five races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

SUPPORT BOATS

All support boats shall register with the organizing authority and shall fly the flag supplied by the race committee at all times while on the water.

BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned locations (Optimists) or berth (support boats)

PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- CODA awards will be given to the overall champion, the first Canadian male and first Canadian female.
 - Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers overall.
 - Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers in each fleet (blue, white, red and green)
 - Prizes will be awarded for the top five females overall
 - Prizes will be awarded daily for the overall winners of each championship fleet race
- Participation awards will be given out to all members of the green fleet

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, decision to race. All competitors and their parent/guardian must sign a waiver. The organizing authority will not accept liability for materials damaged or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

INSURANCE

The competitor is responsible for ensuring that adequate third party coverage is in place for their participation in the event. The organizing authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a competitor is insured.

