

Isle of Wight Optimist Selections
for
World Island Youth Games - Guadalupe
8th and 29th March 2008
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing shall be governed by: the rules as defined in 'The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 to 2008', these sailing instructions, class rules, except where modified by these sailing instructions. In a case of conflict, these sailing instructions will prevail.
- 1.2 The organising authority is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council.

2 Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority.

3 Safety

- 3.1 Competing boats will NOT go afloat at any time on the 8th or 29th March 2008 unless authorised by the Beach Master.
- 3.2 The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider the boat, its equipment, helm or crew are not adequate for the likely conditions, or for any other reason. The decision is final and will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.3 Competitors in difficulty shall obey any instruction given by a patrol boat crew.

4 Notice to Competitors, Change to Sailing Instructions and Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be from the Club flag staff located on the jetty.
- 4.2 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official event notice board in the clubhouse.
- 4.3 Changes to sailing instructions shall be posted not less than one hour before the first start.

5 Race area, Start dates and Times

- 5.1 The Race area is the eastern Solent and Wootton creek.
- 5.2 It is intended to hold 6 races over 2 days, 3 races on each day.
Saturday 8 March, warning signal for first race will NOT be before 1055hrs.
Saturday 29 March, warning signal for first race will NOT be before 1325hrs.
One race will constitute a series. Each race will last for a minimum 30 minutes.

6 Class Flag

- 6.1 The class flag for the Optimist is Flag O

7 Course and Marks

- 7.1 The course to be sailed and a description of laid marks will be as shown in Appendix 1.

8 Start and Finish Line

- 8.1 The start and finish lines will be at the race box between a red and white post and an orange pillar buoy.
- 8.2 A black Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid. If the IDM is in position, it shall be a starting mark. A boat shall not pass between the IDM and the start box until after she has properly started.
- 8.3 Any boat that starts 10 minutes or more after their start signal will be recorded as DNS.

9 Time limits

- 9.1 The time limit for the first boat in each start shall be 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. (This changes RRS 35).

10 Protests

- 10.1 Protests are in accordance with part 5 of the RRS 2005-2008. Time limit will be 1½ hours after the last boat of her class to finish. Protest forms will be available from the race committee.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 The low points scoring system will be used.
- 11.2 DNC will score +1 to the number of boats in series,. (Changes RRS Appendix 4.2)
- 11.3 DNS, OCS, DNF, DSQ, RAF will score +1 in a race, (Changes RRS Appendix 4.2).
- 11.4 The number of races to count in a series will be, 1/1, 2/2, 3/3, 3/4, 4/5, 4/6.

Appendix 1

The course and marks

All marks of the course will be orange pillars, marks 1 to 4 will not be numbered

