

# 2016 Australian & Open International Optimist Dinghy Championships

2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority



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Georges River 16' Sailing Club as Organising Authority will conduct the 2016 Australian & Open International Optimist Dinghy Championship on behalf of the Australian International Optimist Dinghy Association.

## **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing and including the Yachting Australia Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2.
- 1.2 Rule Appendix D will apply for the Australian Optimist Team Racing Championship (AOTR) including D2.2 and D2.3 (a) single flag protest procedure.
- 1.3 Racing Rule Appendix P will apply as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The Green Fleet will be governed by the ISAF Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 English shall be the Official Language for the Championship.

## **2. Advertising**

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Competitors may be required to display sponsors' advertising and/or bow numbers. If required they will be provided by the Organising Authority and shall be affixed in accordance with the instructions provided.
- 2.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of New South Wales and/or Australian Governments.

## **3. Eligibility**

- 3.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below. Allocation of any sailor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of the Organising Authority, and may only be varied during the event by the Race Committee.
- 3.2 The Open Championship is open to competitors who are:
  - (a) Financial members of a National Optimist Association affiliated with IODA; and
  - (b) A financial member of their Member National Authority (MNA eg: Yachting Australia).
- 3.3 The Australian Championship is open only to competitors who are:
  - (a) Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents;
  - (b) Financial members of an AIODA member State Association; and
  - (c) A financial member of a Sailing Club affiliated with a Member Yachting Association (MYA) of Yachting Australia.
- 3.4 Competitors shall have been born in 2001 or later.
- 3.5 The 'Green Fleet' is open to less experienced Optimist Class sailors who may not be up to the competitiveness and rigours of racing in the Intermediate or Open Fleets. Further information about Green Fleet is contained in Appendix A to this NOR.
- 3.6 Competitors competing in the championship shall sail only in boats correctly registered or in charter boats chartered for the championship. See NOR clause 15.



#### 4. Entry

- 4.1 Entries shall be made online by completing the Entry details, Parent Declaration, Code of Conduct acceptance, and making the corresponding payments indicated in NOR 5 below. Please enter via the Championship website at [www.optinationals2016.com.au](http://www.optinationals2016.com.au)
- 4.2 Entries close at 1700 hours on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Late entries may be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee up to 1200 hours on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016.
- 4.3 Competitors, team leaders, volunteers, and support boats shall complete registration online at the championship website [www.optinationals2016.com.au](http://www.optinationals2016.com.au).
- 4.4 Competitors will be considered “entered” when online entry and the on-site registration, including measurement, has been completed.
- 4.5 Each participating state and country shall nominate a person to be the official contact for the Organising Authority. The contact should provide a mobile phone number and a monitored email address for contact whilst in Sydney for the Championship.

#### 5. Entry Fees

- 5.1 The Regatta entry fee is:
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|------------------------------|--------------|
| a) Open & Intermediate Fleet | AUD\$300.00. |
| b) Green Fleet               | AUD\$250.00. |
- 5.2 The entry fee includes regatta shirt, opening ceremony and presentation function for each skipper. Additional regatta shirts, opening ceremony and presentation tickets will be available online at the time of entry.
- 5.3 Late entries may be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee of AUD\$75.00 up to 1200 hours 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016.

#### 6. Format of the Championship

- 6.1 The Championships will consist of Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet and Green Fleet. If you are unsure which fleet you should be racing in please refer to the “Which Fleet” document on the event website under “Competitor”.
- 6.2 The series for Open and Intermediate fleets will consist of up to 15 races. The target is three races per day. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 6.3 The Australian Optimist Team Racing Championship (AOTR) is limited to a maximum of 24 teams nominated and formed by Nations (for countries other than Australia), States or Clubs. The maximum number of teams may be modified at the discretion of the Organising Authority.



## 7. Program

Saturday, January 2	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement at GRSC. Team Racing Championships.	0900 – 1700 1200
Sunday, January 3	Registration and Measurement at GRSC. Team Racing Championships if required <u>or</u> provision for Invitation race. Official Regatta Briefing. Opening Ceremony.	0900 – 1200 1000 1400 1600 1730
Monday, January 4	Coach, Competitors and Jury meeting Championship Racing.	0900 1100
Tuesday, January 5	Coach, Competitors and Jury meeting Championship Racing.	0900 1100
Wednesday, January 6	Coach, Competitors and Jury meeting Championship Racing.	0900 1100
Thursday, January 7	Lay Day, provision for resails if minimum qualifying races have not been sailed.	
Friday, January 8	Coach and Jury meeting Championship Racing.	0900 1100
Saturday, January 9	Official Departure Day Coach and Jury meeting Championship Racing. No warning signal will be made after 2015 Closing & Prize giving Ceremony	0900 1100 1600 1800

**Note: The timing of the first warning signal each day may be changed by the Sailing Instructions or a Notice to Competitors.**

## 8. Measurement

- 8.1 All boats in Open and Intermediate Fleet shall produce a Sail Measurement Certificate and IODA Measurement Book with the relevant sailor's details duly entered in the AIODA Boat Register. Green Fleet boats shall comply with Attachment 1 of this NOR.
- 8.2 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutinised and may be measured by the Measurement Sub-Committee.
- 8.3 For team racing only, a second mainsail may be measured in and used.
- 8.4 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 8.5 Prior to approving a request for substitution the Measurement Sub-Committee may scrutinize both the damaged equipment and the replacement equipment.
- 8.6 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damage and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Measurement Sub-Committee prior to the expiry of protest time at the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.



- 8.7 Charter boats may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.
- 8.8 Charter boats shall be supplied with a Registration & Measurement Book but for the purpose of CR 2.4.1 are exempt from complying with CR 2.4.3 (b) and (c).
- 8.9 The Measurement Sub-Committee may spot check any boat throughout the regatta and may re-measure any equipment at their discretion.

## **9. Sailing Instructions**

- 9.1 The Championship Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website from the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
- 9.2 Sailing instructions will be available upon registration.

## **10. The Course**

- 10.1 The course for Open and Intermediate fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 10.2 The course for the Green fleet will be triangular laps described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.3 For the AOTR the course will be a starboard hand digital 'N' course.

## **11. Penalty System**

- 11.1 Appendix P will apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 Permission from Yachting Australia for Denial of Right of Appeal has been applied for. If granted, decisions of the Protest Committee are final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 11.3 Races of the AOTR will be umpired according to the Appendix D of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 11.4 The Sailing Instructions may specify Standard Penalties (SP) and Discretionary Penalties (DP) for certain rule breaches.

## **12. Scoring**

- 12.1 For the Australian and Open Championships, the series will consist of up to fifteen (15) races, five (5) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 Where a qualifying and finals series is used:
- The qualifying series shall consist of a maximum of nine (9) completed races. If used, the qualifying series will be conducted on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016, with provision for sailing on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 if less than five (5) races have been completed by the end of racing on 6<sup>th</sup> January.
  - The finals series shall consist of a maximum of six (6) completed races. If used, the final series will be conducted on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- 12.3 In the qualifying series:
- When less than five races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores;
  - When from five to eight races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score;
  - When nine races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding the two worst scores.



- 12.4 In the finals series:
- a) When less than five races are completed, a boat's finals series score shall be the total of her finals race scores;
  - b) When from five to six races are completed, a boat's finals series score shall be the total of her finals race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5 A boat's overall series score shall be the sum of her qualifying series score and her finals series score. The boats in the Gold finals fleet shall be ranked highest in overall standings then Silver, etc.
- 12.6 The racing for the Australian and Open Championships will be scored as one fleet. Intermediate and Green Fleets will be scored separately.

### **13. Safety**

- 13.1 Discretionary penalties will apply to rule 41 'Outside Help'. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalised.
- 13.2 All boats will be required to sign on each day prior to going on-water and to promptly sign off when returning to shore. The Sailing Instructions may provide more detailed instructions and may provide for a standard penalty for breaches of this requirement.

### **14. Support Boats**

- 14.1 All Support/Coach boats must be registered online with the Organising Authority. All registered boats shall be marked with a numbered flag available at registration upon completion of a Support/Coach Boat online registration form. A deposit of AUD\$50.00 is required for the numbered flag upon collection at GRSC. This flag must be clearly displayed by all boats at all times whilst afloat.
- 14.2 Each coach boat is required to carry a working VHF radio and monitor it on the advised frequency.
- 14.3 All Support/Coach boats shall sign on and off by radio to the GRSC Radio Room and declare the number of persons on board.
- 14.4 Except when requested by the Race Committee to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race of a race to start until all boats have Finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.
- 14.5 When the wind is less than 10 knots all team leaders, coaches, parents and other support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing.
- 14.6 When Code Flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a Committee vessel all support boats are requested to remain afloat and assist all sailors until Code Flag W is lowered.
- 14.7 The Race Committee or Jury may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of NOR clause 14. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this clause may result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.



## 15. Charter Boats

- 15.1 Charter boats are NOT mandatory.
- 15.2 Charter boats are to be booked through the AIODA via [charters@optinationals2016.com.au](mailto:charters@optinationals2016.com.au).
- 15.3 Competitors shall not modify boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
  - Wind indicators, including yarn or thread may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
  - Hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
  - Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the waterline;
  - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are complied with;
  - Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
  - Charter boats will be complete with blocks, airbags, racing spars, racing foils, mainsheet, padded toe straps, paddle and 1 x bailer, trolley and bowlines. Sails, sail ties, sprit halyards and wind vanes will NOT be provided.
- 15.4 The charter fee for the Championship days (January 2-9) will be AUD\$590.00. Charter boats may be available from December 30<sup>th</sup> at the additional pre-event rate of AUD\$50.00 per day.

## 16. Boat Park

- 16.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the GRSC boat park.

## 17. Radio Communication

- 17.1 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. Prizes

- 18.1 Prizes for the Open Championships will be awarded at least to:
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sailors regardless of gender and continent of residence.
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> female sailors regardless of continent of residence.
- 18.2 Prizes for the AOTR will be awarded at least to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams whose members are all of the same Australian state.
- 18.3 For the Australian Championship, age prizes will be based on a sailor's age as at 31 Dec 2016, and the following prizes will be awarded:
- Australian National Championship- 1<sup>st</sup> Place + perpetual trophy
  - Australian National Championship 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> places
  - Australian 12 yo- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
  - Australian 11 yo- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
  - Australian 10 yo and under – 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
  - Worlds qualifiers- 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> places
  - Australian Optimist Sailing Team (AOST) qualifiers.
  - OziOpti Club Championship Cup (for the Club with the lowest net score of their best three Open Fleet results)
  - Peter Gilmour Trophy (for the sailor with the largest improvement in their Open Fleet placing since last year)
  - Bennett Family Club Participation Trophy (for the Club with the largest number of entrants across all fleets)



- Participation and encouragement awards
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Australian female
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place sailor in their 1<sup>st</sup> Nationals (Australian Open Fleet)
  - Notable Sportsmanship
- 18.4 Intermediate Fleet Intermediate National Championship 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> places
- 18.5 Green Fleet Green Fleet Championship 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Natalie O'Brart Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> places
- 18.6 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

## 19. Disclaimer of Liability

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 of the RRS 'Decision to Race'. The Organising 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. In addition to this the following clauses are applicable:
- 19.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits, 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians.
- 19.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her helm is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 19.4 Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore and include the Organising Authority, the Race committee, the race officers, safety and support boats and beach masters.
- 19.5 The provision of safety boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- 19.6 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these conditions.
- 19.7 The Race Committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that (a) The boat, the equipment or the clothing of the helm, or (b) the physical condition of the helm is not adequate for the conditions.

## 20. Media and Electronic Equipment

- 20.1 In submitting the entry form, all competitors, parents, legal guardians/custodians provide their permission for all photographs, video and audio to be the property of the organisers and used for any purpose including public viewing, promotion and posting on the event website or other social media.
- 20.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.





## 21. Insurance

- 21.1 All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000.00 (recommend AUD\$10,000,000.00 or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The skipper of each boat must be able to display proof of cover if requested to do so.

## 22. Representative Team Selection

This event forms part of the selection for the 2016 AOST and AODS. For information regarding qualification and selection please refer to AOST section of the AIODA website ([www.optimist.org.au](http://www.optimist.org.au)).

## 23. Further Information

- 23.1 For further information can be found via the event websites:  
[www.optinationals2016.com.au](http://www.optinationals2016.com.au)  
[www.grsc.org.au](http://www.grsc.org.au)

- 23.2 For further information enquiries can be directed to:

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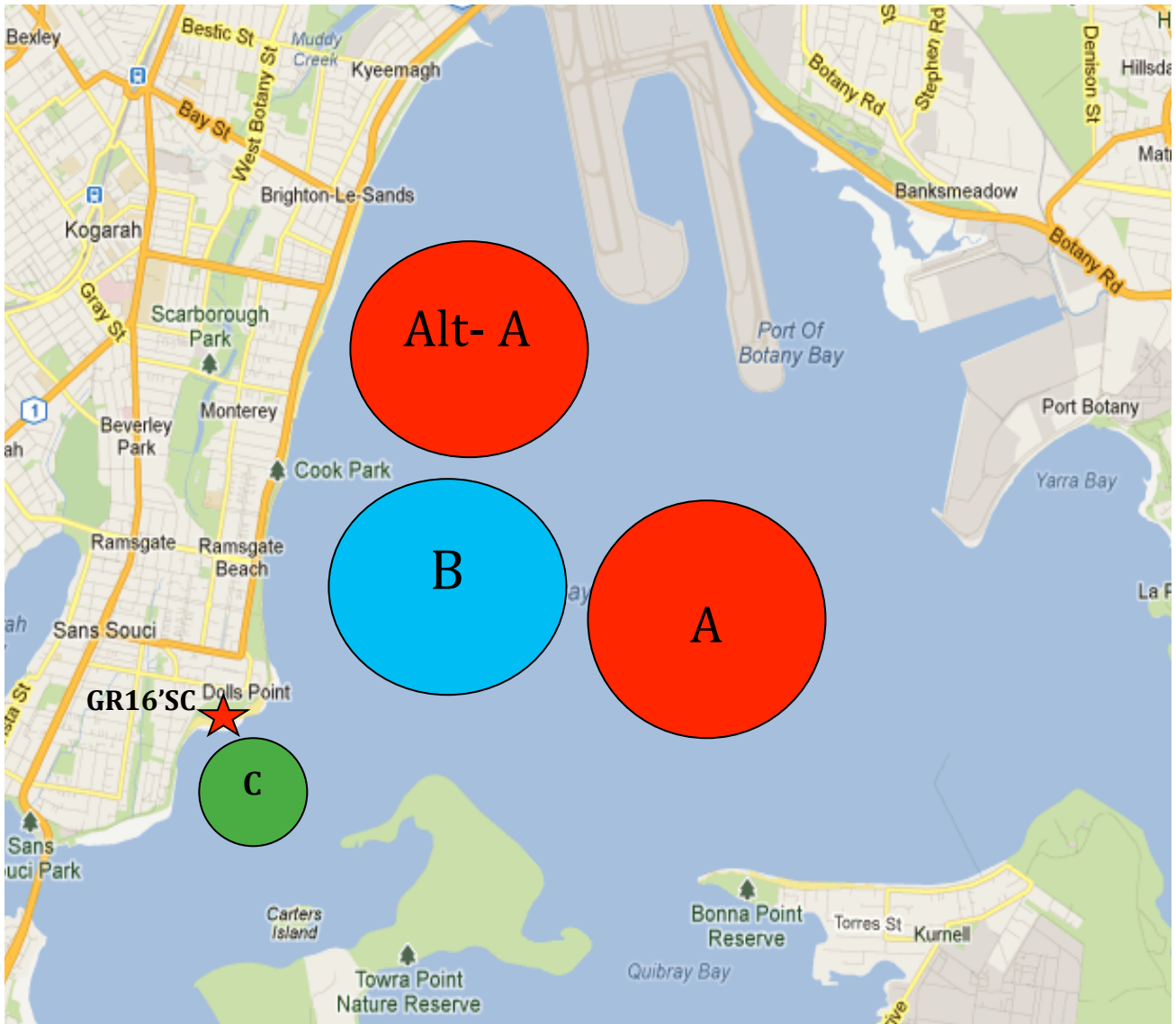


**GREEN FLEET**

1. In Green Fleet emphasis is on fun and the objective of this regatta is to offer younger and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate at the National Championship without feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive and arduous Open or Intermediate Fleets.
2. In the Green Fleet equipment used is not required to hold current measurement certificates (alters International Optimist Class rule 2.4.1) however the following measurement criteria still apply as a minimum:
  - a. **Hull:** the hull to be used shall carry a valid ISAF/IYRU plaque;
  - b. **Sail:** the sail shall carry a properly allocated and registered sail number and an IODA sail button; and
  - c. **Equipment:** shall carry all safety equipment listed in the equipment checklist.
3. The Measurement Sub-Committee may in their sole discretion refuse the entry of a boat which in their opinion does not satisfy the spirit or intent of a one-design international class regatta.
4. The Green Fleet will consist of a variety of activities, lead by appropriately qualified activity leaders/rules advisors (in an approximate ratio of 1:15-20). These activities may include both shore and on-water based skills coaching, shore and on-water games and scored racing governed by the ISAF Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01, as amended by the sailing instructions.
5. Racing for Green Fleet will be conducted on a separate course on the waters adjacent to the GRSC clubhouse. There will be excellent viewing for parents from the Club balcony, main bar area and from the beach.

# Course Areas

## Approximate Course Area locations And Course Area Allocations



**Course Area A (or Alternate A)-** Open Fleet

**Course Area B-** Intermediate Fleet

**Course Area C-** Green Fleet