



# NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is the Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) together with the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association.

The 2016 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships (CODA) will be run from the Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club (30 Ashbridge's Bay Park Road, Toronto, Ontario M4L 3W6 416.698.4498) on the North/West shore of Lake Ontario, east side of City of Toronto.

Registration Measurement and Safety Inspections will take place on August 18 and 19. Practice race(s) will be held August 19 followed by racing from August 20 to August 24 (see "Schedule", below). There is a one-day break from championship racing planned on August 22, when a team-racing regatta will be held.

## 1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- b. The 2016 International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) Class rules will apply (refer to IODA or CODA web sites for a full class rules document).
- c. Appendix P, Special Procedures for rule 42, will apply. Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. Appendix P2.3 will not apply.
- d. Rule 40 and the preamble to Part IV are amended such that competitors shall at all times while on the water wear personal flotation devices approved by IODA, Transport Canada, or their own national authority, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to the PFD. Wet suits, dry suits, or inflatable PFD's do not qualify as personal flotation devices. Competitors who fail to wear a PFD with an attached whistle may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- e. The Sailing Instructions may include a list of penalties to be applied at the discretion of the judges.
- f. The team racing event will be umpired; all of Appendix D will apply.
- g. Rule 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
- h. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

## 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 2001 or later.
- b. There will be two groupings. Only the Championship Class participants will be scored towards the Canadian International Team, organized as follows:

#### **Championship Class**

Red Fleet – Born 2001 to 2003;  
Blue Fleet – Born 2004 or 2005;  
White Fleet – Born 2006 to 2008;

Depending on the number of boats registered, the Championship Class may be split. Details will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions if the number of entries warrants splitting the Championship Class.

Green Class – comprising the normal Green Fleet, eligibility according to CODA criteria available at [www.optican.org/fleet-info](http://www.optican.org/fleet-info).

- c. Eligible competitors and coaches may enter by visiting the event website at [www.2016opticanadians.com](http://www.2016opticanadians.com) and following the link to the Registration Page for early registration up to July 31, 2016. All entries after July 31st, 2016 shall be subject to a late registration fee. Late entries will be accepted online and at the regatta office up to 1600hrs on Friday, August 19th, 2016. Please see below for details of the registration fee.
- d. At check in, competitors must present:
  - Proof of membership in CODA or another International Optimist Dinghy national class authority.
  - A Regatta Waiver signed by both competitor and a parent or guardian (form available on the regatta website).
  - A Medical Form signed by a parent or guardian (form available on the regatta website).
  - Proof of age as appropriate for the Fleet of registration.

### 4. FEES

- a. Fees differ for early and late registration:

	Up to July 31, 2016	August 1, 2016 and later
Competitors	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$325</b>
Coaches	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$300</b>

- b. The registration fee is inclusive of a CODA levy and covers lunches August 20–24, after-race snacks. Lunch 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 will take on Lake Ontario, immediately adjacent to Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club, just East of Toronto Harbour.
- b. There will be a separate course for Green Class participants. Coaching will be permitted for the back half of the Green Class while racing, by a registered coach.
- c. Coaching of the Championship Class will not be permitted by any persons while the boats are racing.
- d. Depending on the number of registrants, the fleets may be split into Gold and Silver.
- e. A one-day break from championship racing is scheduled for Monday, August 22nd, the Lay Day, 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 assemble their own teams or may ask to be assigned to a team. Team racing will be umpired.
- f. 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 23rd and 24th is unfavorable. Any such decision will be posted on the regatta notice board by 1800hrs on Sunday, August 21st, 2016.

## 6. SCHEDULE

A detailed program including social events will be posted and updated on the regatta website [www.2016opticanadians.com](http://www.2016opticanadians.com)

- a. Competitor check-in and late registration Thursday, August 18th from 0930hrs to 1800hrs and Friday, August 19th from 0930hrs to 1600hrs.
- b. Measurement and Inspection Thursday, August 18th from 0930hrs to 2000hrs and Friday, August 19th from 0930hrs to 1600hrs.
- c. Dates of racing:

Thursday, August 18th	Registration, Safety & Measurement Inspection
Friday, August 19th	Registration, Safety & Measurement Inspection Afternoon Practice Racel(s) Opening Ceremony
Saturday, August 20st	Racing – Day 1
Sunday, August 21st	Racing – Day 2
Monday, August 22nd	Team Racing and Lay Day
Tuesday, August 23rd	Racing – Day 3
Wednesday, August 24th	Racing – Day 4

- d. The schedule for the Green Class, including number of races to be sailed daily, will be determined on the day by the Principal Race Officer.
- e. Race Committee will aim to sail three races per day, with the goal of sailing 12 races during the regatta. At the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer, a greater number of races per day may be sailed.



- f. The scheduled time for of the warning signal the first race of each day of fleet racing will be 1100hrs, with subsequent races to follow as soon as practicable.
- g. On August 24th, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs. On all other race days, no warning signal will be made after 1630hrs.
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## **7. SAFETY AND MEASUREMENT INSPECTIONS**

- a. Each boat shall be subject to a safety inspection and must pass such inspection prior to the close of registration. Each boat entering the Championship Class is subject to measurement, which may include, but not be limited to sail, foils, hull weight and presentation of a measurement sail certificate. Safety and measurement checks may be made throughout the regatta on instructions of the Race Committee or Jury.
- b. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, 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 approval of the Race Committee.
- c. Coaches are required to carry a VHF radio monitoring the Race Committee channel at all times while on the water and be prepared to participate in rescue activities at the direction of the Race Committee.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at competitor check-in at the time of Registration commencing 0930hrs on Thursday, August 18th.

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- a. For breaches of Part 2 or rule 31, arbitration may be offered to competitors to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her class or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her class, whichever is less. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.
- b. Competitors failing to comply with item 1.d. concerning personal flotation devices may be penalized up to disqualification by the Protest Committee.

## **10. SCORING**

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's/board's series score will be the total of her race scores.



(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's/board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's/board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

(d) To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat/board shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Jury Desk.

## **11. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Check-out and check-in: The removal of the Black Flag with one sound signals that the ramps are open for use. All competitors shall Check-out prior to leaving the harbour and Check-in immediately upon returning. All competitors shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack to check in with Race Committee. Failure to check out or in may result in a protest by the Race Committee.

## **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).

## **13. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

- a. CODA awards will be presented to the Overall Champion, the first Canadian male and the first Canadian female.
- b. Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers in each fleet.
- c. Prizes will be awarded to the top three females overall.
- d. Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall finishers.
- e. Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams in the Team Racing Event.
- f. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee or organizing authority.

## **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see 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, prior to, during or after the regatta.



## **15. INSURANCE**

Competitors, Coaches and those who register Support Boats are responsible for ensuring that adequate third party insurance 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.

## **16. DESIGNATED ADULT**

The name of the parent or guardian of each competitor shall be identified in writing as part of registration. The parent or guardian of each competitor shall be responsible for the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

## **17. CANADIAN QUALIFYING REGATTA**

The results at the regatta will be used for the selection of sailors to represent Canada for 2017 IODA Regattas and are subject to CODA bylaws including any amendments voted in by members at the 2014 annual general meeting. Only those competitors in the Championship Class will be eligible for International Team Selection.

## **18. CHARTER BOATS**

The Regatta Organizing Authority has 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 Hosting Yacht Clubs and CODA assume no responsibility whatsoever regarding the charter boats.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Event Website: [www.2016opticanadians.com](http://www.2016opticanadians.com)

Email: [opti2016@abyc.on.ca](mailto:opti2016@abyc.on.ca)