



St Maarten Budget Marine Optimist Championship 2023

18th annual edition

25 and 26 NOVEMBER 2023 - Hosted and organized by the Sint Maarten Yacht Club

Regatta website: <https://smyc.com/optimist-championship/>

Contact: saskia@smyc.com

Notice of Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Any changes to the racing rules are listed in the NOR. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 CLASSES AND ENTRY FEES

2.1 The regatta is open to boats of these classes:

Class	Entry fee
Optimist	US\$115

- 2.2 Entrants shall not be older than 15 years at the start of racing.
- 2.3 The entry fee includes lunch on Saturday and Sunday and a snack after racing on Saturday and Sunday.
- 2.4 Rental boats are available from the organizer on a first-come basis. The rental fee for the complete event is US\$75. Contact Saskia at saskia@smyc.com for details and booking.
- 2.5 Entrants will be divided into classes by the organizer using a combination of age and experience of the entrant.

3 ENTRIES

Entries must be made on <https://smyc.com/optimist-championship/>. Entries will only be considered final when payment has been received in full (incl. boat rental fee). Payment can be made by wire transfer or credit card.

4 SCHEDULE

The schedule including the planned number of races and the times of the earliest and latest warning signal in each race session:

Date	Time	Event	Where
Fri 24 Nov	12:00– 18:00	Registration	SMYC
Fri 24 Nov	18:30	Skippers Briefing	SMYC
Sat 25 Nov	9:00-16:00	Racing	SMYC
Sun 26 Nov	09:00-12:30	Racing	SMYC
	ASAP	Prize-giving	



Prize-giving will start as soon as possible after racing on Sunday, but not before 1230.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online <https://smyc.com/optimist-championship/> 2 weeks before the event.

6 COURSES AND SAILING AREA

Mixed windward/leeward, trapezoid and other laid courses in Simpson Bay or Simpson Bay Lagoon.

7 PRIZES

- 7.1 In each class: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
- 7.2 Additional prizes may be awarded.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing, according to Appendix T.
- 8.2 Except for infringements of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the protest committee or jury may impose any penalty it deems equitable.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The number of races that are required to be completed to constitute the series is one (1).
- 9.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat'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 series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10 SUPPORT/COACH BOATS

Support boats may be subject to restrictions which will be fully detailed in the Sailing instructions.

11 ADVERTISING

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

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

Website: <https://smyc.com/optimist-championship/>
For further information please contact: saskia@smyc.com