



ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB



THE OPTIMIST WINTER SERIES - 2012

NOTICE OF RACE & SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC); the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA); their Officers, Members, Employees, Sponsors and Volunteers, bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their crew however so caused during or related to this regatta. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4 (Decision to Race).

Preamble

The **BODA Sailing Instructions** document dated November 2011 is to be read with, and forms part of, this Notice of Race. Supplementary Sailing Instructions specific to this Event may also be applicable as posted on the Official Notice Board located at RBYC by the Junior Sailing Facilities.

Invitation

The Organising Authority and Host Club – Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (**RBYC**) and Series Advisors - Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (**BODA**) is pleased to invite all Optimist sailors to compete in the **JLT Optimist Winter Series 2012**- “the Series”.

The Series is intended to be for Development purposes, the Host Club is expecting all competitors and their associates to maintain impeccably high standards of good sportsmanship and integrity both on and off the water. RRS 2 will be strictly enforced.

Eligibility & Entry

The Series is open to sailors in the International Optimist Class.

All Competitors must be Members of BODA or their National Optimist Association and as described in the *BODA Sailing Instructions* (dated November 2011) (BODA SI's).

Competitors must have been born on or after 1st January 1997.

Persons wishing to compete who are not Junior Members or children of Members of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club may apply to compete by completing the attached Entry Form. Such applications shall be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the 1st Start of the race day for consideration by the Host Club. The Host Club reserves the right to accept or deny the entry of any sailor.

Sailors should contact the RBYC Director of Sailing to apply for Junior Membership.



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Rules

The Series will be governed by the BODA SIs except as amended by the Organising Authority. The RBYC Website and/or the RBYC Junior Sailing Notice Board will be the Official Notice Boards. The BODA Website may also assist with Notices to Competitors. This amends BODA SI #3 & #4.

Schedule of Races

The regatta series schedule shall be:

Winter Series 1

15th January
29th January
5th February
26th February

Winter Series 2

4th March
11th March
18th March
25th March

The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the Race Officer but there shall be no more than 6 races on any one day.

9 races shall constitute a Series.

The Warning Signal for the 1st Race on any race day will be 1:15pm unless advised otherwise. No warning signal shall be made after 4:00pm. Any changes to the day's schedule may be recorded on the Official Noticeboard at least 1 hour prior to the 1st race of the day.

Except on any Qualifier/Trial race days, there may be separate starts for BODA Gold Fleet and BODA Silver Fleet, the RC may also set different race courses for each Fleet. BODA Fleet allocations will be posted on www.boda.bm

Race Area

The Race Area for the Series will be in the Territorial Waters of Bermuda, which may include, but be limited to Hamilton Harbour, The Great Sound and Granaway Deep.

Courses

BODA SI *Appendix 1* to apply.

Safety

Please refer to the BODA SIs

Equipment & Measurement

Competitors may only change equipment as allowed by the IODA Class Rules. No substitution of sails, sail numbers or equipment is allowed throughout the Regatta without the written permission of the Organising Authority. This is a Developmental Series and as such request will be considered more leniently than normal.



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Series Scoring

Please refer to the BODA SIs. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply except as modified: When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores. For every 5 races completed, a competitor's Series score will be a total of her race scores excluding their 1 worst score. (For example, in the case of 10 races being sailed 2 discards will be allowed, in the case of 18 races being sailed, 3 discards will be allowed etc).

Prizes & Prize Giving

Prizes may be awarded for various categories to be determined by the Organising Authority, dependent upon the number of entries for the Series.

The Prize-giving is scheduled to follow racing on 25th March at RBYC (approx 5:00pm).

Coaching

Please refer to the BODA SIs. Support boats, including coach boat, must register with the Race Committee before the 1st Start of each race day, and specify which competitor or competitors they are supporting.

Support boats may be called upon by the Race Committee to assist with rescue operations. Support boats must have a working VHF, and must monitor the Race Committee channel.

There may be a briefing for support boat skippers.

Other than as prescribed in the *BODA Sailing Instructions*, Coaches and other support personnel (including spectators) shall not be in the racing area from the time of the competitors warning signal until the competitor has finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will result in the RC protesting the competitors associated with the infringing coach or support personnel.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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 regatta.

It is strongly recommended that each participating boat shall be insured with third-party insurance valid for all skippers.



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Entry Form for non-Members/non-Junior Members of RBYC

I have read and agree to the terms of the Notice of Race and wish to apply to RBYC to compete in the 2012 RBYC Optimist Development Winter Series.

Sailor's Name: _____ Sail Number: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Gender: **BOY / GIRL**

BODA Fleet: **GOLD SILVER** DoB: _____ Age @ 31/12/2012: _____

I am a Member of BODA and agree to the BODA Sailor Code of Conduct.

I am a Junior Member of: _____ Club

I am Member of: _____ Club

I wish to apply to become a Junior Member of RBYC? **YES / NO**

My Coach is: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ E-Mail: _____

Cellphone # 1: _____ Cellphone # 2: _____

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Sailor's Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please send this Form to:- sailingoffice@rbyc.bm and sailingdirector@rbyc.bm

