



2019 Optimist Canadian Championships / Championnats Canadiens Optimistes 2019

BRITANNIA YACHT CLUB
OTTAWA, ONTARIO CANADA

Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association



NOTICE of RACE (NoR)

You are cordially invited to attend the Canadian Optimist Championships 2019, being held at Britannia Yacht Club, Ottawa on August 14 – 20, 2019. Competitors, coaches and their families are welcome before and after these dates.

The Organizing Authority (**OA**) is Britannia Yacht Club (**BYC**), working with the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association (**CODA**).

1 Definitions

- 1.1 *The notation 'DP' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*
- 1.2 The following words have specific meanings:
 - 1.2.1 "**Class**" refers to the Optimist Class.
 - 1.2.2 "**Fleet**" refers to the usual Red, Blue, White and Green Fleet.
 - 1.2.3 "**Group**" refers to the division of the Class into Silver and Gold groups based on qualifying series results.
 - 1.2.4 "**Flight**" refers to sets of boats racing together in a series.

2 Rules

- 2.1 The Championship will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The Prescriptions of Sail Canada apply and can be seen at:
(https://www.sailing.ca/files/RRS_2017_2020_Sail_Canada_Prescription_Final_EN.pdf)
- 2.3 The International Optimist Class Association (IODA) Class Rules, Regatta Manual and the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association (CODA) championship rules will apply.
(<http://www.optiworld.org>, / <http://www.optican.org>).
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 RRS, Appendix D will apply to the Team Racing event.
- 2.6 RRS, Appendix P will apply to Qualifying series, The Championship series and The Team Racing Event.
- 2.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 2.8 Section 10 describes measurement rules that will apply.
- 2.9 RRS 63.1 is changed to allow for Arbitration and a Penalty less than disqualification for breaches of RRS Part 2 and RRS 31. The changes will appear in the Sailing Instructions.





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- 2.10 A loaned or chartered boat may carry national letters or sail numbers for the boat belonging to the person in charge.
- 2.11 The “Green” fleet allows on-the-water coaching by registered coaches.
- 2.12 Coaches shall not interfere with other boats, subject to jury disqualification from the regatta.
- 2.13 **In weather requiring all boats to return to harbour or for other safety issues, all boats (RC, Safety, coaches) boats come under the direction of the RC and shall be able and ready to tow any participants back to harbour. Spectator boats are encouraged to help (see SIs for more information)**

3 Advertising

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

4 Entry & Eligibility

- 4.1 Entry is open to current members of the CODA or their National Association and be born on or after January 1, 2004.
- 4.2 BYC has the capacity to handle approximately 150 entries. The CODA executive will determine any required entrance priority.

5 Registration

- 5.1 Registration forms must be completed and fees paid on-line.
- 5.2 On-line Registration will close on August 5, 2019 at 11:59 pm
- 5.3 Links to both on-line registration and the registration form can be found on the BYC website at byc.ca and on the regatta’s website at opticanadians2019.com .





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6 Fees

6.1 The entry fee for competitors is:

6.1.1 Championship Fleet

- CAD \$325 if paid by 24:00 hours July 31, 2019
- CAD \$400 for registrations completed after August 1, 2019, 00:01 hours
- These fees include breakfast each day of the regatta, after race snacks and the Sailors Dinner.

6.1.2 Green Fleet

- CAD \$250 if paid by 24:00 hours July 31, 2019
- CAD \$300 for registrations completed after August 1, 2019, 00:01 hours
- These fees include breakfast each day of the regatta, after race snacks and the Sailors Dinner.

6.2 The entry fee for coaches

- CAD \$130 if paid by 2400 hours July 31, 2019
- CAD \$210 for registration completed after August 1, 2019, 0001 hours
- These fees include breakfast each day of the regatta, after race snacks and the Sailors Dinner.

6.3 Additional fees will apply for on-site meals and lunches; see registration documents and SIs for more information

6.4 Competitors shall have completed all parts of the on-line registration including completion of the on-line 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.

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

6.6 Parents and Guardians may purchase breakfast tickets for CAN \$8.00, and Sailor's Dinner tickets for CAN \$25.00, for children 14 years and under the cost will be \$15.00

6.7 During the championship, a draw will be held to refund one entry fee of a competitor from the Championship and Green fleets, from all the entries paid by Aug 1, 2019.





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7 Regatta Series

The Regatta will consist of a qualifying series, a Championship(Finals) series, a “Green” fleet series and if possible a team race event

7.1 Both Championship and the “Greens” will be split into “fleets” of approximately 35 boats.

7.1.1 In the qualifying series, fleets will be determined by random draw.

7.1.2 The Championship series will be grouped according to finish position in the qualifying series.

7.1.3 In the event of ties that cannot be broken with the RRS, the tied boats will be included in the higher fleet.

8 Charter Boats

8.1 A limited number of charter boats will be available. These charter are on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for reserving a charter is 3 weeks prior the event. Competitors are required to bring their own sails and any other racing equipment that they require.

8.2 McLaughlin Boat Works is the official charter supplier for the event. Please contact them for charter reservations at sales@optistuff.com, (423) 875-0740, or you can reserve a boat on line at www.optistuff.com Please note McLaughlin is a USA company, therefore all prices on their website are in USD.





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9 Schedule

Registration portal will available Feb 1, 2019 at www.opticanadians2019.com

Wednesday August 14	0900 – 1700	Equipment inspection, event measurement and Site Registration
		Safety check for Green fleet
	1700 – 1900	Meet & Greet BBQ
Thursday August 15	900 – 1100	Equipment inspection, event measurement and Site Registration
		Safety check for Green fleet
	1200	Coaches' Meeting
	1400	Practice race for Championship
	1500	Practice Race for Green Fleet
	1630	Opening Ceremonies
Friday August 16	0830	Coaches' Meeting
	1000	Skippers' Meeting
	1100	Racing begins Qualifying Flights
	1200	Green Fleet racing begins
Saturday August 17	0900	Coaches' Meeting
	1100	Qualification Flight Racing
	1200	Green Fleet Racing
	1830	Sailors' Dinner followed by CODA AGM
Sunday August 18	0830	Coaches' Meeting
	1000	Sailors' Meeting
	1100	Team Racing for Championship Fleet Should a qualifying series not be completed, qualifications maybe held on Sunday and Team Racing canceled
		Green Fleet Lay Day
	1200	Championship Flights posted





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Monday August 19	0830	Coaches' Meeting
	0900	Sailors' Meeting
	1100	Championship Racing begins
	1200	Green Fleet Racing begins
Tuesday August 20	0900	Coaches' Meeting
	1100	Championship Racing continues
	1200	Green Fleet Racing continues
	1500	No Warnings after this time
	1830	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony

Twelve (12) races are scheduled with 3 races per day. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no Group or Flight becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.

10 Measurement

- 10.1 Each competitor shall complete the Measurement procedure before finalizing the registration and checking in. Minor deviations can be submitted to the Jury for approval.
- 10.2 All sails shall be stamped by the Technical Committee regardless of previous regatta stamps or signatures. All sails shall be removed from the boom for inspection.
- 10.3 There may be additional measurement of boats, selected randomly each day.
- 10.4 The Technical Committee, RC and Protest Committee reserves the right to measure equipment and/or sails at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.
- 10.5 In accordance with RRS Appendix G, boats chartered through the Official Charter Supplier of the Organizing Committee may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried by these boats shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat.
- 10.6 Hulls chartered through the Official Charter Supplier are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from Class Rule 2.4.1.
- 10.7 Competitors using chartered boats are only allowed to compete in the championship with boats officially chartered the Official Charter Supplier.

11 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at least 4 weeks prior to the event at www.opticanadians2019.com at registration, and may be posted at www.optican.org.





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12 Sailing Venue

- 12.1 Races will be held on Lac Deschênes, a widening in the Ottawa River in the western part of Ottawa. The course area with hazard areas identified is attached. Descriptions of the facility are available on the web site.
- 12.2 For navigation, use Canadian Chart #1550.
- 12.3 The green fleet will be located closer to BYC with Championship course farther out
- 12.4 Weather for Ottawa in August
 - 12.4.1 Lake and air temperatures can be above 25C
 - 12.4.2 70% of the time the winds will be greater than 7 knots
 - 12.4.3 10% of the time the winds may exceed 15-20 knots
 - 12.4.4 2% of the time the winds may exceed 25-40 knots, generated by pop-up thunderstorms or cold fronts. Such winds may generate 6+ foot square waves and can last for 1-12 hours

13 The Courses

- 13.1 Courses for the qualifying series and championship series will be trapezoidal as described in the IODA Race manual. There will be an additional spacer mark near the leeward start vessel. (see SIs)
- 13.2 The team racing event will be the course described in the IODA Regatta Manual APPENDIX IV: STANDARD COURSES FOR IODA EVENTS
- 13.3 There shall be a separate windward/ leeward course with a windward offset and a leeward gate for the Green Fleet

14 Penalty System

- 14.1 For the qualifying series, decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5 (a)

15 Scoring

Each entrant shall exclude its worst score in each series, except that when only four or fewer races in that series are completed, all shall count.

16 Arbitration

For a protest between boats alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to any protest hearing. This changes RRS Part 5, Section B.





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17 Berthing

- 17.1 Coach & spectator boats shall use the assigned dock unless written permission to change has been granted by the OA. Rafting may be required.
- 17.2 Participants shall keep boats in the area assigned unless written permission to change has been granted by the OA.

18 Radio Communication

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 18.2 VHF broadcasts by the Race Committee is permitted; on a channel(s) to be identified in the Sis.
- 18.3 All coach boats are expected to have VHF radios and monitor them throughout the regatta
- 18.4 Spectator boats are strongly encouraged to follow this practice.

19 Prizes

Prizes shall be awarded to the first 5 boats in each fleet, to the top male and female boats, to the top boat in each age category and a participation award to every boat in the green fleet.

20 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk (RRS 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.

21 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 CAN per incident or the equivalent.





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22 Additional Information

Information, championship news, and the Notice of Race will be available on-line at opticanadians2019.com and may be posted at <http://www.optican.org>.

Access to the club:

By Land: 2777 Cassels Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2B 6N6, Canada.

The entrance to the harbour is at 45.3722° N, 75.8003° W

Contacts: Phone 613-828-5167, email info@byc.ca .

For further information please contact the OA Chair, Lisa Shishis at 613-793-6873 or by email at 2019canadianopti@byc.ca

23 Boat Storage, Launching and Hauling Out

Will be confined to the Britannia Yacht Club.

24 Parking & Camping

24.1 Parking is available on site as indicated on the BYC website.

24.2 BYC has grassed areas where tent camping is available on a first come first served basis (see registration) for championship entrants, see website for specific areas and facilities.

24.3 BYC has areas where trailers & motor homes may park with water & electricity access; please book early by registering to reserve.

25 Accommodations

Information on accommodations near BYC can be found at the Club website and at <https://www.ottawatourism.ca/>

26 Privacy & Security

26.1 The OA complies with the Ontario FIPPA legislation. In general any personal information BYC collects will be held on a secure server and only available to regatta officials as required and who have signed non-discourse agreements.

26.2 The OA does not collect or store any credit information.

26.3 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority





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and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

26.4 Please refer to the Cub's Privacy & Security Policies for details.



