



## **Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships August 16 - 22, 2014**

*Hosted by the Lunenburg Yacht Club  
on behalf of the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association*

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

The 2014 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships will be run from the Lunenburg Yacht Club on the waters of Mahone Bay. Measurement will take place on August 16th and 17th. Practice races will be held August 17th followed by racing from August 18th to 22nd (see "Schedule", below). There will be a one-day break from championship racing on August 20<sup>th</sup>, when a team-racing regatta will be held. The Lunenburg Yacht Club is located on Herman's Island Road, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada.

#### **1. RULES**

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"). The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- b. The 2014 International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules will apply (refer to IODA or CODA web sites for full rules document).
- c. There will be on-the-water judging for Rule 42. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- d. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while on the water. Wet suits or dry suits do not qualify as personal flotation devices. This amends Rule 40 and the preamble to Part IV.
- e. Appendix D will apply for the team racing event, including rules D2.2 and D2.3(a).
- f. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
  - i. Rule P2.3 will not apply, and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
  - ii. RRS 61 - Protest Requirements will be changed as follows: Rule 61.1(a)(2) will not apply, thereby requiring a boat intending to protest to display a red flag; and, a protesting boat shall inform the race committee of the boats(s) being protested immediately after finishing.
  - iii. The above changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

#### **2. ADVERTISING**

- a. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.



### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy class provided that all competitors shall have been born in 1999 or later.
- b. Fleets will be divided as follows: Red Fleet – Born 1999 to 2001; Blue Fleet – Born 2002 or 2003; White Fleet – Born 2004 to 2006; Green Fleet – eligibility according to CODA criteria available at [www.optican.org](http://www.optican.org).
- c. Eligible boats may enter by visiting the CODA website at [www.optican.org](http://www.optican.org) or Lunenburg Yacht Club website at [www.lyc.ca](http://www.lyc.ca) and following the link to the Regatta Page for early registration before August 2, 2014. All entries after August 2, 2014 shall be subject to a late registration fee. Late entries will be accepted at the online and at regatta office up to 1600 hours on Sunday August 17, 2014.
- d. Coaches shall register by submitting a completed Entry Form and payment of the required registration fee, prior to the close of registration at 1600, Sunday August 17, 2014.
- e. Competitors must present proof of membership in CODA or another International Optimist Dinghy national class authority. At check in, the Regatta Waiver and Medical Form signed by a parent or guardian must be presented. These forms are available on the regatta website.
- f. Competitors must present proof of age at check-in.

### 4. FEES

- a. The registration fee for the regatta is CDN \$225.00 for competitors and CDN \$150.00 for coaches if registrations are received prior to August 2nd, 2014. Subsequent to August 2nd, the late entry fee will be CDN \$250.00 for competitors and \$175 for coaches.
- b. The registration fee is inclusive of a CODA levy and covers lunches, after race snacks and two dinners. Lunch and dinner packages for non-competitors will be available at a cost to be determined and may be purchased at registration.

### 5. SAILING PROGRAM

- a. All racing for the Red, White and Blue Fleets (the Championship Fleets) will take place on the waters of Mahone Bay.
- b. There will be a separate program for Green Fleet participants, consisting of daily coaching and racing to be held immediately to the west of the Yacht Club on Prince's Inlet. Coaching by any persons other than designated Green Fleet coaches will not be permitted while boats are racing.
- c. Team Racing will take place on Wednesday August 20th, the Lay Day. Team racing will be held on the waters of Prince's Inlet and will be umpired. The race committee may, at its discretion, schedule fleet racing on the Lay Day if the series is behind schedule and/or the weather forecast for August 21 and 22 is



unfavourable. Any such decision must be posted on the on the regatta notice board by 18:00 on Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**6. SCHEDULE** (A detailed program including social events will be posted and updated on the regatta Web site [www.lyc.ns.ca](http://www.lyc.ns.ca))

- a. Competitor check-in and late registration Saturday, August 16 from 0930hrs to 2000hrs and Sunday, August 17 from 0930hrs to 1600hrs
- b. Measurement and Inspection Saturday, August 16 from 0930hrs to 2000hrs and Sunday, August 17 from 0930hrs to 1600hr
- c. Dates of racing:

Date	
Sunday August 17	Practice Race(s)
Monday August 18	Racing
Tuesday August 19	Racing
Wednesday August 20	Team Racing and Lay Day
Thursday August 21	Racing
Friday August 22	Racing

- d. For the Championship Fleet (White, Blue and Red), the Race Committee will aim to sail three races per day, with the goal of sailing 12 races. At the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer, a greater number of races per day may be sailed. The designated Green Fleet Coach will set the schedule and number of races for the Green Fleet.
- e. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the practice race and the first race of each day of fleet racing is 1300hrs, with subsequent races to follow as soon as practicable. On August 22, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

**7. SAFETY AND MEASUREMENT INSPECTIONS**

- a. 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 not 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 Protest Committee.
- b. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada or their own 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 by the Race Committee and a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

- c. 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 by the Race Committee and a penalty at the discretion of the Jury.
- d. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta, as presented for measurement. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at competitor check-in at the Lunenburg Yacht Club commencing Saturday August 16th at 0930hrs.

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- a. There will be on-the-water judging for rule 42.
- b. Rule P2.3 will not apply, and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

## **10. SCORING**

For the Championship Fleet, twelve races are scheduled and three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score 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.

## **11. TEAM RACING**

There will be a one-day break from championship racing on Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup> in order to accommodate the team-racing event. The format of the team-racing event will be described in the Team Racing Sailing Instructions, available at Check-in. There will be four boats per team. Competitors are invited to create their own teams or may ask to be assigned to a team.

## **12. SUPPORT BOATS**



Support boats shall be marked with flags provided by the organizing authority, shall carry VHF radios and shall assist with rescue and course control as directed by the Race Committee.

### **13. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park (Optimists) or harbour berth (Support Boats).

### **14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

- i. CODA awards will be presented to the Overall Champion, the first Canadian male and the first Canadian female.
- ii. Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers overall.
- iii. Prizes will be awarded for the top five finishers in each fleet.
- iv. Prizes will be awarded to the top five females overall.
- v. Participation prizes will be given to all Green Fleet sailors.

### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race). A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### **16. INSURANCE**

Competitors, Coaches and those who register Support Boats are 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 any of the above participants are insured.

### **17. DESIGNATED ADULT**

The parent or guardian of each competitor shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. The designated adult will be responsible for the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

### **18. CANADIAN QUALIFYING REGATTA**

The results at the regatta will be used for the selection of sailors to represent Canada for 2014 IODA Regattas and are subject to CODA bylaws including any amendments voted in by members at the 2014 annual general meeting.



## 19. CHARTER BOATS

The Organizing Authority is happy to have secured McLaughlin Optimists as the exclusive provider of charter boats for this regatta. Competitors who wish to charter a boat must contact Mclaughlin directly by going to <http://www.optistuff.com/>, clicking the “Charter” tab and following the instructions for the Canadian Optimist Championship. The Regatta Organizing Committee, the Lunenburg Yacht Club and CODA assume no responsibility whatsoever regarding the charter boats.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Co-chairs: Phil Gow (on the water), Susan Beatty (ashore) [opti2014@lyc.ns.ca](mailto:opti2014@lyc.ns.ca)

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