



2017 Open Meeting for Optimist Class Main Fleet

20 & 21 May 2017

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK
Organizing Authority: Hayling Island Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

Documents governing this event, including this Notice of Race and any amendments thereto, will be available at the event website:

- 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/racing-rules/pages/hub.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.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all International Optimist class dinghies. Entries must have competed in main fleet at one or more of the IOCA major championships.
- 2.2 The maximum number of entries allowed is as follows: Main fleet 80.
- 2.3 The entry limit may be extended at the discretion of the organizing authority
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form on the Hayling Island SC website and submitting the entry fee. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt up to the above quota.
- 2.5 Online entry will open on Friday 28 April, and close on Thursday 18 May 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 under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations before racing (download from HISC website).

3 FEES

Entry fee per boat: £30.00

Entries received after 18 May will be subject to a surcharge of £5.00

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: Saturday 20 May from 08:30.
- 4.2 There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 20 May at 10:00.
- 4.3 The race schedule is as follows:

Date:	Time of 1st warning signal & scheduled races per day:	
	Time:	# Races:
20 May	11:30	3

21 May	11:00	3
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- 4.4 The sailing instructions will specify a time on the last day of racing after which no warning signal may be made.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published on the event website.

6 VENUE

- 6.1 Racing will take place in Hayling bay. Sailors must be prepared to remain afloat between races.
- 6.2 Venue information is available at www.hisc.co.uk.

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 SUPPORT BOATS

[DP] Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period.

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:
- 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;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 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;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 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.
 - 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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